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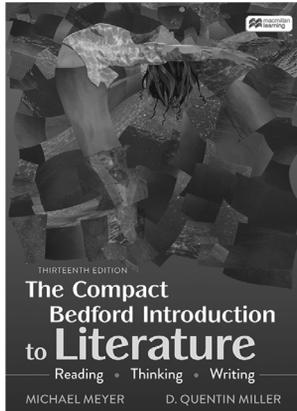


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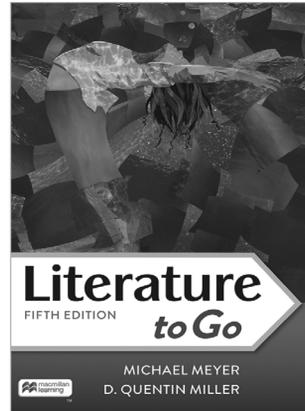
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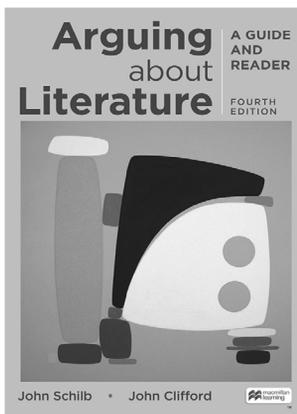
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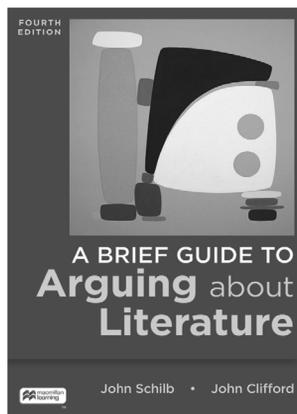
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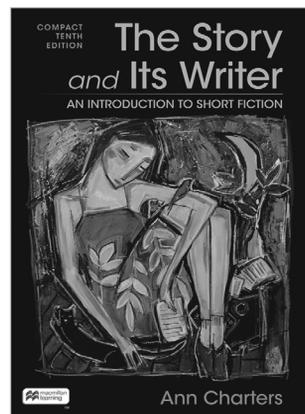
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About the MLA Convention

The Modern Language Association convention, first held 1883, is an annual gathering of teachers and scholars in the field of language and literature study. The convention enables members of the profession to share their ideas and research with colleagues from other universities and colleges. Sessions will take place either in person or online. Online sessions are listed in the Program, and details for accessing those sessions will be in the online program. In-person sessions will be in the Loews Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Convention Center, and the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. The exhibit hall and the MLA Professional Development Hub will be in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Sessions begin at 12:00 noon on 4 January, and there are workshops at 8:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. on 4 January. The last sessions will end at 3:00 p.m. on 7 January.

Convention sessions are organized by MLA members, but non-members are welcome to attend. All participants—members and non-members alike—must pay registration fees, whether attending in person or online. Registrants receive badges, which grant attendees admission to sessions, the MLA Professional Development Hub, and the exhibit hall. On-site registrants who lose their badges may purchase replacements at the registration area.

Sessions

Most sessions at the 2024 MLA convention were arranged by the membership at large, either through the association's forums or by individual members. Attendance is open to all convention registrants, but only current MLA members may organize or participate formally in sessions. On occasion, the membership requirement is waived for

individuals whose main interests are in other disciplines. The kinds of sessions arranged for this year's convention are described below.

Forum Sessions

MLA forums encompass the scholarly and professional concerns of the association; to this end, their executive committees advise on specific research and pedagogical needs, propose to the MLA Executive Council programs that might be undertaken on behalf of their forums, compile information of interest to their members for publication in MLA periodicals or in special mailings, and elect forum representatives to serve in the MLA Delegate Assembly.

