



MMLA 2026 Deadlines are Swiftly Approaching!

Dear MMLA Community,

There are two fast-approaching deadlines this month, to which we hope to draw your attention, and while many of the 2026 Convention and Symposium panels-in-need have been assigned a moderator, there still remains a number of panels that we still request your help to fill.

We sincerely thank all individuals who have already volunteered to be a moderator at the annual meeting. Taking on this additional service is never required, and it does add more to your already hectic schedules, so we are entirely grateful to all who have (and will) offer their time, expertise, and assistance to ensure the meeting runs smoothly. We truly cannot be more appreciative!

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Convention Reminders & Announcements

Forthcoming Convention Deadlines

Graduate Student Paper Prize: Thursday, October 15

Graduate students presenting an accepted paper at the 2026 Convention are encouraged to apply for this **\$100 prize**. The winner will receive a guest membership and registration to the MMLA's next annual Convention and, as a provision of the prize, will have the winning paper published in the *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association's* Fall 2027 issue.

To be considered, a current CV and the accepted paper (3,000-word limit, excluding the Works Cited) must be submitted to the MMLA by this date. ***The winning paper will be announced at the Convention's Keynote Address on Friday, November 13.***

Submit Your Paper to the Graduate Student Paper Prize

Member Discount at voco Chicago Downtown: Thursday, October 22

The nightly rate for meeting participants is **\$217 (plus taxes)**. Reserve a room now to secure this MMLA-members-only pricing, and consider [joining the MMLA's Discord server](#) to connect with another roommate to share the cost of sleeping accommodations.

Should you run into any issues while securing your room at voco Chicago, to include the booking link showing the incorrect MMLA-member discount, please be in touch right away (mmla@cod.edu) so that your reservation may be updated with the proper pricing!

Book Your Stay at voco Chicago Downtown

Undergraduate Student Paper Prize: Monday, November 23

Undergraduate students who presented an accepted paper at the 2026 Research Symposium are encourage to apply for this **\$100 prize**. Unlike the paper prize for graduates, this one is not due until after the Symposium so that undergraduates who wish to revise their papers based on the feedback they received during their panel may do so.

To be considered, a current resume and the presented paper (\$3,000-word limit, excluding the Works Cited), must be submitted to the MMLA by this date but after the 2026 Symposium concludes. ***The winning paper will be announced via the MMLA's newsletter.***

Non-MMLA, Daily Guest Passes

Guest passes are reserved for non-MMLA family and friends, who wish to attend a specific session in support of a Convention and/or Undergraduate Symposium participant. ***Please Note: MMLA members may not purchase a guest pass to attend the Convention themselves.***

Passes are **\$10 per person, per day**, and all proceeds go towards Convention programming. Admission covers the hours of **8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.** on Thursday, Friday, OR Saturday.

Purchase One or More Non-MMLA, Daily Guest Passes

Call for Moderators

Convention Panels in Need

- Thursday, November 12:
 - Backwards and Forwards: Temporality and the Archive (8:15 am – 9:30 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)
 - Trans Archives (3:20 pm – 4:35 pm)
 - Georgian Readings (4:45 pm – 6:00 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)

Undergraduate Symposium Panels in Need

- Thursday, November 12:
 - Kept and Forgotten: The Politics of Archival Silence (8:15 am – 9:30 am)
 - The Normal and the Aberrant: Desire and the Politics of Visibility (3:20 pm – 4:35 pm)
- Friday, November 13:
 - From Grand Narratives to Scattered Leaves: Literature After Belief (3:20 pm – 4:35 pm)

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 (briefly demonstrating your knowledge of the panel's topics)

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

[Access the Program Book for a List of Paper Topics Assigned to Each Panel](#)

Call for MMLA-Member Publications

The MMLA would like to promote your achievements at the 2026 Convention!

The College of DuPage team has chosen to dedicate space at the 2026 Convention and Symposium for publicizing our members' achievements, whether that be a book (chapter), article, or other work, which was published within the last three years. This display table will be placed in a secure room where meeting participants may peruse those works throughout the day but that will be locked up after sessions conclude each day.

