



# convention news & program update

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Modern Language Association of America

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## Rosemary Feal's Blog

Get an insider's view of the MLA convention: visit Rosemary Feal's blog, updated daily between 26 and 30 December, for the executive director's take on what's happening at the convention (<http://www.mla.org/rfsfblog>).



## Delegate Assembly Agenda

The proposals that appear below were received for consideration during this year's Delegate Assembly meeting. The first two proposals are motions; the third is a resolution. The assembly meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, 29 December, in Continental 6-9 of the Hilton San Francisco. Members may address the assembly on any of the issues on the assembly's agenda and may also participate in the assembly's open discussion of two topics: the role of the MLA as a scholarly association and contingent labor. Because the assembly meeting is open-ended, latecomers will have a chance to join in important discussions of association policies.

*Submitted by Margaret Hanzimanolis, Cathy Birkenstein-Graff, and Chris Bell on behalf of the Radical Caucus in English and Modern Languages:*

Whereas contingent workers constitute a growing proportion of the teaching staff in higher education in the United States,

Whereas contingent faculty are underrepresented in governance processes,

Whereas the wages and benefits of contingent faculty are significantly inferior to other faculty members' wages and benefits for comparable work,

Whereas the academic freedom of contingent faculty is severely circumscribed by the very nature of their employment status,

Whereas office allocations, scheduling, and other similar working conditions of contingent faculty are often inferior to those of other faculty,

Whereas the number of female contingent faculty is growing faster than men, and

Whereas these conditions perpetuate second-class status for more than half a million instructors, lecturers, part-time and adjunct faculty,

Be it moved that the Delegate Assembly requests that the Executive Council convene a committee to adopt guidelines regarding the employment of contingent faculty in the fields of literature, languages, and writing, and that these guidelines address governance, wages, research and scholarship support, benefits, academic freedom, working conditions, gender parity, and other employment issues deemed important by the committee, and that the committee align these recommendations with other professional organizations' fair labor standards, and that part of the committee's role will be to help collect, evaluate, and distribute data on contingent labor to relevant institutions and organizations. Terms of service, roles, and responsibilities of this proposed committee shall be determined by the Executive Council. Membership in this committee shall be by Executive Council appointment, upon nomination by any member of the MLA in good standing.

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*Submitted by Michael Bennett on behalf of the Radical Caucus in English and Modern Languages:*

Whereas several of our sister academic organizations in the humanities and social sciences (including the American Anthropological Association and the American Historical Association) have condemned the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq as inimical to the educational and humanistic values we have in common, and

Whereas the responsible actions of these 501(c)(3) organizations show the MLA to be unusual in its avoidance of such "political" motions and resolutions,

Be it moved that the MLA supports the AAA and AHA resolutions condemning the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq, and

Be it further moved that the MLA disseminate these resolutions and encourage its members to support them.

*Submitted by Richard Ohmann on behalf of the Radical Caucus in English and Modern Languages:*

Whereas Palestinian literature and culture are legitimate subjects of study,

Whereas the occupation of Palestine has been a critical condition in shaping modern Arabic literature generally,

Whereas those teaching and writing about the occupation and about Middle East culture have regularly come under fire from Zionist groups and others, on evidently political grounds, and

Whereas education at all levels in the occupied territories is being stifled by the occupation,

Resolved that the MLA endorses teaching and scholarship about Palestinian culture, supports members who come under attack for pursuing such work, and expresses solidarity with Palestinian scholars of culture.

In addition to these new proposals from the membership, the 2008 Delegate Assembly will consider regular staff and committee reports on association activities.

So that association members may engage fully with the issues to be discussed at the Delegate Assembly meeting, the necessary documents will be made available at the beginning of the meeting.

## Convention Hotels

Most English sessions and exhibits: Hilton San Francisco

Most foreign language sessions: San Francisco Marriott

Job Information Center and child care: Fairmont San Francisco

## Important Reminder about Identification

You may need to have a government-issued photo ID when you check into your hotel. After 10:00 p.m. security personnel may ask to see a hotel room key or may ask that you be accompanied by a hotel guest with a room key.

