



JOIN US IN SEATTLE 5–8 JANUARY 2012 for the 127th MLA Annual Convention

- A job information center for applicants and interviewers
- Over 100 exhibitors of books and educational products
- More than 750 sessions, forums, and readings
- Hotel rooms at less than half the regular rates
- Special airline discounts

Important Dates

3 October

Deadline for receipt of early registration fees for members

late 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 8 Jan.)

16 December

Deadline for receipt of housing requests

6 January

Postmark deadline for registration refund requests

2012 MLA Convention

The convention will begin at 12:00 noon on Thursday, 5 January, and end at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, 8 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 job interviews, or reserve hotel rooms at special MLA rates. The November (Program) issue of *PMLA*, which contains a complete list of the over 750 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 Conference Center of the Washington State Convention Center (3rd 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

Convention participants who would like to have child care during the convention should preregister for a possible on-site child care service provided by KiddieCorp. If a sufficient number of children are registered for child care by 31 October, a daytime child care center will operate in the Seattle Sheraton. If a sufficient number of children are not registered for the service by that date, the service will not be offered. For more information on child care arrangements or to obtain a preregistration form, visit www.mla.org/convention.

Persons with Disabilities

The MLA is committed to making arrangements that allow all members of the association to participate in the convention. Meeting rooms at the convention are accessible by elevator, 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 11 November.

Convention Locations

Most English sessions, some comparative literature sessions, and the exhibit hall are in the Washington State Convention Center. Most foreign language and comparative literature sessions are in the Sheraton Seattle. The Job Information Center is in the Conference Center of the Washington State 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 4B, South Lobby, level 4, Washington State Convention Center.

Forums

The Presidential Forum: Language, Literature, Learning
The Future of Higher Education

Seattle Tourist Information

A visitor information center desk is located inside the 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. For more information, please visit www.visitseattle.org/mla.

Transportation to and in Seattle

MLA convention hotels are located in downtown Seattle near the Washington State Convention Center and the Sheraton Seattle.

Airport Transportation

Sea-Tac International Airport (Sea-Tac) is less than 15 miles from downtown Seattle. Visit the airport's official Web site (www.portseattle.org/seatac) for information on passenger services, flight status, and news for travelers.

Link Light Rail

Link connects downtown Seattle to Sea-Tac Airport with 11 stops in between. The ride only takes 37 minutes from the airport to Westlake Center, located 3 blocks from the Washington State Convention Center and close to major downtown hotels. Fare from the airport to the Westlake Center station is \$2.75 each way (youth 6–18: \$2; seniors 65+ and disabled: \$.75). For more information about Link light rail, visit www.soundtransit.org.

Seattle Taxis

Taxi service is available from Sea-Tac Airport to downtown Seattle (and points throughout the city) on the third floor of the Sea-Tac parking garage. The fare is approximately \$35–\$45 from the airport to downtown hotels (metered at \$2.50/mile); there is a \$35 flat fee from downtown hotels to the airport.

King County Metro Transit

The Metro public bus system operates throughout Seattle and King County.

- For routes, maps, and fare information, visit Metro online at metro.kingcounty.gov.
- Riding Metro buses is free in the downtown zone between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- The Seattle Waterfront Streetcar is served by Route 99. The route connects Seattle's Elliott Bay waterfront, Pioneer Square Historic District, and International District.

Travel Assistance for the Annual Convention

Assistance for Graduate Students

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

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

Funds are available to cover 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 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 2011. 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/MLA-2012.html).

Airline Discounts

- **United Airlines (the official carrier for the 2012 MLA Annual Convention): up to 10% off applicable fares**
If you prefer to book directly with United Airlines, please note that this meeting discount is only available for reservations made over the phone (800 521-4041). The meeting discount can not be used for tickets booked on united.com.

Meeting ID: 584ZM

- **Delta Airlines: up to 10% off applicable fares**
If you prefer to book directly with Delta Airlines, please note that this meeting discount is only available for reservations made over the phone (800 328-1111). The meeting discount can not be used for tickets booked on delta.com.

