



## August News!

Dear MMLA Community,

We hope you've had a wonderful and relaxing summer! There are several updates and upcoming deadlines we are excited to share regarding this year's MMLA Convention (taking place November 14-16 at Marquette University) and the *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association*.

## Convention Deadlines & Reminders

### Program Book is Live!

We are pleased to announce that a draft of the Program Book for the 2025 Convention is now live on our website under the "Convention" page. Additionally, you can click the link [here](#) to check it out!

### Program Book Corrections

**Corrections to the Convention Program Book** must be made no later than September 15th. Attendees may search the [convention program book draft](#) to learn the day and time that panels and workshops have been scheduled. If you are participating in the convention, please look over this draft carefully to ensure your name, institution, and paper title(s) are listed correctly. If errors to this information are found, you may request a correction by emailing the MMLA at [mmla@luc.edu](mailto:mmla@luc.edu). Please include "Program Book Correction" in the subject line and the following details in the body of the email:

1. The page number where the correction is needed
2. The erroneous text
3. The correct text

### Graduate Student Paper Prize

The Graduate Student Paper Prize submission deadline is **October 15th**. This \$100 prize is open to all graduate students who have been chosen to present a paper at the convention, and the winning paper will be published in the Fall 2026 issue of the *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association*. The winning author will also receive a complimentary membership and registration to the next MMLA convention. To apply, send your CV and the accepted paper (3,000 word limit) to [mmla@luc.edu](mailto:mmla@luc.edu).

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## Get Involved with the MMLA Convention!

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### Interested in Being a Convention Panel Moderator?

You're in luck! The 2025 MMLA convention still needs moderators for 23 panels, which can be identified in the [program book draft](#) with "Individual Paper Panel" and "TBD." Being a panel moderator is a great way to get even more out of your convention experience beyond presenting your work and attending sessions. The moderator performs the important tasks of introducing the speakers, keeping each speaker to time, and facilitating the Q&A portion of the panel. We appreciate everyone who volunteers to take on this vital role!

If moderating one or more of these panels seems like a good fit for your interests, expertise, and schedule, then, for each panel you are interested in moderating, please nominate yourself by sending your CV, the name of the panel, and a short statement of interest to the MMLA office at [mmla@luc.edu](mailto:mmla@luc.edu). We will consider nominations as they are received.

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## JMMLA New Issue, Deadlines, & Calls for Submissions

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### Announcing JMMLA Spring 2024: Intelligence

The *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association* has just published its Spring 2024 issue with the special topic of "Intelligence." This issue of the journal is co-edited by Naomi Michalowicz and Nathan Jung and features articles by Hatice Bay, Jed Dobson, Jenise Hudson, and Heejoung Shin. Additionally, the issue contains an interview with Akil Kumarasamy conducted by Michalowicz and forum papers from the 2024 MLA Convention by Tara Moore, Jude V. Nixon, and Sunggyung Jo! This issue is available for online viewing once members log into our member portal!

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### Upcoming Issues & Article Submission Deadlines

The *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association* is currently looking for submissions of scholarly articles that are between 7,000 and 10,000 words (including notes) and follow MLA style guidelines. Find the full list of current calls for [submissions here](#). Questions can be sent to the MMLA directly ([mmla@luc.edu](mailto:mmla@luc.edu)) or to the editor(s) of the given issue.

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

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## Call for Guest Editor, Spring 2027

Each spring edition of the *JMMLA* has a guest editor, whose interest and expertise in a particular topic will provide the theme for that issue. For spring 2027, we're looking for an editor who will foster discussion of the selected topic across the pages of the journal, encouraging vital conversation among the MMLA's scholarly community. Topic descriptions may be in the form of a call for submissions. [Examples of current calls](#) can be found on the MMLA website.

To be considered, submit the following to the MMLA at [mmla@luc.edu](mailto:mmla@luc.edu) by **October 19th, 2025**:

- Your most recent CV
- A cover letter describing your expertise on your proposed topic
- A description of your proposed topic

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## Call for Book Reviewers & New Books for Review

Anyone who is interested in being published in the *JMMLA* is encouraged to write a book review! Book reviews should distill a book's arguments, themes, potential audience, strengths, and weaknesses in under 1200 words. Reviewers can choose any appropriate scholarly book published in the last 18 months to review, and our website is always being updated with new and fascinating titles that are eligible for review! To see the full list of potential books for review, as well as more in-depth guidelines for reviewers, [click here](#). Let the MMLA know that you're interested in being a book reviewer by sending us your CV and the title of the book you would like to review at [mmla@luc.edu](mailto:mmla@luc.edu). (P.S.: Check out the [MMLA Instagram](#) for a sample of some of our most exciting new books up for review!)

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We hope the information in this newsletter is helpful to all members who are planning on being a part of this year's convention. As the date gets closer and the program book is almost complete, all of us at the MMLA office are eager for the convention to begin, and we hope that you all are getting excited too!

Sincerely,  
The MMLA team



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