## General Convention Information

### American Council of Learned Societies

The American Council of Learned Societies offers fellowships in more than a dozen programs for humanities research at the doctoral and postdoctoral levels. With over \$9 million in annual fellowship stipends awarded in 2008, the ACLS is one of the largest supporters of scholars in the humanities. Staff members will provide information on fellowship programs on Sunday, 28 December, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Union Square 4, Hilton San Francisco. The presentation will highlight the Early Career Fellowships—including the Dissertation Completion and Recent Doctoral Recipient Fellowships—and the new Collaborative Research Fellowships, which offer support for teams of two or more researchers to work collaboratively. Staff members will also be available for information and individual consultation on Sunday, 28 December, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Union Square 4, Hilton San Francisco.

### Appointments

Members who wish to make appointments with Executive Director Rosemary G. Feal or Director of Research and ADE David Laurence may do so through the MLA headquarters office in the Hilton San Francisco (Union Square 25, 4th floor, Building 3). Appointments with Director of Programs and ADFL Nelly Furman may be made through the MLA headquarters office in the San Francisco Marriott (Pacific Suite G, 4th floor).

### Audiotaping and Videotaping at Sessions

Neither audiotaping nor videotaping of sessions is normally permitted. Occasional exceptions may be made for members of the media taping short segments designed to convey the convention atmosphere. Such arrangements must be made through the press office and require the consent of all speakers at a session. When taping is approved, a representative of the media staff will accompany the reporter and crew. The session organizer will announce to the audience that audiotaping or videotaping will take place during a part of the session. Only background taping is allowed, not the taping of an entire session. Requests to film the convention as part of a creative or documentary project must be submitted to the Executive Council no later than 15 October.

### Badges

Plastic badge holders are available at the MLA registration and information centers in the Hilton San Francisco, San Francisco Marriott, and the Fairmont San Francisco. Lost badges can be replaced for \$5 at MLA registration centers.

We will be recycling convention badges and badge holders at the MLA information desks. Please drop off your badges and holders at the end of the convention if you do not wish to keep them.

### Business Centers

#### Hilton San Francisco

FedEx Kinko's, Lobby level, Building 2

Hours: 6:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Sat.–Sun.

## San Francisco Marriott

Business Center, Golden Gate Hall, B2 level  
Hours: 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.,  
Sat.–Sun.

## Fairmont San Francisco

Business Center, Terrace level  
Hours: 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Mon.–Sat.; closed Sun.

*Hours are subject to change.*

## Child Care

A daytime child care center will operate in the Fairmont San Francisco (Mezzanine level) on Sunday and Monday, 28 and 29 December, from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, 30 December, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Parents and guardians must have preregistered their children by 5 December. A very limited number of on-site registrations may be available, depending on space restrictions, insurance considerations, and staffing capabilities. Those interested in arranging for child care in their hotel rooms should refer to information materials at their hotel.

## Convention Registration and Housing

All persons wishing to attend meetings or use convention services must register for the convention. Registration areas are located in the Hilton San Francisco (East Lounge, Ballroom level), the San Francisco Marriott (north and south registration areas, lower B2 level), and the Fairmont San Francisco (Garden Room, Lobby level).

Hours: 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m., 27 December  
8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., 28 and 29 December  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 30 December

*Hotel Reservations.* Members are reminded that hotel rooms at the special MLA rates are available only to persons who are registered for the convention. Each convention registrant can reserve a maximum of 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 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 who arrive in San Francisco without hotel arrangements may go to the registration and information desk at the Hilton San Francisco (East Lounge, Ballroom level). A representative of the MLA housing service, CMR, will be there to help such attendees find housing and to assist attendees with any hotel issues they may have.

*Registration Fees.* Registration fees after 1 December are as follows: regular members, \$150; graduate student members, \$40; emeritus members, \$40; nonmembers, \$190; graduate student nonmembers, \$65; emeritus nonmembers, \$65; non-tenure-track and unemployed members, \$50; regular members residing outside the United States and Canada, \$50.