Members who have suggestions for a forum's sessions or who would like to participate in those sessions should correspond with the 2024 secretary of the appropriate forum, since 2024 secretaries become chairs for the 2025 convention (see the list of executive committee members that follows the sessions listing). For forums approved in 2023, the executive committee members will be listed on the MLA website in January 2024.

Plenaries

Arranged by forums or individual members, plenaries are meetings on topics of broad interest. The MLA executive director, with the assistance of the Program Committee, has final responsibility for approving plenaries.

Special Sessions

MLA members whose scholarly or professional interests are not adequately accommodated through convention programs arranged by the forums may propose special sessions. These sessions are the most specialized of all convention meetings and are intended to enable participants to exchange ideas on specific topics.

Allied Organization Sessions

Other scholarly, business, or social meetings are arranged in conjunction with the MLA convention by officially recognized allied organizations. Typically, these organizations are learned societies or professional associations whose purposes are closely allied with those of the MLA.

Language and Literature Program Innovation Room

The Language and Literature Program Innovation Room (session 198) provides a space for faculty members to share successful and promising new programs, courses, collaborations, educational resources, and other pedagogical initiatives, offering convention participants opportunities to explore innovative curricular thinking in both discipline-specific and interdisciplinary configurations. Each presentation appears as an individual station in this poster-style event, and audience members are welcome to drop in any time while the event is in session.

Working Groups

Working groups are proposed by individual members who post a call for participation and then engage eight to twelve participants to meet together to discuss their work in two or three sessions during the convention, working toward a collective project or outcome. Working groups extend over more than one session, so participants in a working group will not be able to participate in any other sessions.

Organizing Sessions for 2025

Please see the Procedures for Organizing Meetings on the MLA website (www.mla.org/organizing-meetings/) for further details on all types of sessions. All program copy is due 1 April 2024 for the 2025 convention in New Orleans.

General Convention Information and Services

Registration and Housing

All persons wishing to participate in or attend meetings (whether in person or online) or use convention services must register for the MLA convention.

Convention Registration

MLA registration for members opens in September; nonmember registration opens in October. Visit www.mla.org/Events/2024-MLA-Convention for registration rates and details.

Membership in the MLA

Individuals who join the association while registering for the convention are entitled to register at members' rates. Join the MLA or renew your membership online or at the membership desk at the convention, which will be located in the MLA registration and welcome center.

On-Site Registration

Attendees who have not registered for the MLA convention may register during the convention at the MLA registration and welcome center in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, Level 2). Refer to the online Information for Attendees for the hours of operation.

Hotels

Hotel rooms at the special MLA rates are available beginning in September and only to persons who are registered for the MLA convention. Each convention registrant can reserve one hotel room. Housing forms will not be processed if they include the names of persons in the profession who have not paid their registration fees for the

Please download the MLA 2024 convention app and visit the online program (mla24.org) for updates to session information and more. Visit the Information for Attendees page for further details on convention information and services (www.mla.org/Information-for-Attendees).

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convention. (Spouses, friends, and family members who wish to share a room with a registrant and who are also engaged in the study of language and literature must register and pay their registration fees for the convention.) Convention registrants with housing questions during the convention may go to the housing desk in the MLA registration and welcome center. A representative of CMR, the MLA housing service, will be there to help attendees with any hotel issues they may have.

Identification

You may need to have a government-issued photo ID when you check into your hotel. Security personnel may ask to see your hotel room key or may ask that you be accompanied by a hotel guest with a room key.

Transportation to and in Philadelphia

MLA convention hotels are located in downtown Philadelphia and can be reached by the city's mass transit system or by taxi.

Airport Transportation. Philadelphia is served by Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), and there are many transportation options to downtown Philadelphia. One-way fare for taxi or ride-share (in the lowest fare category) service to downtown Philadelphia is approximately \$25–\$35 (prices do not include tolls, surcharges, and tips).

Amtrak. Amtrak trains enter and leave Philadelphia at 30th Street Station, 2955 Market Street, about fifteen blocks from the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Nearby MLA hotels can be reached by SEPTA, taxi, or ride share app services. The convention center is located at SEPTA's Jefferson Station.

