Midwest Modern Language Association's May 2023 Newsletter.



We are excited to share some announcements with you as we move toward the end of the semester! This spring, we have many general announcements, upcoming deadlines, and exciting developments that the MMLA is ready to share with you. Read on and **follow us** on **Instagram**, **Facebook**, and



LinkedIn for immediate news and deadline reminders!



The MMLA's 2023 Convention will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio, from November 2nd-5th. The theme is "Going Public: What the MMLA Owes Democracy"

- Creative Writing: Prose
- Native American Literature
- Creative Writing: Short Story
- Gender Studies
- Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment

Please refer to our <u>Call for Papers</u> page for further instructions on how to submit an abstract of your paper!



We are discussing ChatGPT and writing assignments in this month's **Special Feature**. Can ChatGPT be used in a non-plagiarizing, productive way, and if so, how? In Jessica Singer Early's *Next Generation Genres: Teaching Writing for Civic and Academic Engagement*, she explores artificial intelligence and its changes to education. James M. Lang has reviewed Early's book for <u>The Chronicle of Higher Education</u>, and he applies Early's argument to recent developments with ChatGPT. If you're feeling wary of artificial intelligence in higher education, we hope you read Lang's review and Early's book!



Executive Committee Update We have a few updates to our Executive Committee, and we wanted to share them with all of you! Please note that our Executive Committee now features the following roles held by your phenomenal colleagues:

- Olga Bezhanova, Editorial Committee
- Joe Keener, Program Committee
- Shanna Salinas, Editorial Committee
- Eric Wistrom, Undergraduate
   Symposium Coordinator

If you have any questions about this update, please contact the MMLA office staff at <a href="mmla@luc.edu">mmla@luc.edu</a> or Jack Kerkering, the Executive Director of the MMLA, at <a href="mailto:ikerker@luc.edu">ikerker@luc.edu</a>.

membership records! Currently, MMLA
Members pay for their membership
through a form and a check, and the
administrative team keeps track of the
records. Over the summer, we will roll out
our new membership platform Member
Clicks!

Through Member Clicks, you will be able to pay your membership dues, register for the convention, check your membership status, access JMMLA, and so much more!

If you have any questions about this change please contact <a href="mmla@luc.edu">mmla@luc.edu</a>

## SUBMIT A BOOK REVIEW!

Have you read any recently published books that you found interesting? Do you know of a book that our members should consider reading? If you answered "Yes!" to either question, the MMLA encourages you to submit **book reviews** to be considered for publication in the *JMMLA*. Our website features a list of books available for review, and we also welcome reviews of recent publications not listed on the site. Click the "Submit a Book Review" button above for more information.

## Have any interesting research, publications, or general life updates that you want to share?

Email us under the subject line "Special Feature," and we may highlight you in our next newsletter!













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