

JOIN US IN LOS ANGELES 6–9 JANUARY 2011 FOR THE 126TH MLA ANNUAL CONVENTION



- **A job information center for applicants and interviewers**
- **Over 100 exhibitors of books and educational products**
- **More than 800 sessions, forums, and readings**
- **Hotel rooms at less than half the regular rates**
- **Special airline discounts**

Important Dates

1 October

Deadline for receipt of early registration fees for members

mid-October

Convention program mailed to all MLA members

7 December

Deadline for receipt of registration fees (late and on-site registration continues from 8 Dec. to 9 Jan.)

17 December

Deadline for receipt of housing requests

7 January

Postmark deadline for registration refund requests

2011 MLA Convention

The convention will begin at 12:00 noon on Thursday, 6 January, and end at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, 9 January. All MLA members and others involved in the study or teaching of language and literature must register in order to attend or participate in meetings, visit the exhibit hall, take part in the job service, or reserve hotel rooms at special MLA rates. The November (Program) issue of *PMLA*, which contains a complete list of the over 800 sessions, will be sent to all MLA members in mid-October.

Job Information Center

Interview facilities for job candidates and department administrators will be set up at the Job Information Center in the J. W. Marriott (Gold Salon 4, 1st floor). A job-counseling service will also be located in the job center; senior faculty members will advise job candidates in one-to-one counseling sessions. Several convention sessions are designed to assist job candidates and interviewers on the job search in both English and foreign languages.

Child Care

MLA members in need of child care during the convention should make arrangements directly through one of the convention hotels.

The MLA has funds available to reimburse up to \$200 each to members who use a hotel-recommended service for child care 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 dues categories.

Members should submit a request for reimbursement, along with a receipt for child care from one of the hotel-recommended services. Requests should be sent no later than 20 January 2011 to Maribeth Kraus, Director of Convention Programs.

Persons with Disabilities

The MLA is committed to making arrangements that allow all members of the association to participate in the convention. Meeting rooms in the headquarters hotel and convention center are accessible, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. A complimentary bus service for persons with disabilities will be available throughout the convention. Sign language interpreters and hotel rooms that are specifically equipped for persons with permanent or temporary disabilities are available on request. To arrange for an interpreter or to reserve specifically equipped hotel rooms, indicate your requirements on the housing form and the registration form and write or call Karin Bagnall (kbagnall@mla.org) in the MLA convention office by 12 November.

Convention Locations

Most English sessions and the Job Information Center are in the J. W. Marriott. Most foreign language and comparative literature sessions and exhibits are in the LA Convention Center.

Exhibit Hall

Publishers of textbooks, journals, literary classics, and reference books, as well as manufacturers of computer products for language instruction, for writing programs, and for scholarly research, will display their newest titles and products in the Concourse Hall, level 1, West Hall, LA Convention Center.

Forum

The Presidential Forum: Lives and Archives: Finding, Framing, and Circulating Narrated Lives Now

Los Angeles Tourist Information

A Visitor Information Center kiosk is located inside the West Hall Lobby of the LA Convention Center. Staff members are available to answer travel questions, provide directions and public transportation information, assist with itineraries, and make recommendations on dining, nightlife, sightseeing, and cultural options. The center also provides maps and travel guides. An additional Visitor Information Center is located adjacent to the 7th and Figueroa Street Metro station at 685 South Figueroa Street. For more information, please visit www.discoverlosangeles.com/mla2011.

Transportation to and in Los Angeles

MLA convention hotels are located in downtown Los Angeles near the LA Convention Center and LA Live entertainment complex.

Airport Shuttle Transportation

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is located eighteen miles from downtown Los Angeles. Airport information is available at www.lawa.org or by calling 310 646-5252. Visit www.supershuttle.com for information on airport shuttle transportation to and from the downtown Los Angeles convention hotels.

FlyAway provides transportation between downtown (Union Station) and LAX. Tickets (\$7 each way) can be purchased from the FlyAway kiosk in the Patsaouras terminal in Union Station. Remote baggage check-in and boarding passes are available. For more information, visit www.lawa.org/flyaway.

Bus Systems

Three types of Metro bus service are available throughout Los Angeles. With 200 different lines, buses travel all over the city to every major destination, including state parks, area attractions, and shopping districts.

For detailed schedules, fares, interactive maps, multilanguage pocket guides, and more information, visit www.metro.net or call 800 COMMUTE (266-6883).

