



Post-Convention Newsletter!

Dear MMLA Community,

Thank you very much to all of our wonderful attendees and presenters who joined us in Milwaukee for the 2025 MMLA Convention! We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves as much as the MMLA team did!

In this newsletter, you will find out what's happening in the post-convention world of the Midwest Modern Language Association, including updates on the exciting move to College of DuPage and *JMMLA* News.

Nominations for the Executive Committee

- Per the MMLA bylaws, faculty at all ranks are allowed and encouraged to submit their own name to be considered for the next Executive Committee election. To nominate yourself, please send a CV and a letter of interest to mmla@luc.edu by January 15th, 2026.
- Nominees should be scholars who support the MMLA's mission to provide a forum for disseminating scholarship and improving teaching in the fields of literary and cultural criticism. Nominees do NOT need to be active members when nominated, but if elected, they must become MMLA members in order to serve on the committee.

MMLA's Relocation to College of DuPage

The MMLA is pleased to announce the Executive Committee's unanimous vote to accept a proposal from College of DuPage to become the association's new institutional host.

This new hosting relationship will go into effect on July 1st, 2026. We would like to thank Loyola for seventeen years of generous support and congratulate College of DuPage for its bold commitment to the MMLA's ongoing mission!

Convention Highlights

Post-Convention Survey & Session Report Forms

Convention participants, remember to complete the [Post-Convention Survey](#)! This is a super helpful tool for us to gauge the success of the Convention.

Additionally, for those of you who chaired a panel at the Convention, please complete and **submit the session report form** sent to your email as soon as possible.

Convention Prizes

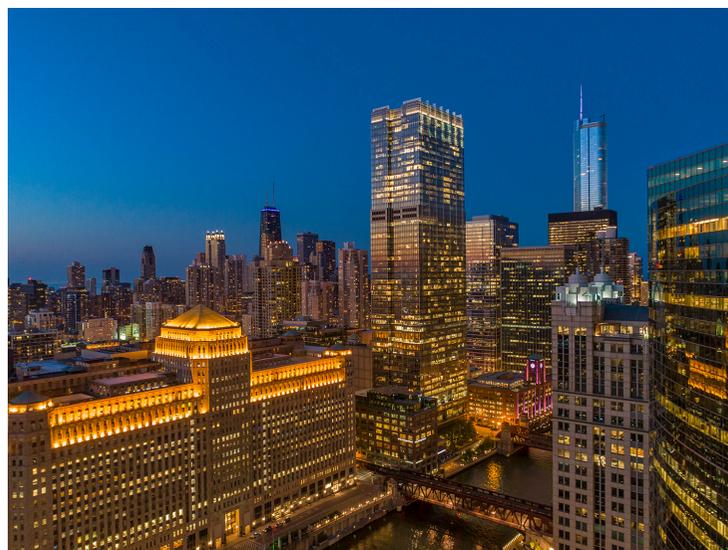
Each year during the Convention, the MMLA provides opportunities for scholars of different education levels to submit work for various prizes. Our winners are listed below.

- **Book Award Winner:** Patrick McKelvey, *Disability Works: Performance After Rehabilitation*
 - **Graduate Student Paper Prize:** Anushmita Mohanty, "Margins as Methods: Queer Zines and the Utopian Imagination"
 - Anushmita's work will appear in the Fall 2026 issue of the *JMMLA*.
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2025 Keynote Speaker: Timothy Melley

- The Midwest MLA's 2025 Convention welcomed its keynote speaker, Timothy Melley, at the President's Reception on Saturday, November 15th. Dr. Melley is Professor of English and Director of the Miami University Humanities Center. 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.
 - Melley's address, "Humanities Futures," historically contextualized recent attacks on the humanities and examined responses supportive of liberal arts education. Melley offered examples from various universities to chart a new map of the humanities, prompting critical reflection on how to make the humanities' valuable work visible today.
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2026 Convention



The 2026 MMLA Convention will take place at voco Chicago Downtown in Chicago, Illinois. The theme for next year's convention is "After the Archive."

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JMMLA News and Reminders

Call for Guest Editor, Spring 2027

Each spring issue 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.

To be considered, submit the following to the MMLA at mmla@luc.edu by **January 15th, 2026**:

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

Calls for Scholarly Article Submissions

The *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association* is currently accepting submissions of scholarly articles that are between 7,000 and 10,000 words (including notes) and follow MLA style guidelines for its **Spring 2026 issue "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.
- The due date for submissions to this issue is January 15th, 2026.

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

[More Info Here](#)

Call for Book Reviewers

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, and strengths and weaknesses in under 1,200 words. Reviewers can choose to review any appropriate scholarly book published in the last 18 months – our website is always being updated with new and fascinating titles that are eligible for review!

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. (P.S.: Check out the [MMLA Instagram](#) for a sample of some of our most exciting new books up for review!)

[Further Info About Book Reviews Here](#)

Thank you for reading this post-convention newsletter, and thank you to all of our wonderful MMLA members, who always make the Convention worth attending. We hope this information will help you have a lovely end of the semester!

Sincerely,
The MMLA team



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