*Registration Refunds.* Requests for refunds of registration fees must be made in writing, accompanied by unused convention badges, and postmarked no later than 26 December. Refunds requested after 26 December will not be granted unless there were extenuating circumstances that made it impossible for the registrant to attend the

convention. A \$10 service fee will be deducted from all refunds. Any disputes regarding convention fees should be put in writing and sent to the director of convention programs at the MLA office.

## Disabilities, Facilities and Services for Persons with

The MLA is committed to making arrangements that allow all members of the association to participate in the convention.

*Hotels.* Meeting rooms in the headquarters hotels are accessible by elevator, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. There will be desks in the convention registration and information centers at the Hilton San Francisco (East Lounge, Ballroom level), the San Francisco Marriott (north and south registration areas, lower B2 level), and the Fairmont San Francisco (Garden Room, Lobby level), staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees with disabilities. There will also be satellite desks in the lobbies of the Hilton San Francisco, the San Francisco Marriott, and the Fairmont San Francisco.

*Shuttle Bus.* A complimentary transportation service will be available throughout convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities. Arrangements should be made at the desk for persons with disabilities in the Hilton San Francisco (East Lounge, Ballroom level), the San Francisco Marriott (north and south registration areas, lower B2 level), and the Fairmont San Francisco (Garden Room, Lobby level), as well as the satellite desks located in the lobbies of the Hilton San Francisco, the San Francisco Marriott, and the Fairmont San Francisco. Further details and phone numbers will be posted at the headquarters hotels.

*Sessions.* Speakers are asked to bring five copies of their papers, even in draft form, for the use of members who wish to follow the written text. Speakers who use handouts should prepare some copies in a large print format (14- to 16-point font size). Speakers should indicate whether they want their papers and handouts returned. Sign language interpreters and real-time captioning are available on request. To arrange for either of these services, write or call Karin Bagnall in the MLA convention office by 14 November.

*Scooter Rentals.* Scooters, for navigating the convention more easily, can be rented from Scootaround (888 441-7575).

Karin Bagnall coordinates arrangements for persons with disabilities; she can be reached at the MLA convention office at kbagnall@mla.org; the TDD number is 646 576-5148.

## E-Mail

Terminals are set up in the exhibit area (Grand Ballroom, Grand Ballroom level, Building 2, Hilton San Francisco) so that attendees can access their e-mail during exhibit hours. This service is provided by the MLA at no charge to convention attendees.

## Exhibits

Over 130 firms will display books and other materials of interest to teachers of language and literature in the Hilton San Francisco (Grand Ballroom, Grand Ballroom level, Building 2). The area will be open on 28 and 29 December from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on 30 December from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Admission to the exhibit area is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying

appropriate passes. To view a list of the 2008 exhibitors, visit [www.mla.org/exhibitorslist](http://www.mla.org/exhibitorslist). The editor of the *MLA International Bibliography* will be in the MLA exhibit booth on 28 and 29 December from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. MLA staff members will be available in the MLA exhibit booth to demonstrate the features of the MLA Web site and to answer questions.

## 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.

## Friends of Bill W.

In the Hilton San Francisco, Union Square 13 (4th floor, Building 3) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours. Meetings are scheduled for Saturday, 27 December, at 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, 28 December, at 11:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Monday, 29 December, at 11:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, 30 December, at 9:30 a.m.

## Future Conventions

In 2009 the convention will be held in Philadelphia. The dates of the convention are 27–30 December. There will be no convention in December 2010. In 2011 the convention will be held in Los Angeles from 6 to 9 January. In 2012 the convention will be held in New Orleans from 5 to 8 January.

## Graduate Student Lounge

*Hilton San Francisco* (Executive Boardroom, Ballroom level)

## Illness and Medical Emergencies

Procedures may vary from one hotel to another.

*Hilton San Francisco*. Dial 444 for security from any house phone or call 800 362-8677 and describe the situation.

*San Francisco Marriott*. Dial 0 and describe the situation.

*Fairmont San Francisco*. Dial 0 from any house phone and describe the situation.