DASH Downtown provides six quick bus routes through downtown. Buses depart every five to ten minutes between 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and every fifteen minutes between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekends. For more information, visit www.ladottransit.com/dash.

Travel Assistance for the Annual Convention

Assistance for Graduate Students

Funds are available to cover up to 200 awards of \$300 for advanced graduate students.

Assistance for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Members and for Unemployed Members

Funds are available to cover up to 150 awards of \$300 for contingent non-tenure-track faculty members or unemployed members.

Assistance for Regular and Life Members Residing outside the United States and Canada

Funds are available to cover up to 150 awards of \$300 for regular and life members residing outside the United States and Canada.

Letters of application for any of the above grants must reach the MLA Travel Assistance Program, Bowling Green Station, PO Box 107, New York, NY 10274-0107, by 1 November 2010. Visit the MLA Web site for further information (www.mla.org/awards).

Travel Arrangements

Travel arrangements may be made through the MLA convention travel Web site hosted by MacNair Travel Management, the official travel coordinator for the MLA Annual Convention (www.macnairtravel.com/Modern-Language-Assoc.html).

Airline Discounts

- United Airlines—The official carrier for the 2011 MLA Annual Convention; up to 15% off applicable fares
- Delta Airlines—Up to 7% off applicable fares
- American Airlines—Up to 5% off applicable fares
- MacNair will also search for the lowest available fare on any airline.
- The above discounts are valid for travel from 3 to 12 January. Some other restrictions may apply.

Rental Car Discount

- Avis Rental Cars—Exclusive discount of up to 25%

Automatic Flight Insurance

- \$100,000 in accident insurance is provided at the point of sale at no additional cost in conjunction with an airline ticket purchased through MacNair Travel.

MacNair will send electronic ticket receipts and itineraries for your airline tickets and rental car reservations to your e-mail address if you book through the Web site or to your e-mail address or by regular mail if you book over the phone. There is a service fee of \$35 per airline ticket issued for telephone reservations and of \$10 per airline ticket issued for reservations made through the Web site. MacNair can be reached by phone (877 410-8195) or e-mail (mla@macnairtravel.com) Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Eastern time. Reservations for air travel and rental cars can be made on the MLA convention travel Web site at any time.

By using the [MLA Convention Travel Web Site](#), these discounts will automatically be applied to your reservations.

Registration Fees

Early registration and hotel and travel arrangements are available to MLA members beginning early September 2010 at www.mla.org. To register for the convention by mail, print the registration form and return it with your registration fee in US dollars, drawn on a US bank, or your credit card information. Payment instructions are on the registration form. There will be a nonrefundable charge of \$7 for badges replaced at the convention.

Registration Refunds

Requests for refunds must be made in writing, accompanied by convention badges, and postmarked no later than 7 January. If you paid by credit card, please supply the credit card number and expiration date in your letter to expedite your refund. Mail requests for refunds to MLA Convention Office, Bowling Green Station, PO Box 107, New York, NY 10274-0107. **A \$10 service fee is deducted from all refunds.**

Important reminders: please read this section carefully before completing the convention registration and hotel reservation forms

- Forms must be complete and legible to be processed. Members are reminded that hotel rooms at the special MLA rates are available only to persons who register for the convention. The housing form cannot be processed and room reservations will not be made until all nonexempt occupants sharing a room (including spouses) have paid their registration fees. **Note: to reserve a 2-bedroom suite, at least two of the occupants must be paid convention registrants.**
- **If paying by credit card:** If you are using a credit card for your registration fee and your hotel guarantee, be sure to include credit card information on both the housing form and the registration form. Registration forms and housing forms are handled by two different departments. **A hotel reservation will not be made if your credit card number is incorrect or invalid, so please read the e-mail confirmation you receive from the housing company carefully.**

- **If paying by check:** You must pay with separate checks for registration and housing. Make your room deposit check or money order (no wire transfers) payable to Convention Management Resources/MLA in US dollars, drawn on a US bank—\$100 per single or double room, \$200 per 1-bedroom suite, or \$300 per 2-bedroom suite.
- Acceptable forms of payment: Personal checks, bank drafts, certified checks, and money orders. Note: Do not combine your preregistration fee and hotel room deposit in one check. This will slow the processing of both your registration and your housing.
- Non-US registrants: To avoid delay in processing your housing form, please use a credit card to guarantee your hotel reservation. International money orders made out in US dollars are also accepted.
- Be sure to sign and date the check.
- Carefully check your hotel confirmation immediately on receipt to make sure that your reservation is correct.
- If you have verification of your convention registration but do not receive a confirmation of your hotel room within three weeks, do not wait until you arrive in Los Angeles. Notify the Convention Management Resources/MLA Housing Office immediately at MLAhousing@cmrus.com.