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). Philadelphia's transportation system includes buses, train lines, and trolley lines. SEPTA lines also serve as a connection to various methods of regional transportation, including but not limited to regional train lines for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Amtrak.

Commuters pay for trips using SEPTA Key (www.septakey.org/), an all-in-one mobile transit card.

Bike Share. Indego (www.rideindego.com/) is an app-based bike-sharing option in Philadelphia.

Policies

Appropriate Conduct at the MLA Annual Convention

The MLA is committed to providing an inclusive and harassment-free environment for everyone, regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, physical appearance, ethnicity, religion, or other group identity.

MLA guidelines on appropriate conduct at the convention and MLA policies on discrimination and harassment and on professional ethics are included on the website and in the *Convention Guide*.

Photography and Recording of Sessions

The MLA will be photographing and recording a number of sessions taking place at the convention; attendees' audio, video, or written participation in the convention may be recorded, and attendees may be photographed as part of this event. Session recordings will be available to convention registrants through the online convention platform. The MLA's recordings and photographs from the convention will also be used to share the work of members and the atmosphere of the convention with a broader public. It is a violation of MLA policy for individuals to record either audio or video of presentations or sessions. Occasional exceptions may be made for members of the media taping short segments designed to convey the convention atmosphere. Such arrangements must be made in advance through the director of outreach and require the consent of all speakers at a session. When taping is approved, a representative of the MLA's media staff must be present during the session. The session organizer will announce to the audience that audio or video recording will take place during a part of the session. Only background

taping is allowed, not the taping of an entire session. Requests to use brief recorded elements of the convention as part of a creative or documentary project should be sent to press@mla.org.

Badges

Badges are required for admission to convention sessions, the exhibit hall, and the MLA Professional Development Hub. Badge holders are available at the MLA registration and welcome center, where attendees can also replace lost badges for \$25.

Fragrance

The Committee on Disability Issues in the Profession reminds attendees that refraining from using scented products will help ensure the comfort of everyone at the convention.

Reading in Absentia

Sessions at the 2024 convention will take place either in person or online. To encourage discussion and dialogue among panelists and attendees at convention sessions, reading in absentia (whether by videoconferencing, audio delivery, or presentation by surrogates) is not normally permitted at sessions taking place in person. Presenters who are unable to attend the convention because of unforeseen emergencies may circulate their papers in advance through private or public groups on *MLA Commons* or upload them to the MLA's open-access repository, *CORE*.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in most public places in Philadelphia.

Attendee Resources

Accessibility

The MLA is committed to making arrangements that allow all members of the association to participate in the convention. Write to Stacey Courtney (scourtney@mla.org) with questions and specific requests.

Accessibility Desks. There will be a desk in the MLA registration and welcome center and additional satellite desks staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees.

American Sign Language Interpretation and CART. Sign language interpretation and real-time captioning at the convention are scheduled based on requests received by 14 November. If resources are available, the convention office will make every effort to accommodate late requests.

Convention sessions that take place online will be set for automated captioning (viewable at the bottom of your screen) or automated transcription (viewable at the side of your screen). You may adjust these settings as desired on your own screen (click the CC box at the bottom of your screen for your options).

Sessions. The MLA requests that all session organizers and presenters take the necessary steps to make their sessions accessible to attendees with permanent or temporary disabilities. See the complete list of guidelines on the Access Guidelines for MLA Convention Session Organizers and Presenters page (www.mla.org/access-guidelines).

Speakers are asked to bring five copies of their papers, even in draft form, for the use of members who wish to follow a written text. We recommend uploading those presentations to *MLA Commons* before the convention for easy and secure sharing. Speakers who use handouts should prepare some copies in a large-print format (14- to 16-point type size) and should indicate whether they want their papers and handouts returned.

