



Happy February from the Midwest Modern Language Association!

February is coming to a close, which means it's time for another monthly update from the Midwest Modern Language Association! This newsletter contains important deadline updates for our 2025 convention, information about chairing a permanent section, and more.

MMLA Executive Committee Election Results

Elections for the MMLA's Executive Committee were held a few weeks ago, and we are proud to announce that we have elected four new members!

Please give a warm welcome and congratulations to:

- Dr. Adrienne Angelo
- Dr. Jonathan Gross
- Dr. Judah-Micah Lamar
- Dr. Heejoung Shin

MMLA Executive Committee members act as stewards for the development of our professional and academic community by working on the *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association* and establishing programming for our annual convention. Thank you to all of our Executive Committee members for their service, and we cannot wait to see all the amazing accomplishments our new members will achieve!

CONVENTION NEWS

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

Learn More

Upcoming Convention Deadlines

March 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- All organizers of a Permanent Section MUST submit their official Calls for Papers to the MMLA to be posted on the member portal.- Those interested in proposing a Pre-Organized Panel and asking the MMLA to post a Calls for Papers on their behalf should also submit their official CFP.
April 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Individual-paper proposals to a Permanent Section or Pre-Organized Panel due.
May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- All Pre-Organized Panel, Workshop, and Individual Paper proposals for the annual Convention or Undergraduate Research Symposium MUST be submitted to the MMLA.- Permanent Section organizers MUST submit their panel details to the MMLA.

Call for Permanent Section Chairs

The MMLA is seeking academics with pertinent expertise to organize and chair Permanent Sections at our 2025 convention! Please view the list of open sections below to see if any of them would fit well with your research or area of scholarship. For more information regarding the responsibilities of chairs and organizers, [please visit our website.](#)

- American Literature II: Lit after 1870
- Animal Studies
- Central American Literature and Cultures
- English III: Literature after 1900
- Film I: Early and Classic Film
- Indigenous Literature and Culture
- Literary Criticism
- Multimodality
- Spanish Cultural Studies
- Women in Literature

- Writing Across the Curriculum

If you are interested in organizing one of the above Permanent Sections, please reach out to mmla@luc.edu with a current CV and a brief statement of your qualifications. In addition, if you would like to co-organize and co-chair one of these sections with a colleague, you can send both CVs and statements together to the above email.

JOURNAL NEWS



***JMMLA* Fall 2025 Call for Submissions on the theme "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." We invite submissions that contribute new insights into the evolving relationship between health and the humanities, and what this relationship might tell us about the health of the humanities both now and in the future. To this end, we seek submissions that address topics such as health subcultures, disability studies, medical humanities, and beyond. Please read the full Call for Papers [here](#) for more information on submission topics.

Articles should be between 7,000 and 10,000 words (including notes). Prior to submission please review the *JMMLA*'s [Style Guide](#) and [Manuscript Manager Instructions](#). All submissions are due by **September 15th, 2025**.

Please direct any questions or concerns to mmla@luc.edu or to this issue's editor, Nathan Jung, at najung@wisc.edu.

The *JMMLA*'s Fall 2023 issue, "Post-Now," is currently available to read on Project MUSE and the [MMLA website](#) (membership required)!

Thank you all so much for reading the MMLA's February Newsletter! We want to express the utmost gratitude to all of the members who make our work possible. Your scholarly contributions cultivate conversations and enrich the perspectives of our readers. We wish you all the best from snowy Chicago!

Sincerely,
The MMLA Team



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