Our goals for this new endeavor are:

- To celebrate the scholarly and creative accomplishments of MMLA members
- To showcase the variety of research in which MMLA members have engaged
- To offer the chance for an exchange of ideas between MMLA scholars
- To (re)introduce MMLA members to various academic publishers and publication outlets

MMLA 2026 Exhibit Hours:

- Thursday, November 12: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Friday, November 13: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
- Saturday, November 14: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Physical Copy Details

If you are a Convention attendee who has a physical copy of your work that you feel comfortable bringing with you to the voco Chicago Downtown and loaning to the MMLA for display purposes, we will have display stands available. You are not required to have your work on display all three days of the Convention, and if you would like us to share your contact information for networking purposes, you may indicate your preferences using the form below.

Digital Copy Details

The MMLA team will have a number of laptops in the display room that slowly circulate through individual slides, each of which will include the details for a single publication (such as the title, author name, and publisher) as well as a QR code that attendees may scan to access a digital copy of that publication for perusal or purchase. If you feel comfortable having your contact information listed for networking purposes as well, please let us know using the form below.

Share Your Publication Details for Display at MMLA 2026

MMLA Short-Term Fellowship at the Newberry

Applications for AY 2027–2028

- About the Program: Newberry Library Short-Term Fellows are PhD-holding scholars and PhD candidates with a need to investigate specific Newberry collection items for their projects. They spend 1–2 months conducting intensive research at the Newberry and taking part in the Newberry's scholarly community.
- Eligibility: Short-Term Fellowships are open to PhD-holding scholars at any stage of their career and to PhD candidates with ABD (all-but-dissertation) status or the equivalent. PhD-holding applicants do not need to be faculty members; curators, librarians, independent scholars, and others are also welcome to apply. Applicants can be working in any field, as long as their proposed project demonstrates a need to work with specific items in the Newberry's collection.

- MMLA-Specific Requirement: For [the MMLA-funded, short-term fellowship](#) with the Newberry Library, applicants must be members of the Midwest Modern Language Association at the time of application and, if awarded, through the period of their fellowship.
- Funding: Short-Term Fellows receive \$3,000 per month. This stipend supports housing, travel, and other costs associated with living in Chicago. The Newberry does not provide housing for fellows.
- Award Period: Awards can be taken up at any point in the 15-month period between June of the awarding year and August of the following year.

Short-term fellowship applications are due to the Newberry on [December 4, 2026](#)

Learn More about the Newberry Library's Fellowship Opportunities

JMMLA Calls for Submissions

Call for Article Submissions

The *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association* is currently looking for [submissions of scholarly articles](#) that are between 7,000 and 10,000 words (including notes) and follow MLA style guidelines.

Questions may be sent to the MMLA directly (mmla@cod.edu) or to the editor of the issue.

- **Spring 2027: "Computation, Interdisciplinarity, and the Humanities"**
 - Guest Editor: Shu Wan (shuwan@buffalo.edu)
 - Submission Deadline: [January 15th, 2027](#)

Submission Eligibility and Guidelines

Call for Book Reviewers

Any scholar, especially an early career scholar, is encouraged to write a book review, which (if accepted) will be published in the *JMMLA*.

Eligibility

The *JMMLA* does not consider for publication book reviews that are submitted by undergraduates. Contributors to the *Journal* must be pursuing or hold a graduate degree and are required to hold an active MMLA membership at the time of publication (not of submission). Lastly, only one book review from a single scholar may be under consideration at a time. Scholars who have published a book review with the *JMMLA* previously are invited to submit another at a later date if they are interested in doing so.

General Requirements

Book reviews should distill a book's arguments, themes, potential audience, strengths, and weaknesses in under 1200 words. Reviewers can choose any appropriate scholarly book

published in the last 18 months. Our website includes a list of optional titles that are eligible for review, but interested parties are not limited to this list.

To be considered, please submit the following to the MMLA at mmla@cod.edu:

- Current CV
- The Selected Book (including a link to it on the publisher's website)

Book Review Guidelines and Resources

Sincerely,

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