*Please note:* whether you are seeking medical advice or have a medical emergency, the hotel will direct you to the closest hospital emergency ward.

## Information Centers

*Hilton San Francisco* (East Lounge, Ballroom level)

*San Francisco Marriott* (north and south registration areas, lower B2 level)

*Fairmont San Francisco* (Garden Room, Lobby level)

Hours: 12:00 noon–9:00 p.m., 27 December  
8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., 28 and 29 December  
8:00 a.m.–12 noon, 30 December

## Job Information Center

*Fairmont San Francisco* (Terrace, Terrace level)

Hours: 12:00 noon–8:00 p.m., 27 December  
8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., 28 December  
9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., 29 December  
9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, 30 December

## Lost and Found

Members wishing to report personal items either lost or found should call extension 6200 for security at the Hilton San Francisco, 0 at the San Francisco Marriott, and 0 at the Fairmont San Francisco.

## Lounges

*Hilton San Francisco* (Yosemite Foyer, Ballroom level)

*San Francisco Marriott* (Atrium Lobby)

*Graduate Student Lounge–Hilton San Francisco* (Executive Boardroom, Ballroom level)

*Preinterview Lounge–Fairmont San Francisco* (Vanderbilt, Terrace Level)

## Mail and Messages

Although the hotels will make every effort to deliver mail and messages received during the convention, the MLA can assume no responsibility for failure in delivery. A message service in the Fairmont San Francisco (Terrace, Terrace level) is provided in conjunction with the Job Information Center to facilitate exchange of messages between job candidates and interviewers. For other kinds of messages, determine the recipient's hotel by referring to the "Who's Where" listing (see "Who's Where" section) posted near the members' lounge in each hotel, then leave messages with the desk clerk at the appropriate hotel. Bulletin boards where convention attendees may post messages for their colleagues will also be provided in the lounges.

## Membership in the MLA

For the convenience of those who would like to join the MLA, as well as for continuing members who would like to pay their 2009 dues, membership desks will be located in the registration centers. Although new memberships are for the 2009 calendar year, individuals who join the association while registering for the convention are entitled to register at members' rates.

## MLA Bibliography Fellows

We are pleased to announce that six *MLA Bibliography* Fellowship recipients have completed their three years of service, 2005–08, and will be recognized during the Presidential Address at the 2008 convention.

Rebecca Day Babcock, assistant professor, University of Texas, Permian Basin

Mark Groundland, assistant professor, Tennessee Technological University

Lila M. Harper, senior lecturer, Central Washington University

Lanae Isaacson, editor, Norwegian Writers 1500 to 1900, *Diction-ary of Literary Biography*

Pearlie Mae Peters, professor, Rider University

Sue Waterman, librarian, Johns Hopkins University

## National Endowment for the Arts

David Kipen, Director of National Reading Initiatives for the National Endowment for the Arts, will examine findings and implications of the November 2007 report *To Read or Not to Read: A Question of National Consequence* on voluntary reading habits (see [www.nea.gov](http://www.nea.gov) for the full report and executive summary) and will discuss *The Big Read*, an initiative the NEA has developed to combat the national trends in reading, on 28 December from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. in Imperial B of the Hilton San Francisco. The report has fueled substantive dialogues and debates in national media and among policymakers, educators, and librarians.

This report is a new and comprehensive analysis of reading patterns of children, teenagers, and adults in the United States. *To Read or Not to Read* assembles data on reading trends from more than forty sources, including federal agencies, universities, foundations, and associations; expands the investigation of the NEA's landmark 2004 report, *Reading at Risk*; and reveals recent declines in voluntary reading and test scores alike, exposing trends that have severe consequences for American society. There will be discussion about the quality and extent of leisure reading, the relation between reading often and reading well, and a variety of academic, social, civic, and economic outcomes.

## National Endowment for the Humanities

Jason C. Rhody, senior program officer at the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), will highlight recent awards and outline current funding opportunities during "Getting Funded in the Humanities: An NEH Workshop," on Friday, 28 December, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Yosemite B, Hilton San Francisco. In addition to emphasizing grant programs that support individual and collaborative research and education, this workshop will include information on new developments such as the NEH's Digital Humanities Initiative. A general question-and-answer period with the audience will follow.

