



Help Shape the Conversation at MMLA 2026!

Dear MMLA Community,

With the annual Convention and Undergraduate Symposium less than six weeks away, the MMLA team is still in need of volunteers to moderate one or two panels at the annual meeting.

Nominators do not need prior experience, so we encourage graduate students, early career scholars, as well as part- and full-time faculty members who are attending MMLA 2026, have availability in their schedules, and are interested in one of the topics below to apply.

Moderating a panel offers the volunteer the opportunity not only to diversify or expand his/her CV but also (and more crucially) to network with scholars in fields and with research similar to his/her own. We sincerely hope that you will consider helping us fill these remaining panels!

Convention Panels in Need

- Thursday, November 12:
 - Backwards and Forwards: Temporality and the Archive (8:15 am – 9:30 am)
 - Ecopedagogy (8:15 am – 9:30 am)
 - Video Games and Science Fiction (9:40 am – 10:55 am)
 - Considerations on the Act of Creative Writing (9:40 am – 10:55 am)
 - Gothic Archives (11:05 am – 12:35 pm)
 - Against Black Erasure in the Archive (11:05 am – 12:35 pm)
 - Victorian Readings (1:40 pm – 3:10 pm)
 - Trans Archives (3:20 pm – 4:35 pm)
 - Dealing with the Digital (3:20 pm – 4:35 pm)
 - After the Archive: Recovering Memory Against Erasure (4:45 pm – 6:00 pm)
 - Georgian Readings (4:45 pm – 6:00 pm)
- Friday, November 13:
 - Anti-Intellectualism, Comedy, and Contemporary American Politics (3:20 pm – 4:35 pm)
- Saturday, November 14:
 - Archives of Print Culture (8:15 am – 9:30 am)
 - How to Create an Archive (9:40 am – 10:55 am)

- Lived Resistance and Archival Recovery: Embodied Histories in Harlem and the South in Black / Dalit Communities (11:05 am – 12:35 pm)
- Power and Perception (4:45 pm – 6:00 pm)

Undergraduate Symposium Panels in Need

- Thursday, November 12:
 - Kept and Forgotten: The Politics of Archival Silence (8:15 am – 9:30 am)
 - The Unreliable Narrator and the Limits of Truth (9:40 am – 10:55 am)
 - The Normal and the Aberrant: Desire and the Politics of Visibility (3:20 pm – 4:35 pm)
- Friday, November 13:
 - Contained and Confined: Women's Resistance in Victorian Lit I (8:15 am – 9:30 am)
 - Contained and Confined: Women's Resistance in Victorian Lit II (9:40 am – 10:55 am)
 - From Grand Narratives to Scattered Leaves: Literature After Belief (3:20 pm – 4:35 pm)
- Saturday, November 14:
 - Othered Bodies: Medicine, Horror, and the Human Boundary (9:40 am – 10:55 am)

The [program book](#) includes a list of all paper topics assigned to each of the above panels.

To Nominate Yourself

If moderating one of these panels seems like a good fit for your interests, expertise, and schedule, please nominate yourself by sending the following to the MMLA at mmla@cod.edu, with the subject line "MMLA 2026: Moderator Nomination":

- Your Current CV
- Name of the Panel
- A Statement of Interest (demonstrating your knowledge of the panel's topics)

Nominations are considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sincerely,
The MMLA Team



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