Meeting Rooms. Meeting rooms at the convention are accessible by elevator, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs.

Hotel Rooms. To reserve hotel rooms that are specifically equipped for persons with permanent or temporary disabilities, participants must check the appropriate boxes on the convention registration and housing reservation forms or contact Stacey Courtney (scourtney@mla.org) by 14 November.

Transportation. Philadelphia's SEPTA provides information about their accessible transportation services (www5.septa.org/travel/accessibility/). In addition, convention registrants who need accessible transportation during the convention are eligible to be reimbursed up to \$150 for rides taken between official MLA locations during convention hours (4–7 January 2024). Order taxis, including wheelchair-accessible vehicles, at 215-Get-a-Cab, or reserve a ride through Uber or Lyft to request wheelchair-accessible rides (WAV). Receipts must include the travel date, time, and cost as well as the pickup and drop-off locations. Send your reimbursement request and receipts by 22 January to Stacey Courtney (scourtney@mla.org).

Scooter Rentals. To navigate the convention more easily, attendees can rent scooters in advance from Scootaround (888 441-7575 or scootaround.com/en/2024-mla-annual-convention).

Childcare

MLA members who are registered for the convention and use childcare services are eligible for reimbursement. The MLA has funds available for reimbursement of up to \$400 each to registered members who use childcare during convention hours. If more requests are received than can be reimbursed with available funds, preference will be given to graduate students and members in lower-income categories.

Members should submit a request for reimbursement, along with supporting documentation such as a receipt from a childcare service, no later than 28 January to Karin Bagnall (kbagnall@mla.org).

Lactation Rooms

There is a Mamava Pod in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Level 2). Additional space will be available during meeting hours for those who require it. Hours and locations will be available online and in the *Convention Guide*.

Convention App and Online Program

The MLA 2024 online program and convention app provide easy access to session information, maps,

the list of exhibitors, and other convention details. Log in to mla24.org or download the MLA 2024 app in December to create a personal convention schedule and to communicate with fellow attendees, learn about session and schedule changes, and discover exhibit hall events and other late-breaking news.

Convention Guide

The *Convention Guide*, containing city and hotel maps and providing general information pertinent throughout the convention, will be available as a PDF on the MLA website and as a handout at the convention.

Friends of Bill W.

A meeting room is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours. Meeting dates and times and exact location will be listed closer to the convention.

Headquarters Office

Members of the MLA convention staff will be available in the headquarters offices to handle problems that might arise with meeting rooms or meeting facilities. Program organizers are asked to refer questions on such matters to the headquarters offices, not to the venue management. More general questions will be answered by staff members at the MLA registration and welcome center. The headquarters locations and hours of operation will be available on the MLA website and in the online program.

MLA Registration and Welcome Center

Visit the MLA registration and welcome center in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, Level 2) for information about the convention and the association, registration and badges, and free copies of the *Convention Guide*. The center's hours of operation will be available on the MLA website and in the online program.

Press Office

Members of the press who wish to cover the convention should contact the director of outreach

(achang@mla.org) by 2 January to obtain credentials and get assistance.

Speaker Ready Room

Space for speakers to run through their audiovisual presentations before their sessions will be available; the location will be listed online later this fall. Those who have computer presentations are strongly encouraged to test their presentations in the speaker ready room during convention hours. Please write to Deirdre Henry (dhenry@mla.org) with audiovisual questions. Requests for audiovisual equipment were due 1 April; we regret that we are unable to accommodate late requests.

Wi-Fi Access

The MLA is providing free wireless Internet access in the convention meeting rooms and public areas (except in the exhibit hall).

MLA Professional Development Hub

The MLA Professional Development Hub provides support to members at all stages in their careers. Offerings include one-on-one mentoring for academic and nonacademic careers, a wide range of professional-issues discussion groups, and networking events. Visit the Information for Attendees page on the MLA website and the MLA Professional Development Hub section in the online program for up-to-date information on the hub's location, hours of operation, services, and events.