## Parking

Current rates at the downtown hotels vary from approximately \$25 to \$52 per day with in-and-out privileges. Parking in garages near the hotels ranges from approximately \$25 to \$40 per day.

## Passes

A convention speaker may obtain a pass for a family member or friend who has no professional interest in language or literature to hear a paper given by that speaker. These passes are available to speakers at the MLA information centers.

All MLA members and members of the profession that the MLA serves are required to register in order to participate in or attend meetings. Please note that if you need a pass for an evening session, you must obtain it before the information centers close.

MLA convention registrants may obtain free passes to the exhibit hall for guests they accompany in the hall. Persons who are not registered for the convention and who are not accompanied by registrants may purchase a one-day pass to the exhibit hall for \$10. These passes are available at the Exhibit Registration booth, Hilton San Francisco (Grand Ballroom level, Building 2).

## Press Office

The press office responds to questions and provides information to reporters from the national press who are covering higher education. The office is located in the Hilton San Francisco (Union Square 5–6, 4th floor).

## Restaurant Reservations and Information

For information about San Francisco restaurants or to make reservations, visit [www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com/groups/mla.asp](http://www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com/groups/mla.asp).

## San Francisco Information

Pamphlets will be available at the MLA information centers in the Hilton San Francisco (East lounge, Ballroom level) and the San Francisco Marriott (north and south registration counters, lower B2 level). To obtain information beforehand, visit this San Francisco information Web site ([www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com/groups/mla.asp](http://www.onlyinsanfrancisco.com/groups/mla.asp)).

## Shuttle Bus Service

A free shuttle service will operate between the Hilton San Francisco, the San Francisco Marriott, and the Fairmont San Francisco throughout convention hours.

## Smoking

In San Francisco it is illegal to smoke tobacco products in any public gathering space, including parks, restaurants and bars, stores, and office buildings.

## Speaker Ready Rooms

Space in the Hilton San Francisco (Union Square 21, 4th floor, Building 3) and the San Francisco Marriott (Pacific Suite D, 4th floor) has been reserved to allow speakers to run through their audiovisual presentations before their sessions. Those who have computer presentations should have completed a Presenter's Computer Information form to arrange for a pretest appointment. If you have not done so, please contact Karin Bagnall ([kbagnall@mla.org](mailto:kbagnall@mla.org)).

## Telephones

With the increased use of cell phones, there are a limited number of public phones available in the hotels. Calls may not be made from telephones in meeting rooms, and the use of telephones in any convention office is limited to members of the MLA staff.

## Transportation to and in San Francisco

MLA convention hotels are located in the downtown area.

San Francisco is served by San Francisco International Airport ([www.flysfo.com](http://www.flysfo.com)) and Oakland International Airport ([www.oaklandairport.com](http://www.oaklandairport.com)).

**San Francisco (SFO):** Cab fares from SFO to the various hotels range from \$30 to \$44. Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) trains between SFO and downtown cost \$5.15 and take approximately half an hour to the downtown area. For more information, visit [www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov). Super Shuttle offers van service from SFO to downtown San Francisco. For additional information or to make a reservation,

go to [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com) or call 800 258-3826. There are also nearly a dozen other van services that operate from SFO to downtown San Francisco.

**Oakland:** Taxi service from Oakland International Airport to downtown San Francisco costs approximately \$55. Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) trains between the airport and downtown San Francisco take approximately thirty minutes and cost \$5.30. For additional information, go to [www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov). Super Shuttle offers van service from Oakland International to the downtown San Francisco area. Tickets cost approximately \$25 to \$35. For additional information or to make a reservation, go to [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com) or call 800 258-3826.

