



## Happy April from the Midwest Modern Language Association!

As April draws to a close, here is another monthly update from the Midwest Modern Language Association! In this newsletter we provide details on submitting your work to the convention, updates on deadlines, and more!

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### CONVENTION NEWS

**The 66th Annual MMLA Convention, "The Humanities is Where Hope Lives," will take place Friday, November 14 to Sunday, November 16 at Marquette University!**

[Learn More](#)

### Upcoming Deadlines: 2025 Convention Proposals!

Individual-Paper Proposals to Permanent Sections and Pre-Organized Panels are due to the organizers by their imposed deadlines, but no later than **April 25th**. If you are interested in submitting a proposal to a [Permanent Section](#) or [Pre-Organized Panel](#), please view the full lists of CFPs to find one that fits best with your research interests. The required materials for a proposal submission may vary based on the section chair or organizer of the panel, so be sure to double-check the requirements of the CFP. If you have questions about a specific Permanent Section or

Pre-Organized Panel, please reach out to the organizer via the contact information posted on our [member portal](#).

If you are interested in submitting a proposal to create a [Pre-Organized Panel](#) or design a [Workshop](#) on a topic of your choosing, you must submit your credentials and proposal using the forms linked here no later than **May 1st**. In order to have a complete submission for a Pre-Organized Panel, you must include the title of your panel, the names and contact information of your presenters, and the titles and abstracts for the papers your panelists will be presenting. For a workshop, you must submit the title of your workshop, a description of it and its goals, and the names and contact information of your presenters. If you have any additional questions, please visit our [member portal](#).

Faculty, independent scholars, and graduate students may submit an [Individual-Paper Proposal](#) to present a paper on any topic at the MMLA's annual convention, but we particularly welcome those that engage with the convention's theme. Please submit your paper title, abstract, and CV to the form linked above no later than **May 1st**.

If you are an undergraduate student, you may submit an [Individual-Paper Proposal or propose a Pre-Organized Panel](#) on any topic to present at our Undergraduate Research Symposium. Please submit the linked form no later than **May 1st** to be considered.

**The Program Committee's decisions will be emailed to all applicants by the end of June; thank you for your submissions!**

### Limited Space for Fully Virtual Panels at the 2025 Convention

The MMLA's Executive Committee unanimously voted to grant **limited space for fully virtual sessions** during each day of the 2025 Convention. Applicants must indicate their preferred format (in-person or virtual) at the time of submitting their pre-organized panel, workshop, and/or individual-paper proposal(s). Once accepted, participants may not request to change the format of their presentation.

#### Important Reminders:

- Unless traveling to Milwaukee, virtual attendees will be limited in their participation to other virtual panels only.
- If applying to present on a Permanent Section panel at MMLA 2025, please be aware of the organizer's chosen format, which is listed in [each section's CFP on our member portal](#).
- The MMLA's [Undergraduate Research Symposium](#) will be fully in-person for 2025. No virtual or hybrid panels will be scheduled.

### Not So Fast! Wait Until After July 1st to Become a Member of the MMLA!

Why wait? Because MMLA memberships follow a fiscal-year calendar, meaning they run from July 1st of one year through June 30th of the next year. If you join now, your membership will expire in just three months. If you wait until after July 1st, your membership will last twelve months, including the upcoming 2025 convention in November. Membership is required to participate in the convention, but you don't need it to submit an abstract or propose a session, so go ahead and send those items to us, and postpone your MMLA membership until after July 1st. Sometimes procrastination is the right choice!

### Upcoming Convention Deadlines

<b>April 25</b>	- Individual-paper proposals <b>DUE</b> to a Permanent Section or Pre-Organized Panel.
<b>May 1</b>	- All Pre-Organized-Panel, Workshop, and Individual-Paper proposals <b>DUE</b> for the annual Convention or Undergraduate Research Symposium.  - All Panel details <b>DUE</b> to the MMLA from Permanent Section organizers.
<b>July 1</b>	- Applications <b>DUE</b> for a <a href="#">Travel Award and the annual Book Award</a> .  - 2025 Convention and Undergraduate Symposium attendees may renew their MMLA membership or become new members, <b>starting on (but no earlier than) this date</b> .  - Early-bird registration <b>OPENS</b> for the MMLA Convention and Undergraduate Research Symposium.
<b>September 15</b>	- Membership and Registration fees <b>DUE</b> for Convention and Symposium participants. (After <b>SEPTEMBER 15</b> , regular registration will be \$180 and special registration \$80.)

## JOURNAL NEWS

### Current Calls for Submissions for the *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association (JMMLA)*

#### Fall 2025: "Health in/of the Humanities"

The *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association* is accepting submissions for a Fall 2025 issue on the theme of "Health in/of the Humanities." Please read the full Call for Submissions [here](#) for more information on suggested topics. Please direct questions to [mmla@luc.edu](mailto:mmla@luc.edu) or to this issue's editor, Nathan Jung, at [najung@wisc.edu](mailto:najung@wisc.edu). All submissions are due by **September 15th, 2025**.

#### Spring 2026: "Transnational Writings - Ethnic Ukrainian Authors in the Americas"

The *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association* is accepting submissions for a special Spring 2026 issue on the theme of "Transnational Writings - Ethnic Ukrainian Authors in the Americas." Please read the full Call for Submissions [here](#) for more information on suggested topics. Please direct questions to [mmla@luc.edu](mailto:mmla@luc.edu) or to the guest editor of this issue, Mariya Shymchyshyn, at [mshymchyshyn@yahoo.com](mailto:mshymchyshyn@yahoo.com). All submissions are due by **December 15th, 2025**.

Thank you all so much for reading the MMLA's April Newsletter! Although it may not feel like spring here in Chicago, our hearts are continually warmed by your contributions to the MMLA. It has been incredible to review all of the proposals that have been submitted thus far, and we hope to see even more as we close in on those convention deadlines. Once again, thank you all for your contributions and dedication to scholarship in language and literature!

Sincerely,  
The MMLA Team



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