Meeting ID: NM7UN

- MacNair will also search for the lowest available fare on any airline.
- The above discounts are valid for travel from 2 to 11 January 2012. Some other restrictions may apply.

Amtrak Discount

- **Amtrak: 10% off the lowest available rail fares**
For reservations, call 800 USA-RAIL or 800 872-7245.

Convention code: X18H-930

The above discount is valid for travel to Seattle from 2 to 11 January 2012 on Amtrak regional trains or sleepers and for business-class or first-class seats. This offer is not valid for the Auto Train or Acela service. The Amtrak convention fare discount is only available for reservations made by phone.

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 and train tickets and rental car reservations to your e-mail address if you book through the Web site or if you book over the phone. There is a service fee of \$35 per ticket for telephone reservations or \$10 per ticket 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.

When you use 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 1 September 2011 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 \$8 for badges replaced at the convention.

Registration Refunds

Requests for refunds must be made in writing, accompanied by unused convention badges, and postmarked no later than 6 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 Seattle. Notify the Convention Management Resources/MLA Housing Office immediately at MLAhousing@cmrus.com.

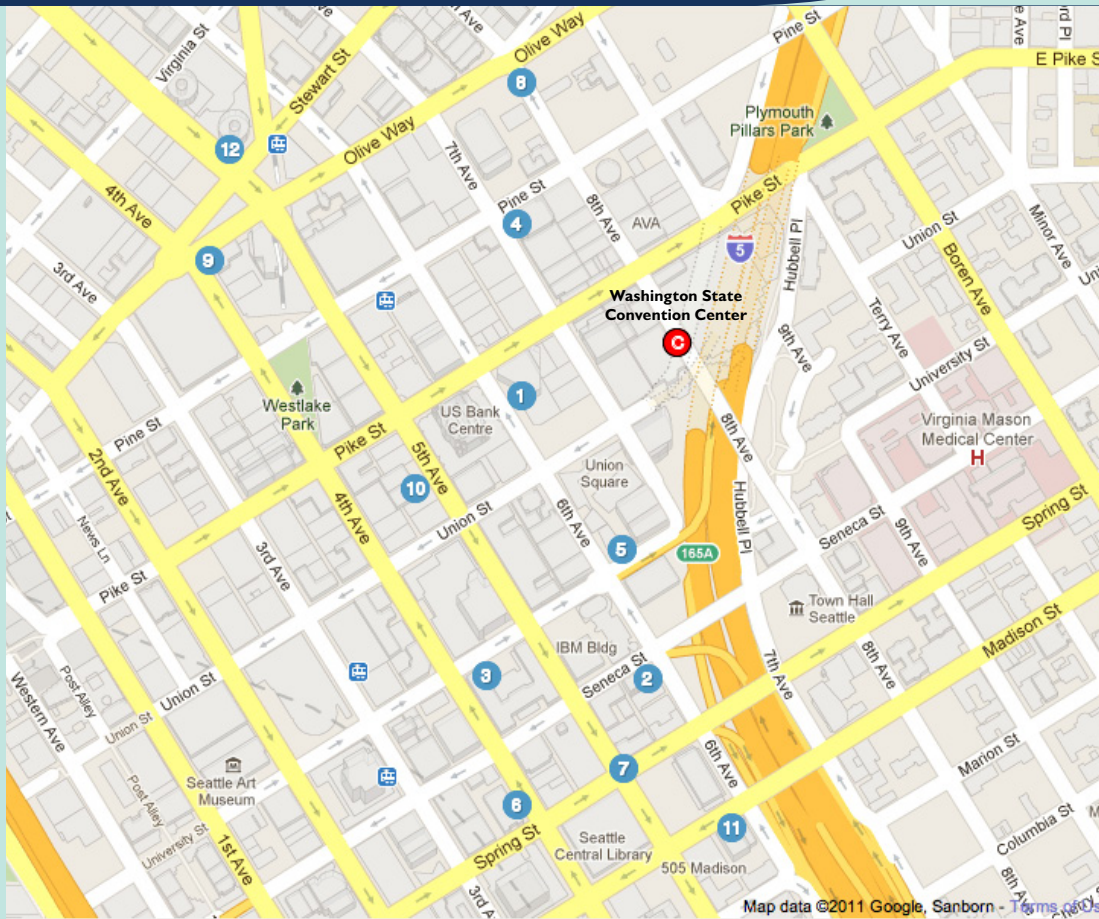
MLA rates apply at convention hotels from 5 January through 8 January 2012, based on availability. These special rates are available only to persons who register for the convention. All rates are exclusive of 15.6% tax and \$2 surcharge, per room, per night.