Sikiliza My Body Speaks to You

Sikiliza My Body Speaks to You is a photographic reflection on the Black body of LGBTQ+ people, composed of incarnate images, lived and commented on from within. Directed by Marthe Djilo Kanga and Frieda Ekotto, this photographic documentary explores the ways in which Black LGBTQ+ people control, maintain, negate, combine, or negotiate the rules and norms that define their body—and how they reclaim their own body, construct and perform their identities, and (re)define themselves as they navigate

decolonization, discrimination, criminalization, affirmation, and a need for recognition of their subjectivities. The photographs will be on display by the MLA registration and welcome center in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, Level 2).

Exhibits

Visit the exhibit hall on 4 and 5 January, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 6 January, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Ballroom AB, Ballroom Level), and online at any time to discover the latest publications and products, take advantage of special discounts and promotions, engage with editors, enjoy book signings and receptions, and more. These companies have made the commitment to support the MLA convention and our attendees and are looking forward to connecting with you in person and through the digital platform. Admission to the exhibit hall is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying appropriate passes. See page 882 for a list of the 2024 exhibitors.

Visit the refreshment stand in the exhibit hall to satisfy your coffee, tea, and food cravings. Stay hydrated and fed while perusing books and connecting with friends.

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MLA PubCentral

Visit MLA PubCentral in the exhibit hall for everything related to MLA publications. Score discounts on the latest MLA titles, grab free *MLA International Bibliography* swag, and learn more about *MLA Handbook Plus*.

General Books. All MLA titles will be discounted 40% with free shipping on all domestic orders.

MLA Handbook. Flip through multiple bindings of the ninth edition or chat with our library sales manager about our subscription-based digital resource.

Reception. Join us on Friday, 5 January, at 4:30 p.m. for the *MLA International Bibliography's* annual wine and cheese reception.

Future Convention

The 140th convention will take place in New Orleans from 9 to 12 January 2025.

Go to the Calls for Papers page on the MLA website to submit (Nov. 2023–28 Feb. 2024) or review (Nov. 2023–31 Mar. 2024) calls for papers for the 2025 MLA convention.

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2025 convention in New Orleans will be available on the MLA website in March 2024 (see www.mla.org/organizing-meetings).

Exhibitors

Booth	Exhibitor	Booth	Exhibitor
316	ACMRS Press	Online only	Lexington Books
105	Amherst College Press	400	Macmillan Publishers
501	APA Style, American Psychological Association (APA)	215	University of Massachusetts Press
416	Arte Público Press	411	McFarland
514	ArtMattan Films	301	University of Minnesota Press
401	Bedford St. Martin's / Macmillan Learning	MLA PubCentral	Modern Language Association
402, 404	Bloomsbury Academic	417	New York Review Books
517	Broadview Press	217	University of North Carolina Press
318, 320	Bucknell University Press	321	Northwestern University Press
303, 305	Cambridge University Press	304	NYU Press
200, 202, 204	University of Chicago Press	414	Ohio State University Press
315	Columbia University Press	314	Oxford University Press
219	Cornell University Press	403, 405	Palgrave Macmillan
510	DeGruyter	210	University of Pennsylvania Press
318, 320	University of Delaware Press	415	Peter Lang Group
203, 205	Duke University Press	300, 302	Princeton University Press
409	EBSCO Information Services	503, 505	Project MUSE–Johns Hopkins University Press
319	Edinburgh University Press	105	Punctum Books
508	Gale	318, 320	Rutgers University Press
101	HarperCollins Publishers	509, 511	Stanford University Press
516	Ingram Academic and Professional	317	SUNY Press
504	ITHAKA	219	Syracuse University Press
503, 505	Johns Hopkins University Press	208	University of Toronto Press
		500, 502	W. W. Norton & Company
		201	Yale University Press

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