## “Who’s Where” Directory

The “Who’s Where” directory will be posted in the members’ lounges in the Hilton San Francisco and the San Francisco Marriott and near the Job Information Center in the Fairmont San Francisco. The directory will include the names and convention addresses of persons who make hotel reservations through the housing bureau or send their local addresses to the MLA office before 10 December. Only the names of hotels listed on the convention housing form or local addresses are listed. Members are advised to check their own “Who’s Where” listings for accuracy and to make any necessary revisions. The information used to compile the list comes from the housing service, not from the MLA.

## 2009 Convention Program

Forms for special-session proposals for the 2009 convention in Philadelphia will be available at the MLA Web site. The procedures for organizing a meeting for the MLA convention appear in the September 2008 (Directory) issue of *PMLA*, and the calendar of deadlines for 2009 appears in the Winter 2008 issue of the *MLA Newsletter* and on the MLA Web site ([www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)). Offprints of the procedures, the calendar, and special session FAQs are available at the information centers and the headquarters offices.

Those who wish to have calls for papers for special sessions or for division, discussion group, or allied and affiliate organization meetings published in the Spring 2009 *MLA Newsletter* are reminded that the deadline is 5 January 2009. Calls for papers must be submitted electronically on the MLA Web site.

The 2009 MLA Annual Convention will be held 27–30 December in Philadelphia.

## Other Announcements

In celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of WritersCorps, the award-winning creative writing program that has reached 15,000 urban youth, the San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery will present a multimedia exhibition from 7 November to 24 January. Filmmaker Katharine Gin and sound artist Kjell Nordeson lead this comprehensive installation along with eleven young writers who developed their poetic voices in the WritersCorps program. For further information, please see [www.sfartscommission.org/WC/](http://www.sfartscommission.org/WC/).

## 2008 Program Update

The following list includes changes in meeting times and locations, speakers (and their paper titles and affiliations) who joined

the MLA or who agreed to speak at a session after the 7 April deadline for inclusion in the Program, special notices, copy that was omitted from the Program, and other corrections. The list does not announce speaker cancellations. Changes in times and locations of meetings must be approved by the headquarters staff members in the Hilton San Francisco (Union Square 25, 4th floor, Building 3) or the San Francisco Marriott (Pacific Suite G, 4th floor).

## Saturday, 27 December 3:30 p.m.

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### 39. Viewing Women, Women Viewing: From Theory to Practice

3:30–4:45 p.m., *Yerba Buena Salon 10, Marriott*

*Presiding:* Carmen Urioste-Azcorra, Arizona State Univ.

## Saturday, 27 December 5:15 p.m.

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### 81. Spanish in the United States

5:15–6:30 p.m., *Foothill F, Marriott*

2. “Telling the Linguistic from the Extralinguistic in Written Documents: The Case of Traditional New Mexican Spanish,” Israel Sanz Sanchez, Univ. of California, Berkeley

“La cultura y la imagen hispanas en la publicidad en español en los Estados Unidos,” Hilda Velasquez-Garza, Wake Forest Univ.

## Saturday, 27 December 7:00 p.m.

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### 99. Public Intellectuals and South Asian Literature

7:00–8:15 p.m., *Pacific Suite F, Marriott*

*Presiding:* Moumin Quazi, Tarleton State Univ.

## Saturday, 27 December 8:45 p.m.

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### 147. San Francisco’s Imaginary Topography in the Archives of Helen Adam, George Oppen, and James Broughton

8:45–10:00 p.m., *Union Square 4, Hilton*

*Presiding:* Kevin Killian, California Coll. of the Arts

### 158. *The Iron Heel* at One Hundred

8:45–10:00 p.m., *Continental 7, Hilton*

*Respondent:* Jonathan Auerbach, Univ. of Maryland, College Park

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## Sunday, 28 December

### 8:30 a.m.

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#### 193. Contemporary Poetry: Reassessments and Reevaluations

8:30–9:45 a.m., *Franciscan C, Hilton*

I. "Alternative Interrogations: On Poetry's Politicality, with Reference to Bhanu Kapil," Harvey L. Hix, Univ. of Wyoming

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## Sunday, 28 December

### 10:15 a.m.

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#### American Council of Learned Societies: Fellowship Opportunities

10:15–11:30 a.m., *Union Square 4, Hilton*

Program arranged by the Office of the Executive Director

Speaker: Nicole Stahlmann, American Council of Learned Societies

#### 217. The Space and Borders of Hebrew Literature and Film

10:15–11:30 a.m., *Yerba Buena Salon 11, Marriott*

Program arranged by the Office of the Executive Director

Speaker: Eran Tzelgov, New York Univ.