Important note about hotel room cancellations after 16 December

Deposits are refundable if notice of cancellation is received by Convention Management Resources (CMR) by 16 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.



	<i>Single/Double</i>	<i>Suite 1 or 2 Bedroom</i>	<i>Add'l Person</i>
1 Sheraton Seattle (Headquarters Hotel) 1400 6th Avenue 98101	\$139 s/d	\$199–\$499	\$20
2 Crowne Plaza Seattle 1113 6th Avenue 98101	\$130 s/d	\$179	\$20
3 Fairmont Olympic Hotel 411 University Street 98101	\$149 s/d	\$149	\$30
4 Grand Hyatt Seattle 721 Pine Street 98101	\$145 s/d	\$175–\$200	\$25
5 Seattle Hilton 1301 6th Avenue 98101	\$135 s/d	N/A	\$20
6 Hotel Monaco Seattle 1101 4th Avenue 98101	\$135 s/d	\$175	\$15
7 Hotel Vintage Park 1100 5th Avenue 98101	\$135 s/d	\$175	\$15
8 Hyatt at Olive 8 1635 8th Avenue 98101	\$139 s/d	\$239–\$378	\$25
9 Mayflower Park Hotel 405 Olive Way 98101	\$132 s/d	N/A	\$15
10 Red Lion Hotel on 5th Avenue 1415 5th Avenue 98101	\$130 s/d	N/A	\$20
11 Renaissance Seattle 515 Madison Street 98104	\$132 s/d	\$152	\$10
12 Westin Seattle 1900 5th Avenue 98101	\$139 s/d	N/A	\$30

REGISTRATION FORM | MLA Convention | 5–8 January 2012

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.–3 Oct.* Early Registration

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member | \$145 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student Member | \$45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emeritus Member | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member Residing outside the United States and Canada | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed Member or Member Employed Less Than Full-Time | \$50 |

4 Oct.–7 Dec.* Registration

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member | \$175 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student Member | \$45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emeritus Member | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member Residing outside the United States and Canada | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed Member or Member Employed Less Than Full-Time | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonmember | \$235 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student Nonmember | \$65 |

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member | \$205 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student Member | \$55 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emeritus Member | \$60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member Residing outside the United States and Canada | \$60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed Member or Member Employed Less Than Full-Time | \$60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonmember | \$265 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student Nonmember | \$75 |

*Registration runs until midnight on the last day indicated. Registration fees must be received before hotel reservations can be processed.

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.)




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 copies of the *Convention Daily*, 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@mla.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

Housing forms must be received by 16 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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Smoking (See hotel list) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonsmoking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | <input type="checkbox"/> P1 (parlor + bedroom) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double (1 bed, 2 persons) | <input type="checkbox"/> P2 (parlor + 2 bedrooms) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double/Double (2 beds, 2 to 4 persons) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> light signal system | <input type="checkbox"/> service dog accommodations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> wheelchair accommodations | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____

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 before you arrive.



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 16 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 16 December a penalty of one night's room and tax applies.

After 28 December: To cancel your room reservation or to change times, call the hotel directly. Between 16 and 28 December, hotel reservations and room deposits are being transferred to the hotels.

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

To change the occupants in your hotel room, please contact the MLA housing office (mlahousing@cmrus.com).

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