



Happy Spring from the Midwest Modern Language Association!

Spring is here, along with another monthly update from the Midwest Modern Language Association! In this newsletter we provide deadlines for our 2025 convention, direct you to convention Calls for Papers, and more.

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](#)

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!

2025 Convention Calls for Papers Available Now!

Submit an abstract to an MMLA [Permanent Section](#) or [Pre-Organized Panel](#). Browse the topics to find a session that matches your research interests. Your paper proposals to these sessions are due to the session organizer by his/her imposed deadline, but no later than **April 25th**.

Upcoming Convention Deadlines

April 25	- Individual-paper proposals to a Permanent Section or Pre-Organized Panel are due
May 1	- 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
July 1	- Registration opens for MMLA Convention and Undergraduate Research Symposium - Applications for a Lodging Award and the annual Book Award are due

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." 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 Submissions [here](#) for more information on suggested 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.

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." This special issue aims to spotlight the diverse and compelling works of contemporary authors of Ukrainian descent who have chosen the languages of the Americas as their literary medium, whether it be English, Spanish, or Portuguese. We welcome submissions regarding a multitude of topics, such as identity and belonging, migration, and generational shifts as they pertain to authors of Ukrainian descent writing in the Americas. Please read the full Call for Submissions [here](#) for more information on suggested 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 **December 15th, 2025**.

Please direct any questions or concerns to mmla@luc.edu or to the guest editor of this special issue, Mariya Shymchyshyn, at mshymchyshyn@yahoo.com.

Thank you all so much for reading the MMLA's March Newsletter! We are so grateful to all our members who contribute to the scholarly work of the MMLA, and we value your support. Hopefully spring has sprung wherever you are reading this, and you can enjoy warmer weather like we are experiencing in Chicago!

Sincerely,
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