



The 2023 MMLA convention is right around the corner and it is not too late to register!

In this newsletter, you will find information about the following topics:

- * Our keynote speaker
- * Convention registration
- * Convention accommodation
- * Applying for a travel award (extended deadline)
- * Volunteering to moderate a convention panel
- * Submitting a paper for the graduate student paper prize
- * Submitting an essay for the spring 2024 issue of *JMMLA*
- * Nominating yourself to edit the spring 2025 issue of *JMMLA*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Emilio Sauri is Associated Professor of English at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. His research examines literature and visual art from Latin America and the United States in relation to the development of the global economy.

Read more about Dr. Sauri on the [MMLA keynote speaker page](#).



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Registration

If you are a **current or previous member** of the MMLA, you have received an invitation from our new membership portal, MemberClicks, which will prompt you to log in and set up your password. Once completed, you will be prompted to renew your membership (if necessary).

If you did not receive an invitation from our membership portal, MemberClicks, you can **become a member** of the MMLA by creating an account on [our new website](#). In doing so, you will be prompted to complete a member profile and pay for a one-year membership online.

Once you are officially a current MMLA member, you'll be able to register for the convention [here](#). Registration will remain open throughout the convention. Late registration will remain open throughout the convention, and all presenters must register in order to appear in the final, official program.

[Hotel reservations](#) for the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati can be made at the member rate (\$189/night) **until October 11th** and can be canceled without penalty three business days prior to arrival.

Why stay at the convention hotel?

- Receive guaranteed member rates on Hyatt rooms
- Enjoy a streamlined reservations process via our [member portal](#)
- Avoid commuting to and from the event
- Network with convention attendees beyond scheduled sessions
- Enact the convention's democratic theme of engagement, exchange, community, and comradery!

Travel Awards: Last Call

The MMLA offers a limited number of travel awards for the following: part-time faculty, non-tenure-track faculty, independent scholars, and graduate students who will be presenting at the upcoming conference.

Extended deadline:

Applications for these \$250 awards are now due **by October 15**.

Please submit the following to mmla@luc.edu:

- A brief cover letter asking to be considered. Please indicate other institutional source of support, if any
- An abstract of the paper to be presented at the conference
- Your most recent CV

Grad students please note that the MMLA will give preference to students who demonstrate need.

Visit our [website](#) for more information and to view previous winners.

If you are planning on attending this year's MMLA convention in Cincinnati, OH, you may wish to deepen your participation beyond presenting your work and attending sessions: please consider serving as a session moderator as well. Several panels are currently in need of a moderator, whose role is to introduce each speaker, keep each speaker to time, and facilitate the session's Q&A/discussion period. To learn which sessions currently need moderators, please consult our current program book draft [at this link](#). Search for "To Be Determined" to see the eleven panels currently in need of a moderator.

If moderating one or more of these panels seems like a good fit for your interests, expertise, and schedule, then, for each panel you are interested in moderating, please nominate yourself to do so by sending your CV, the name of the panel, and a short statement of interest to the MMLA office at mmla@luc.edu. We will consider nominations as they are received.

Graduate Student Paper Prize: Last Call

The MMLA Graduate Student Paper Prize contest is open to all graduate student members of the MMLA who will be presenting papers during our annual convention.

Submissions will be reviewed by the MMLA Program Committee. The winning paper will be announced during the convention and published in *The Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association*. The prize also comes with a monetary award of \$100 and a complimentary membership and registration for the following MMLA convention.

By **October 15**, interested students must send the following to mmla@luc.edu with "Graduate Student Paper Prize" in the subject line of the submission email:

- Your most recent CV
 - Your paper accepted to the upcoming convention
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Spring 2024 Call for Submissions

Intelligence

Extended Deadline: November 15

This upcoming Spring 2024 issue of the *JMMLA* responds to the opportunity presented by massive, messy cultural discourses to rethink the very notion of intelligence. We welcome contributions that explore what intelligence is, what it has been, and what it might be, particularly from a humanities perspective.

For a list of topics and questions regarding the Spring 2024 issue, preview our [Current Calls for Submission](#) page. Submission procedures and formatting guidelines are described on the [journal page](#) of the website for the Midwest Modern Language Association.

Please direct all queries to the special issue co-editors, Naomi Michalowicz (najung@wisc.edu) and Nathan Jung (nm2925@columbia.edu)

Volunteer to Edit the Spring 2025 *JMMLA*

Each spring edition of the *JMMLA* has a guest editor. We're looking for an editor with interest and expertise in a particular topic that will become the theme for that issue. The editor will foster discussion of the selected topic in the pages of the journal, cultivating a conversation among scholars.

Applicants will send their proposed topic to the MMLA. Topic descriptions may be in the form of a call for submissions. [Examples of current calls](#) can be found on the MMLA website.

To be considered, submit the following to the MMLA at mmla@luc.edu by **October 19**:

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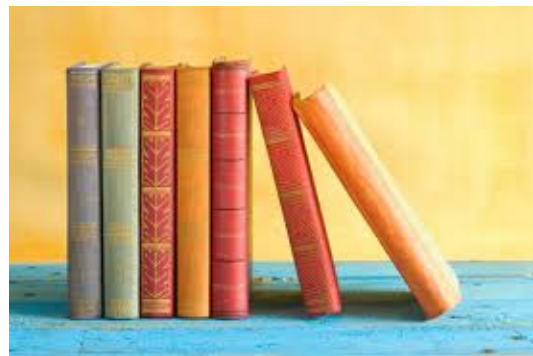
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Virtual Thursday

Thursday, November 2 will be an all-virtual day for the convention. Information on how to attend will be available soon. Keep an eye on your inbox for links and instructions on how to participate, both as an attendee and as a speaker.

What does the MMLA owe democracy?

This year's convention theme is complex and inspiring. We look forward to exploring this question deeply with many of you this November.



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