



## Happy Spring from the Midwest Modern Language Association!

Spring is here, along with the latest update from the Midwest Modern Language Association!

### CONVENTION NEWS

**The 67th Annual MMLA Convention, "After the Archive," will take place November 12-14 at voco Chicago Downtown!**

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#### Upcoming Convention Deadlines

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| <b>April 25</b> | - Last call for Individual-paper proposals to a Permanent Section or Pre-Organized Panel.   |
| <b>May 1</b>    | - All Pre-Organized Panel, Workshop, and Individual Paper proposals for the annual Convention or Undergraduate Research Symposium <b>MUST</b> be submitted to the MMLA.<br><br>- Permanent Section organizers <b>MUST</b> submit their panel details to the MMLA. |

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- All organizers of a Permanent Section **MUST** submit their panel details to the MMLA.

## 2026 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**. Please visit our page on [Submitting a Proposal](#) for more information on proposal expectations and deadlines.

## MMLA Book Award

At the annual convention, the MMLA awards a \$500 prize to the best scholarly or creative book by an MMLA member. As these valuable forms of publishing are recognized in alternate years, we will be considering **creative books** for recognition at our 2026 convention this November. Current MMLA members who wish to be considered for a Book Award must submit their nominations by **July 01**. Please [visit our website](#) for the full guidelines on how to submit.

We would also like to take this time to celebrate last year's Book Award winner, Patrick McKelvey, for his book *Disability Works: Performance After Rehabilitation*, a cultural history of disability, performance, and work in the modern United States. Congratulations, Patrick!

## Important Notice: The 2026 Convention will NOT support slide projection

Since installing and maintaining projectors and screens in the convention venue's presentation rooms is cost-prohibitive, **the MMLA will not be supplying the AV equipment needed to support PowerPoint, Keynote, etc., slide projection at its 2026 convention.** Presenters interested in supplementing their spoken remarks with visual aids are encouraged to bring printed handouts to distribute to audience members attending their sessions. Alternatively, presenters may wish to distribute QR codes enabling audience members to view a remote slide presentation on their mobile devices, as described in the YouTube video linked [here](#). Please direct all technical questions about such alternatives to the information technology support staff at your institution.

**JOURNAL NEWS**



## JMMLA Fall 2026 Call for Submissions on the theme "The Humanities is Where Hope Lives"

The *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association* is accepting submissions for a Fall 2026 issue on the theme "The Humanities is Where Hope Lives." We invite submissions that contribute new insights into the value of the Humanities in relation to a more hopeful future. To this end, we seek submissions that address digital humanities, library studies, the intrinsic or extrinsic value of any branch of the Humanities, pedagogy in the time of the politics of chaos, 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, 2026**.

Please direct any questions or concerns to [mmla@iuc.edu](mailto:mmla@iuc.edu) or to this issue's editor, Joe Keener, at [keenerj@iu.edu](mailto:keenerj@iu.edu).

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## JMMLA Spring 2027 Call for Papers

The *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association* is accepting submissions for a Spring 2027 issue on the theme "Computation, Interdisciplinarity, and the Humanities." This special issue invites scholarly articles, critical essays, and book reviews that examine how interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration shape the transfer of computational methods between language and literary studies and the wider humanities.

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 **January 15, 2027**.

Please direct all questions to MMLA at [mmla@iuc.edu](mailto:mmla@iuc.edu) or to the editor of this issue, Shu Wan ([shuwan@buffalo.edu](mailto:shuwan@buffalo.edu)).

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Thank you all so much for reading the MMLA's March 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 Chicago!

Sincerely,  
The MMLA Team



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