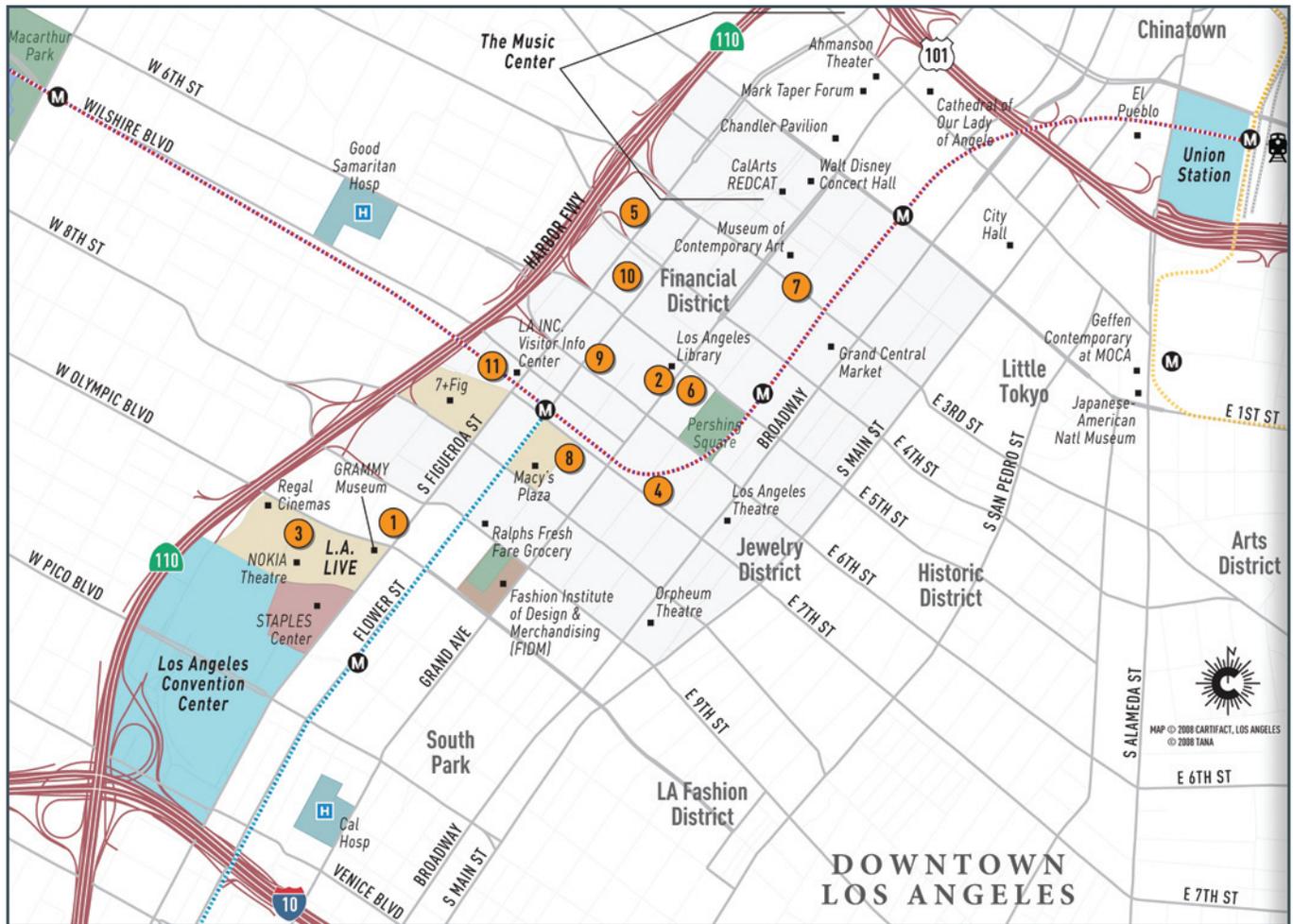
MLA rates apply at convention hotels from 6 January through 9 January 2011, based on availability. These special rates are available only to persons who register for the convention. All rates are exclusive of 14.08% tax, per room, per day.

