



Plan Ahead for These Approaching Deadlines!

Dear MMLA Community,

We write to extend friendly reminders for a number of pertinent deadlines related to the 2026 Convention and Undergraduate Research Symposium as well as the *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association* (JMMLA).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Early-Bird Registration Pricing:

- After this date, [Regular Member Registration](#) increases from \$130 to \$185 and [Special Member Registration](#) from \$50 to \$85. **Please Note:** You must have an active MMLA membership in order to access the registration forms linked here. To secure your membership for the 2026–2027 fiscal year (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027), please visit [our membership page](#).

Submissions to the Fall 2026 Issue:

- In keeping with MMLA 2025's Convention, this issue is accepting papers related to last year's theme, "[The Humanities is Where Hope Lives](#)". We encourage all participants who presented a paper at the 2025 Convention in Milwaukee, WI to consider revising and expanding their conference-length research and submitting it for consideration in our peer-reviewed journal. Questions may be sent to the MMLA directly (mmla@cod.edu) or to the issue's editor, Joe Keener (keenerj@iu.edu).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

MMLA 2026 Program Book Corrections:

- We kindly ask all participants to look over [the program book draft](#) carefully to ensure their name, institution, and paper or workshop title(s) are listed correctly. If errors to this information are found, you may request a correction by emailing the MMLA at mmla@cod.edu, with the following details:
 - The page number where the correction is needed

- The erroneous text
- The correct text.

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MMLA 2026 Moderator Nominations:

- The MMLA is in search of volunteer moderators to oversee **24 Convention** and **7 Undergraduate Symposium panels**, the details for which can be located by searching the phrase "*To be Determined*" in the [drafted program book](#). The primary responsibilities of a moderator (prior to, during, and post-Convention) can be located in our September 01 newsletter or [on our member portal](#). To nominate yourself, please send the following to the MMLA (mmla@luc.edu):
 - Recent CV
 - Name of Panel in Need
 - A Statement of Interest (demonstrating your knowledge of the panel's topics)

Proposals to Guest Edit the Spring 2028 Issue:

- The *JMMLA* is in search of an editor or two co-editors, whose interest and expertise in a chosen topic will provide the theme for the forthcoming issue. The editor(s) are expected to foster discussion of the selected topic across the pages of the *Journal*, encouraging vital conversation among the MMLA's scholarly community. To be considered, please submit the following materials to the MMLA (mmla@cod.edu):
 - Recent CV(s)
 - A Cover Letter (describing your expertise on the proposed topic)
 - A Topic Description (i.e., the Call for Papers)

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MMLA 2026 Graduate Student Paper Prize:

- Graduate students presenting an accepted paper at the 2026 Convention are encouraged to apply for this \$100 prize. To be considered, a current CV and the accepted paper (3,000-word limit, excluding the Works Cited) must be emailed to the MMLA at mmla@cod.edu. The winning paper will be announced at the Convention's Keynote Address on Friday, November 13.

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Member Discount at voco Chicago Downtown:

- The nightly rate for meeting participants is **\$217 (plus taxes)**. These bookings help the MMLA meet its obligation to secure a minimum number of guests staying at the hotel and thus avoid a hefty fine. [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!

Sincerely,
The MMLA Team



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