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The *MLA Convention News and Program Update* is published three times during the convention and is available free at the information centers and the headquarters offices. Two more issues will appear, on Friday, 28 December, and Saturday, 29 December.

## Delegate Assembly Agenda

The proposals that appear below were received for consideration during this year's Delegate Assembly meeting. The first three proposals are resolutions; the last is a motion. The assembly meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, 29 December, in Grand Ballroom E and F of the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Members may address the assembly on any of the issues on the assembly's agenda. Because the assembly meeting is open-ended, latecomers will have a chance to join in important discussions of association policies.

*Submitted by Margaret Hanzimanolis on behalf of the Radical Caucus in English and Modern Languages:*

Whereas the 2007 AAUP "Freedom in the Classroom" report identifies dire challenges to academic freedom, and

Whereas contingent faculty are most vulnerable to non-reappointment from exercising their academic freedom, and

Whereas reliance on contingent faculty has grown significantly, such that up to 78% of in state college system faculty are part-time,

Be it resolved that the MLA publicly support state legislation aimed at ensuring fair pay for contingent faculty and establishing a higher proportion of full-time faculty, as developed, in part, by the AFT-led campaign for Faculty and College Excellence (FACE).

*Submitted by Grover Furr on behalf of the Radical Caucus in English and Modern Languages:*

Whereas some organizations and individuals have urged that faculty, writers and speakers who criticize Zionism and Israeli policies be denied tenure, disinvented to speak, speak only when "balanced" by a pro-Zionist speaker, or be fraudulently called "anti-Semitic"; and

Whereas this constitutes a serious danger to academic study and discussion in the USA today,

Resolved that the MLA defend the Academic Freedom and the Freedom of Speech of faculty and invited speakers to criticize Zionism and Israel.

*Submitted by Kamala Platt on behalf of the Radical Caucus in English and Modern Languages:*

Whereas, upon criticism of Professor Ward Churchill for his remarks concerning the 9/11 attacks, the University of Colorado initiated proceedings against him, and investigations of his scholarly work, and removed him from his directorship of the Ethnic Studies Dept. and subsequently from his tenured teaching position, and

Whereas such acts of retribution threaten free expression in the university setting, particularly against those in historically marginalized disciplines,

Be it resolved that the Modern Language Association condemns this action of the President and Regents of the University of Colorado.

*Submitted by Laraine Fergenson, Barbara Foley, Keith Gilyard, and Susan O'Malley:*

Whereas the MLA Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Tolerance delivered its final report in September 2004; and

Whereas “the [executive] council thanked the members of the committee for their report and congratulated them on the seriousness and thoroughness of their report and recommendations”; and

Whereas when the report was published in *Profession 2005*, the recommendations section was not included; and

Whereas the four members of the former Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Tolerance sent a letter protesting the exclusion of the recommendations section on the grounds that the committee was charged with making recommendations and that they should be seen by the membership of the MLA; and

Whereas the committee was informed that this letter, which contained the committee’s recommendations, would not be published; and

Whereas the refusal to publish a letter signed by all the members of the committee constitutes an impediment to the free exchange of ideas to which the MLA is committed in principle; and

Whereas MLA members have a right to read a letter addressed to them by the members of a committee, and the committee members have a right to communicate with MLA members through the *MLA Newsletter*;

Whereas the final report, including its appendices, contains ideas that the committee thinks would be valuable for MLA members to have and that permission to publish the results of San Francisco State’s “Task Force on Inter-group Relations” was obtained in order to make some excellent ideas available to MLA members;

Therefore, be it moved that future committee reports should not be edited (except for minor matters of style) without consultation with the members of the committee; and

Be it further moved that the letter dated March 8, 2006 sent by the members of the Committee on Diversity and Tolerance be published as soon as possible in the *MLA Newsletter*; and

Be it further moved that the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Tolerance, in its entirety, along with its appendices, be posted to the MLA Web site and that final reports of MLA committees generally be posted to the MLA Web site in order to make the work and conclusions of committees accessible to MLA members, such reports being edited or abridged if necessary in consultation with committee members.

In addition to these new proposals from the membership, the 2007 Delegate Assembly will consider reports from the Commit-

tee on Amendments to the Constitution and the Ad Hoc Committee on the Structure of the Annual Convention as well as 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: Hyatt Regency

Most foreign language sessions: Sheraton Chicago

Job Information Center and child care: Fairmont

## Important Reminder about Identification

You may need to have a government-issued photo ID when you check into the 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

### Ad Hoc Committee on the Structure of the Annual Convention

The MLA Ad Hoc Committee on the Structure of the Annual Convention will hold an open hearing on 29 December at 10:15 a.m. in the Hyatt Regency (Columbus Hall G, Gold level, East Tower). Representatives of the committee will discuss the proposals for changes to the annual convention. The committee’s proposals aim to better match the structures of the MLA convention with the interests of the diverse membership by whom and for whom the convention was created.

### 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 the entire session. Requests to film the convention as part of a creative or documentary project had to 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 Hyatt Regency, the Sheraton Chicago, and the Fairmont Chicago. Lost badges can be replaced for \$5 at MLA registration centers.

## Business Centers

### Hyatt Regency

Business Center, Bronze level, East Tower

Hours: 6:15 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sat.; 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Sun.

### Sheraton Chicago

Business Center, lobby level

Hours: 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sat.; 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sun.

### Fairmont

Business Center, BI level

Hours: 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Mon.–Fri.; 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sat.; 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sun.

*Hours are subject to change.*

## Chicago Information

Pamphlets will be available at the MLA information center in the Hyatt Regency (Gold level, East Tower). To obtain information beforehand, visit the Chicago information Web site ([www.meetinchicago.com/welcome\\_mla.html](http://www.meetinchicago.com/welcome_mla.html)).