#### 231. Margaret Fuller and Class

10:15–11:30 a.m., *Union Square 15, Hilton*

Presiding: Margaret McGavran Murray, Mississippi State Univ.

"Fuller Reports on Britain: Modernity, Geography, and Print Culture," Brigitte G. Bailey, Univ. of New Hampshire, Durham

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## Sunday, 28 December

### 1:45 p.m.

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#### 289. Grace Paley Writing the World: Literature and Legacy

1:45–3:30 p.m., *Continental 1–2, Hilton*

Additional speaker: Yvette T. Christiansë, Fordham Univ., Bronx

#### 300. A Discussion of the MLA's Academic Cultures: Professional Preparation and the Teaching Life

1:45–3:00 p.m., *Sutter, Hilton*

Additional speaker: Mark C. Long, Keene State Coll.

#### 322. Whose Dictionary Is It Anyway?

1:45–3:00 p.m., *Golden Gate 5, Hilton*

Presiding: Felicia Jean Steele, Coll. of New Jersey

The session presentations have been canceled. The Discussion Group on Lexicography will be having an open forum to discuss the role of academic lexicographers and critics as dictionary publishing continues to change. Elections will take place during the meeting.

#### 324. New Pluralisms in Scandinavia

1:45–3:00 p.m., *Nob Hill A, Marriott*

3. "Norm-Breaking Love: Lesbianism and Diversity in Contemporary Swedish Fiction," Jenny Björklund, Växjö Univ.

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## Sunday, 28 December

### 3:30 p.m.

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#### Getting Funded in the Humanities: An NEH Workshop

3:30–5:30 p.m., *Yosemite B, Hilton*

Speaker: Jason C. Rhody, National Endowment for the Humanities

#### 367. The Economics of Literature and the Literature of Economics in the Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Hispanic World

3:30–4:45 p.m., *Pacific Suite E, Marriott*

I. "Invertir para subvertir: Ambigüedad, ruptura y crisis de representabilidad en *Su único hijo* de Leopoldo Alas," Oscar Useche, Columbia Univ.

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## Sunday, 28 December

### 5:15 p.m.

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#### 372. Cash Bar Arranged by the University of Notre Dame English Department

5:15–6:30 p.m., *Golden Gate 7, Hilton*

This event has been canceled.

#### Cash Bar Arranged by the Department of French and Italian at Princeton University

5:15–6:30 p.m., *Yerba Buena Salon 14, Marriott*

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## Monday, 29 December 8:30 a.m.

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### 433. WWWD? What Would Wharton Do? Edith Wharton and Politics

8:30–9:45 a.m., Golden Gate 3, Hilton

I. “The Original Compassionate Conservative: Edith Wharton’s Boots on the Ground,” Margaret P. Murray, Western Connecticut State Univ.

### 437. YouTube and the Canon

8:30–9:45 a.m., Continental 1–2, Hilton

“Bytes, Blogs, and Bildungsroman: *YouTube* and the Coming-of-Age Novel,” Florence Dee Boodakian, Nassau Community Coll., State Univ. of New York

### 448. New Directions in Modernist Studies

8:30–9:45 a.m., Union Square 22, Hilton

Additional speaker: Cristanne Miller, Univ. at Buffalo, State Univ. of New York

### 449. Teaching Our Research

8:30–9:45 a.m., Franciscan A, Hilton

I. “Teaching Culture,” Alan Nadel, Univ. of Kentucky

“Teaching, Hopefully,” Christopher D. Castiglia, Penn State Univ., University Park

### 453. A Roundtable on the MLA Report “Foreign Languages and Higher Education: New Structures for a Changed World”

8:30–9:45 a.m., Pacific Suite A, Marriott

Additional speaker: Claire J. Kramsch, Univ. of California, Berkeley

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## Monday, 29 December 12:00 noon

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### 527. Genders of Travel

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Mason A, Hilton

“‘On the Road’: The Travel Writings of Three Indian Women,” Anupama Arora, Earlham Coll.

