



## Summer News at the MMLA

Dear MMLA Community,

Now that decision letters have been delivered to all individuals who proposed an individual-paper, workshop, and/or pre-organized panel, our staff members are hard at work preparing the program for November's annual meeting. In the meantime, we write to offer a friendly reminder about a number of upcoming deadlines and important dates related to MMLA 2025 and the *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association (JMMMLA)*.

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## Mark Your Calendars!

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### 1. Applications for a Travel Award are Due July 1st

- For the 2025 Convention, the MMLA will offer a limited number of travel awards to part-time faculty, non-tenure track faculty, independent scholars, and graduate students who have been selected to present a paper and need assistance paying for costs that are associated with traveling to and staying in Milwaukee, WI. Applications are due to the MMLA ([mmla@luc.edu](mailto:mmla@luc.edu)) **by Tuesday, July 01**. Please visit our [Convention Awards page](#) on the MMLA's member portal for further instructions.

### 2. Nominations for the Annual Book Award are Due July 1st

- During our November meeting, members of the MMLA's Executive Committee will award a **\$500 prize** to the best scholarly book published by an MMLA member between July 01, 2023 and June 30, 2025. Current MMLA members who wish to be considered for a Book Award must submit the requisite materials to the MMLA ([mmla@luc.edu](mailto:mmla@luc.edu)) **by Tuesday, July 01**. Please visit our member portal's [Convention Awards page](#) for further instructions.

### 3. Membership for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year Begins July 1st

- **Not So Fast! Wait until after July 01 to become a new member of, or to renew your membership with, the MMLA!** 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 less than two weeks. If you wait until after July 1st, your membership will last twelve months, including the upcoming 2025 convention in November. Sometimes procrastination is the right choice! Please visit the [MMLA's Membership page](#) for information regarding member types and their associated fees.

#### 4. Convention Registration Opens July 1st

- Registration fees cover costs associated with running the meeting, such as A/V equipment, technicians, Wi-Fi, coffee service, and food for the President's Reception, among others. **Early-bird pricing** runs **from Tuesday, July 01 through Monday September 15**, after which time registration rates for regular and special members will increase. Please visit the [MMLA's Registration page](#) for information regarding registration types and their associated fees.

Participation in the annual MMLA Convention and Undergraduate Research Symposium requires **(a) current membership** AND **(b) registration**, both of which are *distinct, non-refundable items* that must be *purchased separately and in sequence*.

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## Introducing MMLA 2025's Keynote Speaker

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Timothy Melley is Professor of English and Director of the Humanities Center at Miami University. He is the author of *The Covert Sphere: Secrecy, Fiction, and the National Security State* (Cornell 2012), *Empire of Conspiracy: The Culture of Paranoia in Postwar America* (Cornell 2000), and numerous essays and stories. His new book, "Imagining Leviathan: Fictions of Democratic Security Society," is forthcoming from the University of Minnesota Press.

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## JMMLA Calls for Submissions

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[Current JMMLA calls for submissions](#) as well as [eligibility and submission procedures](#) are posted on the MMLA's member portal. Manuscripts should be between 7,000 and 10,000 words (including notes) and follow the current MLA style guidelines. Questions may be directed to [mmla@luc.edu](mailto:mmla@luc.edu) or to each issue's editor(s) listed below.

- **Fall 2025: "Health in/of the Humanities"**
  - Editor: Nathan Jung ([najung@wisc.edu](mailto:najung@wisc.edu))
  - Deadline: 15 September 2025
- **Spring 2026: "Transnational Writings - Ethnic Ukrainian Authors in the Americas"**
  - Guest Editor: Mariya Shymchyshyn ([mshymchyshyn@yahoo.com](mailto:mshymchyshyn@yahoo.com))
  - Deadline: 15 December 2025

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer,  
The MMLA Team



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