Important note about hotel room cancellations after 17 December

Deposits are refundable if notice of cancellation is received by Convention Management Resources (CMR) by 17 December. Failure to abide by the stated cancellation policy may result in the loss of your room deposit.

To change or cancel your reservation, visit the MLA Housing Web site and enter your confirmation number, e-mail address, and zip code in the form provided; call MLA Housing at 888 644-2282 or 415 979-2266, Monday to Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pacific time; or send an e-mail to MLAhousing@cmrus.com or a fax to 415 293-4396.

Changes and cancellations can be made directly through the hotel beginning 29 December. When canceling your reservation through CMR or the hotel, please make sure to receive a confirmation e-mail or cancellation number.



Hotels for the 2011 MLA Annual Convention

	<i>Single/Double</i>	<i>Suite 1 or 2 Bedroom</i>	<i>Add'l Person</i>
① Figuroa Hotel 939 South Figueroa Street 90015	\$125 s/d	N/A	N/A
② Hilton Checkers 535 South Grand Street 90071	\$169 s/d	N/A	\$10
③ J. W. Marriott Los Angeles 900 West Olympic Boulevard 90015	\$161 s/d	\$500–\$679	\$20
④ Los Angeles Athletic Club 431 West 7th Street 90014	\$141 s/d	N/A	\$25
⑤ Marriott Los Angeles Downtown 333 South Figueroa Street 90071	\$125/\$135	\$165–\$250	\$30
⑥ Millennium Biltmore 506 South Grand Avenue 90071	\$140 s/d	\$549	\$30
⑦ Omni Los Angeles at California Plaza 251 South Olive Street 90012	\$149 s/d	N/A	\$20
⑧ Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown 711 South Hope Street 90017	\$129 s/d	\$229	\$25
⑨ Standard Downtown LA 550 South Flower Street 90071	\$145 s/d	N/A	\$30
⑩ Westin Bonaventure 404 South Figueroa Street 90071	\$139 s/d	\$299–\$599	\$20
⑪ Wilshire Grand Los Angeles 930 Wilshire Boulevard 90017	\$149 s/d	\$169–\$450	\$25

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Postal code _____
 Country _____
 E-mail _____

Please print or type your name and affiliation as you wish them to appear on your convention badge.

Name _____
 Affiliation _____

Check One:

1 Sept.–1 Oct.* Early Registration

- Regular Member \$135
- Graduate Student Member \$40
- Emeritus Member \$40
- Regular Member Residing outside the United States and Canada \$50
- Unemployed Member or Member Employed Less Than Full-Time \$50

2 Oct.–7 Dec.* Registration

- Regular Member \$165
- Graduate Student Member \$40
- Emeritus Member \$40
- Regular Member Residing outside the United States and Canada \$50
- Unemployed Member or Member Employed Less Than Full-Time \$50
- Nonmember \$220
- Graduate Student Nonmember \$65
- Emeritus Nonmember \$65

8 Dec.–9 Jan. Late and On-site Registration

- Regular Member \$195
- Graduate Student Member \$50
- Emeritus Member \$50
- Regular Member Residing outside the United States and Canada \$60
- Unemployed Member or Member Employed Less Than Full-Time \$60
- Nonmember \$250
- Graduate Student Nonmember \$75
- Emeritus Nonmember \$75

* Registration runs until midnight on the last day indicated.

Registration fees must be received before hotel reservations can be processed.



REGISTRATION FORM

6–9 January 2011 MLA Convention

Payment of Registration Fees

If paying by credit card: If you are charging both your registration fee and your room deposit, be sure to include credit card information on the housing form as well. (Non-US registrants: To avoid delay in processing your registration, please pay by MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express. International money orders are also accepted.)

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Signature _____

Account no. _____

Exp. date _____

Phone number _____

If paying by check: Make your registration fee check payable to the Modern Language Association. Enclose a separate check for hotel room deposits (see housing form for instructions). Do not combine your registration fee and hotel room deposit in one check. Send the registration form, housing form, and check(s) to the MLA.



Check here if you need sign language interpreting for sessions or social events, the MLA Program on disc, a large-print *Convention Guide* or copy of the *Convention News and Program Update*, or other services relating to permanent or temporary disabilities. Availability of specific services may vary from one convention site to another. In the space above at left, please provide a telephone number, mailing address, or e-mail address so that the MLA coordinator can get in touch with you.

