

Midwest Modern Language Association's Convention Updates.

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Welcome to the Back-to-School Edition of the MMLA Newsletter,

In this newsletter you'll find information about the [MMLA convention](#), including how to register and reserve a hotel room, how to find a roommate, and how to apply for a travel award and the graduate student paper prize. You'll also find reminders about essay and book-review [submissions to the JMMLA](#). Deadlines for these various items are the following:

- **September 1:** register for the convention (just ten days left before late registration fees go into effect)
- **October 1:** apply for a convention travel award
- **October 1:** submit an essay to the *JMMLA*'s "Intelligence" issue
- **October 11:** reserve a room at the convention hotel
- **October 15:** enter to win the graduate student paper prize

☆ Get ready for the 2023 MMLA Convention! ☆

Registering for the convention is easy! Please do so through our new member portal. Here's how:

If you are a current or previous member of the MMLA, you have received an invitation from our new membership portal, MemberClicks, which will prompt you to log in and set up your password. Once completed, you will be prompted to renew your membership (if necessary).

If you did not receive an invitation from our membership portal, MemberClicks, you can become a member of the MMLA by creating an account on [our new website](#). In doing so, you will be prompted to complete a member profile and pay for a one-year membership online.

With this new platform, members have access to their profiles and member-only resources. Establish or renew your membership and register for our Fall 2023 Convention prior to September 1st.

Once you've registered for the convention you can explore the Member Discussion Forums for roommates and rideshares for the convention hotel. [Hotel reservations](#) can be made at the member rate (\$189/night) until October 11th and can be canceled without penalty three business days prior to arrival.



CONVENTION AWARDS

Part-Time Faculty, Non-Tenure-Track Faculty, and Independent Scholars Travel Awards

Graduate Student Travel Awards

limited number of travel awards for part-time faculty, non-tenure-track faculty, and independent scholars who will be presenting at the upcoming conference. To be considered for these \$250 awards, please send the following by **October 1** to mmla@luc.edu:

- A brief cover letter asking to be considered for the travel award. Please indicate other institutional sources of support, if any
- An abstract of the paper to be presented at the conference
- Your most recent CV

The MMLA offers a limited number of travel awards for graduate students who will be presenting at the upcoming conference. To be considered for these \$250 awards, please send the following by **October 1** to mmla@luc.edu:

- A brief cover letter asking to be considered for a travel award and indicating other institutional sources of support, if any. Note that the MMLA will give preference to students who demonstrate need.
- An abstract for the paper to be presented at the conference.
- A CV indicating your expected graduation date.

Visit our [website](#) for more information and to view previous winners.

Graduate Student Paper Prize

The MMLA Graduate Student Paper Prize contest is open to all graduate student members of the MMLA who will be presenting papers during our annual convention. Interested students must send the following by **October 15** to mmla@luc.edu with “Graduate Student Paper Prize” in the subject line of the submission email.

- Your most recent CV
- Your paper accepted to the upcoming convention (limit of 3,000 words, exclusive of the Works Cited page)

Submissions will be reviewed by the MMLA Program Committee, and the winning paper will be announced during the keynote speech of the convention and published in *The Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association*. The prize also comes with a cash award of \$100, and a guest membership and registration for the following MMLA convention.

JMMLA SUBMISSION DEADLINES

SPRING 2024 "INTELLIGENCE"

Deadline: October 01

This special issue responds to the opportunity presented by massive, messy cultural discourses to rethink the very notion of intelligence. We welcome contributions that explore what intelligence is, what it has been, and what it might be, particularly from a humanities perspective.

**Queries may be directed to the issue's co-editors: Naomi Michalowicz
(nm2925@columbia.edu)
and Nathan Jung (najung@wisc.edu)**

For a list of topics and questions that one might address for the Spring 2024 issue, preview our [Current Calls for Submission](#) page.

Articles should be between 7,000 and 10,000 words (including notes) and follow MLA guidelines. Submission procedures and formatting guidelines are described on the [journal page](#) of the website for the Midwest Modern Language Association. Please direct all questions to the MMLA at mmla@luc.edu or the special-issue editors listed above.

REVIEW A BOOK FOR JMMLA's "INTELLIGENCE" ISSUE

The MMLA invites members to review the following books related to the theme of the spring 2024 JMMLA issue on "Intelligence"; reviews of these titles would be published in that same issue. For more information, see our ["Book Reviews" page](#) on the member portal or email the MMLA at mmla.luc@edu.

- *[Literary Theory for Robots: How Computers Learned to Write \(A Norton Short\)](#)* by Dennis Yi Tenen
- *[Artificial Intelligence and Its Discontents: Critiques from the Social Sciences and Humanities](#)* edited by Ariane Hanemaayer
- *[Wild Intelligence: Poets' Libraries and the Politics of Knowledge in Postwar America](#)* by Mary Catherine Kinniburgh
- *[Ways of Being: Animals, Plants, Machines: The Search for a Planetary Intelligence](#)* by James Bridle

Get involved in the MMLA by:

- joining the Executive Committee or
- editing the spring 2025 issue of JMMLA



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