### 545. The Theory and Practice of Small Words around 1800

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Yerba Buena Salon 10, Marriott

2. “Almost: Nuance in Hegel and Adorno,” Ulrich Plass, Wesleyan Univ.

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## Monday, 29 December 1:45 p.m.

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### 563. Beyond Analogy: Intersections of American Indian and Queer Studies

1:45–3:00 p.m., Golden Gate 8, Hilton

3. “Twin Spirit: Queer Reclamation or Validation?” James Thomas Stevens, State Univ. of New York, Fredonia

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## Monday, 29 December 5:00 p.m.

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### Cash Bar Arranged by the Women’s Caucus for the Modern Languages, Women in German, and Feministas Unidas

5:00–6:30 p.m., Michelangelo Room, Parc 55, 55 Cyril Magnin St.

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## Monday, 29 December 5:15 p.m.

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### Cash Bar Arranged by the Department of English, Penn State University

5:15–6:30 p.m., Union Square 23–24, Hilton

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## Monday, 29 December 7:15 p.m.

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### 692. Electronic Roundtable: A Demonstration of Digital Poetry Archives

7:15–8:30 p.m., Continental 1–2, Hilton

7. “The Electronic Poetry Center (<http://home.jps.net/~nada/glazier.htm>),” Lori A. Emerson, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder; Ewa Nowak, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder

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## Monday, 29 December 9:00 p.m.

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### 724. E-Criticism: New Critical Methods and Modalities

9:00–10:15 p.m., Continental 1–2, Hilton

Additional URLs noted below.

1. “Civil War Washington: Studies in Transformation (<http://cdrh.unl.edu/civilwardc>),” Stacey Berry, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln; Elizabeth Lorang, Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln

2. “northText v 1.0 (<http://johnbcarpenter.com/MLA>),” John Carpenter, Univ. of California, Los Angeles; James Pulizzi, Univ. of California, Los Angeles; Jeremy A. Schmidt, Univ. of California, Los Angeles

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3. "Literary Macroanalysis: Methods and Practice," Matthew Jockers, Stanford Univ.

4. "Is There a Kindle in This Class? How Convergence Devices May Change Our Understanding of Reading and Our Practices of Teaching (<http://higherkindle.blogspot.com>)," Kathleen Margaret Lant, California State Univ., East Bay

5. "Changing the Face of the Scholarly Essay: Collex (<http://nines.org/exhibits>)," Laura C. Mandell, Miami Univ., Oxford

6. "When Authors Won't Die: Reasserting Authorial Interpretation through Online Forums ([http://web.me.com/thesophie/Site/2008\\_MLA\\_CONVENTION.html](http://web.me.com/thesophie/Site/2008_MLA_CONVENTION.html))," Jessica R. Matthews, George Mason Univ.

7. "Visualizing the 'Advice to the Ladies of London': A Digital Humanities Approach to Early Modern Gender (<http://uweb.ucsb.edu/~jcmurphy/advice/index.html>)," Jessica C. Murphy, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara

8. "From E-Crit to Critical Media: Literary Criticism Meets Physical Computing," Marcel O'Gorman, Univ. of Waterloo

### **786. The Challenges of Inter- and Multidisciplinarity**

*New date, time, and location:*

**9:00–10:15 p.m., Union Square 14, Hilton**

"Seeing the Invisible Man (and Woman) through Interdisciplinary Methods," Katie Mills, Occidental Coll.

## **Tuesday, 30 December**

**8:30 a.m.**

### **738. Globalization and Culture in South Asia**

**8:30–9:45 a.m., Yerba Buena Salon 15, Marriott**

"Outsourcing Strife: Global English between Literature and Customer Service," J. Paul Narkunas, John Jay Coll., City Univ. of New York