



October News!

Dear MMLA Community,

We hope you are enjoying your start to fall! As the 2025 MMLA Convention is coming up shortly on November 14th-16th, this newsletter details several important updates and deadlines for both presenters and attendees. You can view the updated digital program book on our website [here](#). In addition, this newsletter includes a few reminders regarding the *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association (JMMLA)*.

Convention News & Reminders

Undergraduate Student Paper Prize Deadline

If you are an undergraduate student presenting at the Undergraduate Research Symposium at this year's Convention, consider submitting your paper to the Undergraduate Student Paper Prize. A \$100 prize will be awarded to the strongest paper.

- The submission deadline is **Monday, November 24th, 2025**.

Those who wish to be considered for the Undergraduate Student Paper Prize must submit the following materials to the MMLA at mmla@luc.edu:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- The Presented Paper (3,000-word limit, excluding the Works Cited)

Submissions are reviewed by members of the MMLA's Executive Committee, and the winning paper is announced via email.

Convention Registration

Although the deadline has passed for early-bird pricing, registration for the 2025 Convention is still open on the MMLA member portal, as it is required of all attendees. *If*

you are planning on attending the Convention, you must be registered.

- Registration fees cover costs associated with running the convention, such as A/V equipment, technicians, and Wi-Fi, as well as food and beverage services. To register, you may select either Regular or Special Membership.
 - Regular members include full-time faculty and staff, administrators, school teachers, and librarians.
 - Special members include graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, part-time faculty and staff, as well as independent, unemployed, or retired members.

[Review Membership Registration](#)

Non-Member Guest Passes

Guest passes are reserved for *non-MMLA family and friends*. MMLA members may not purchase a guest pass to attend the Convention themselves.

- **Pricing:** Passes are \$10 per person, per day.
- **Hours:** Admission covers the hours of 8:00AM-5:30PM (CST) on Friday, Saturday, OR Sunday of the Convention.

[Purchase Guest Pass](#)

Sleeping Accommodations

This year's MMLA Convention will be hosted by Marquette University in a "university model," meaning the MMLA is unable to offer attendees on-site lodging. Nevertheless, the MMLA is committed to assisting its members in locating a range of nearby accommodations that fit within their budget.

- If a **hotel reservation** interests you, you may use the link below to search for hotel availability in Milwaukee, WI via our trusted partner aRes Travel, a third-party travel planner.

[Hotel Availability](#)

- **Alternative housing options** like [Vrbo](#) and [Airbnb](#) can be more cost effective, but nightly rates largely depend on demand, location, availability, amenities, and seasonality.
- **Interested in locating another attendee to share the cost of accommodations?** Consider joining the MMLA's Discord server, which may be helpful in connecting with potential roommates and rideshares for the annual November meeting. Click the link below to access the MMLA's Convention 2025

Discord invite link. In this server, you may also receive general announcements and reminders pertaining to the convention.

2025 Convention Server

Audio/Visual Preparations

If you are presenting at the Convention this November and intend to use a visual, please note that rooms at Marquette University will come equipped with a screen, digital projector, and an HDMI cable for hook-up.

We kindly ask that panelists who wish to display a visual bring their own laptop with an HDMI output. If you are a Mac user, please come equipped with an adapter/dongle.

Adapters will not be provided by Marquette University or MMLA staff.

Call for Panel Moderators

Interested in Getting Involved with the Convention?

You're in luck! The MMLA still needs moderators for panels at the Convention and Undergraduate Research Symposium. The moderator introduces speakers, keeps each speaker to time, and facilitates the Q&A portion of the panel. We appreciate everyone who volunteers to take on this important role!

If moderating one or more of the Convention panels seems like a good fit for you, then, please nominate yourself by sending your CV, the name of the panel, and a short statement of interest to the MMLA office at mmla@luc.edu. If you are interested in moderating one or more of the Undergraduate Symposium panels, please email the same to kzhorne@luc.edu. We will consider nominations as they are received.

Convention panels still in need of moderators:

- **Friday, November 14th**
 - Evaluating Personal Archives (8:00-9:15 AM)
 - Hope after Armed Conflict (8:00-9:15 AM)
 - Performances and Performativity of Gender in the Early Modern Period (8:00-9:15 AM)
 - Contemplative Modalities in Literature (8:00-9:15 AM)
 - Rethinking Pedagogical Strategies (11:00 AM-12:30 PM)

- Posthumanist Hope: Robots and Animals (1:15-2:45 PM)
- Writing Pedagogy (1:15-2:45 PM)
- Spatiality in the Lived Experience of Black Americans (4:30-5:45 PM)
- Hope... in this Economy?: Finances and Love in the Postwar and Neoliberal Ages (4:30-5:45 PM)

- **Saturday, November 15th**

- Virtual Potpourri (8:00-9:15 AM)
- The Hope in Religion: Global Responses to Religious Philosophy (9:30-10:45 AM)
- Black Empowerment in the Twenty-First Century (11:00 AM-12:30 PM)
- Borders and Frontiers in the Eighteenth-Century Experience (3:00-4:15 PM)
- Postcolonial Hope in Africa (3:00-4:15 PM)
- Francophone Papers, Letters, Apocalypses (4:30-5:45 PM)

- **Sunday, November 16th**

- Centering Migrant and Immigrant Workers' Experience: Then and Now (8:00-9:15 AM)
- Hope in the Queer Archive (8:00-9:15 AM)

Undergraduate Research Symposium panels still in need of moderators:

- **Friday, November 14th**

- Language Matters: Language and Identity in Marginalized Communities (4:30-5:45 PM)

- **Sunday, November 16th**

- Reckoning with Dark National Histories: Spain, Argentina, Germany, United States (11:00 AM-12:45 PM)

JMMLA News & Calls for Submissions

Call for Guest Editor, Spring 2027

Each spring edition 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
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Upcoming Issues & Submission Deadlines

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 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 issue welcomes scholarly articles, critical essays, and literary analyses that delve into the works of authors of Ukrainian descent in the Americas, with special emphasis encouraged on the following writers: Lisa Grekul, Myrna Kostash, Janice Kulyk Keefer, Chrystyna Lucyk-Berger, Katherine Marsh, Valya Dudycz Lupescu, Ksenia Rychtycka, Alexander J. Motyl, Daniel Hryhorczuk, Orest Stelmach, Zhanna Slor, Mark Wansa, and Askold Melnyczuk.

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.

[View Further Details 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!)

[Learn More About Book Reviews](#)

We hope the information in this newsletter is helpful to all members, and especially those who are planning on being a part of this year's annual convention in November. As

the date gets closer and the program book is nearly finalized, all of us at the MMLA office are eager for the convention to begin, and we hope that you all are getting excited, too!

Sincerely,
The MMLA team



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