Persons with hearing disabilities may e-mail kbagnall@mmla.org.

Send all materials to

Modern Language Association
 Bowling Green Station
 PO Box 107
 New York, NY 10274-0107

or for overnight mail
 26 Broadway, 3rd floor
 New York, NY 10004-1789

2011 MLA Convention Housing Form

Housing forms must be received by 17 December. Use one for each room or suite. Paid convention registration for all nonexempt room or suite occupants must be received before a hotel room can be reserved.

Hotels

List in order of preference; hotel availability at time of receipt will determine which preference can be honored.

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

Room Type

Check desired room type. Suite availability is limited.

- Smoking (See hotel list) Nonsmoking
 Single P1 (parlor + bedroom)
 Double (1 bed, 2 persons) P2 (parlor + 2 bedrooms)
 Double/Double (2 beds, 2 to 4 persons)
 Check here if you plan to use your suite or hotel room for interviewing.

Primary Occupant

Convention registrant Registration no. _____
Name _____
Arrival date and time _____
Departure date and time _____

Secondary Occupants

Convention registrant Registration no. _____ Exempt*
Name _____
Arrival date and time _____
Departure date and time _____

* Not professionally involved in any field relating to the study of language and literature

Convention registrant Registration no. _____ Exempt*
Name _____
Arrival date and time _____
Departure date and time _____

Convention registrant Registration no. _____ Exempt*
Name _____
Arrival date and time _____
Departure date and time _____

- TDD/TTY light signal system service dog accommodations
 wheelchair accommodations other access requirements



Please provide a telephone number, mailing address, or e-mail address below if different from what is listed in the confirmation section so that the MLA coordinator can get in touch with you.

Availability of specific services may vary from one convention site to another.

Confirmation

Within two weeks of receipt of completed form, confirmation is sent only to the individual below, in the following order: e-mail, fax, post.

Name _____
Address _____

City & state _____ Postal code _____ Country _____
Office phone _____ Home phone _____
Fax number _____ E-mail address _____
TDD/TTY number _____

Payment

Credit Card: If you are using a credit card for your registration fee and your hotel guarantee, be sure to include credit card information on the registration form as well. Please note that MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover are accepted for convention registration and room deposits.

No hotel reservation will be processed or confirmed by MLA Housing without providing credit card guarantee information for hotel billing. **Important:** MLA Housing will forward all individual credit card information to the hotel for processing. Please note that the hotels may charge your credit card 72 hours before you arrive. If your reservation is canceled less than 72 hours before you arrive, or if you fail to arrive on your confirmed arrival date, your credit card will be charged a nonrefundable no-show or late-cancellation penalty in the amount of **one night's room and tax.**

Account no. _____
Exp. date _____
Name on card _____
Signature _____

Check or Money Order: Make your room deposit payment to Convention Management Resources/MLA in US dollars, drawn on a US bank. Please be sure to sign and date the check. \$100 per single or double room, \$200 per 1-bedroom suite, \$300 per 2-bedroom suite.

Keep a Copy of This Form

Please send registration and housing in one envelope.

Send all materials to:
Modern Language Association
Bowling Green Station
PO Box 107
New York, NY 10274-0107

Hotel Room Cancellations and Changes

To cancel your room reservation or to change arrival and departure times:

Until 17 December: Cancellations or changes must be received in writing at Convention Management Resources/MLA Housing Office, 33 New Montgomery, Suite 1100, San Francisco, CA 94105. You may e-mail your hotel cancellation to MLAhousing@cmrus.com.

After 28 December: To cancel your room reservation or to change times, call the hotel directly. Between 18 and 29 December, hotel reservations and room deposits are being transferred to the hotels.

Important: You will be unable to obtain a refund for a hotel room unless the cancellation is received by the hotel at least 72 hours before your scheduled arrival time. It is important to keep a copy of the reservation form and to ask for and keep the cancellation number that the hotel should give you when you cancel your room reservation. If you cancel by phone, note the full name of the person who cancels your reservation. Otherwise you risk forfeiting your room deposit.

Please note: The MLA convention office cannot cancel room reservations.

To change the occupants in your hotel room, please contact the MLA convention office (convention@mla.org).

Paid convention registration for all nonexempt room or suite occupants must be received before a hotel room can be reserved.