## Child Care

A daytime child care center will operate in the Fairmont (level 3). Children must have been preregistered by 5 December.

Hours: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., 28 and 29 December; 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., 30 December

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.

Hyatt Regency (Gold level, East Tower)

Sheraton Chicago (Lobby level)

Fairmont (International Ballroom Lobby, level 2)

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.–1:00 p.m., 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 Chicago without hotel arrangements may go to the registration and information desk at the Hyatt Regency (Gold level, East Tower). 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.

*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. A \$10 service fee is 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 convention 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 Hyatt Regency (Gold level, East Tower), the Sheraton Chicago (Lobby level), and the Fairmont (International Ballroom Lobby, level 2), staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees with disabilities. There will also be satellite desks in the lobbies of the Hyatt Regency and the Fairmont.

*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 Hyatt Regency (Gold level, East Tower), the Sheraton Chicago (Lobby level), and the Fairmont (International Ballroom Lobby, level 2) as well as the satellite desks located in the lobbies of the Hyatt Regency and the Fairmont. 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.

*Scooter Rentals.* Scooters, for navigating the convention more easily, can be rented from Scootaround.

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

## E-Mail

Terminals are set up in the exhibit area (Riverside Center, Purple level, Hyatt Regency) 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

Riverside Center, Purple level, Hyatt Regency

Hours: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., 28 and 29 December; 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., 30 December

Over 130 firms will display books and other materials of interest to teachers of language and literature. Admission to the exhibit area is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying appropriate passes. 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.

## Friends of Bill W.

In the Hyatt Regency, Skyway Suite 279 (Blue level, East Tower) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours. Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, 27 December, at 6:30 p.m.; Friday, 28 December, at 11:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, 29 December, at 11:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 30 December, at 9:30 a.m.

## Future Convention

In 2008 the convention will be held in San Francisco. The dates of the convention are 27–30 December.

## Graduate Student Lounge

Hyatt Regency (Skyway Suite 261, Blue level, East Tower).

## Illness and Medical Emergencies

Procedures may vary from one hotel to another.

*Hyatt Regency*: dial 55 for security from any house phone and describe the situation.

*Sheraton Chicago*: dial 80 from any house phone and describe the situation.

*Fairmont*: 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

Hyatt Regency (Gold level, East Tower)

Sheraton Chicago (Lobby level)

Fairmont (International Ballroom Lobby, level 2)

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.–1:00 p.m., 30 December

## Job Information Center

Fairmont (International Ballroom, level 2)

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 0 for security at the Hyatt Regency, extension 6918 at the Sheraton Chicago, and extension 0 at the Fairmont.

## Lounges

*Hyatt Regency* (Columbus Hall A and B, Gold level, East Tower)

*Sheraton Chicago* (Ballroom Promenade, Living Room Area, next to the West escalators, level 4)

*Graduate Student Lounge*—*Hyatt Regency* (Skyway Suite 261, Blue level, East Tower).

## 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 (International Ballroom, level 2) 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

New membership dues and 2008 renewals will be accepted at the MLA registration centers in the Hyatt Regency, the Sheraton Chicago, and the Fairmont. 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 four MLA Bibliography Fellowship recipients have completed their three years of service, 2004–07, and will be recognized during the Presidential Address at the 2007 convention.

They are:

Neal Baker, information technologies and reference librarian, Earlham College.

Ksenya Kiebuszinski, Slavic resources coordinator and head, Petro Jacyk Central and East European Resource Center, University of Toronto.

Jeanne-Sarah de Larquier, assistant professor, Central Michigan University.

Nathan E. Richardson, associate professor, Bowling Green State University.

## NEH Information

Julia Huston Nguyen, senior program officer at the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), will highlight recent awards and outline current funding opportunities on Friday, 28 December, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Columbus Hall C and D, Hyatt Regency. 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 \$40 per day with in-and-out privileges. Parking in garages near the hotels ranges from approximately \$15 to \$20 per day. Parking at the Hyatt Regency is \$17 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and \$42 for twenty-four hours. Parking at the Sheraton Chicago is \$39 per night with in-and-out privileges. Parking at the Fairmont is \$45 for twenty-four hours.

## 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 on the Gold level, East Tower.

## 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 Hyatt Regency (Comiskey, Bronze level, West Tower).

## Restaurant Reservations and Information

The Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau will provide a Restaurant Reservations and Information desk near the MLA Registration and Information center located in the Hyatt Regency (Gold level, East Tower). Staffed by knowledgeable personnel, the service offers information on restaurants, cuisine, nightlife, theater, sports, and attractions and can make complimentary dining reservations. The desk will be open on 27 December from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., 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 12:00 noon.

## Shuttle Bus Service

A free shuttle service will operate between the Hyatt Regency and Fairmont location and the Sheraton Chicago throughout conven-

tion hours. Buses will stop on Upper Stetson on the side of the Hyatt Regency and at the Sheraton Chicago convention entrance.

## Smoking

Chicago law allows smoking in restaurants and bars in a designated smoking area. No smoking is allowed in hotels except in designated smoking areas. Smoking is permitted in designated guest rooms. Smoking is not allowed in meeting rooms. Courtyard by Marriott Chicago Downtown, Fairfield Inn, and the Renaissance Chicago are nonsmoking facilities.

## Social Science Research Council

Staff members from the Social Science Research Council (<http://fellowships.ssrc.org>) will discuss and provide information on how to apply for current fellowship programs open to scholars in the humanities on Saturday, 29 December, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in Columbus Hall C and D, Hyatt Regency. The presentation will highlight the Dissertation Proposal Development program, which hosts an annual competition for faculty members to act as research directors and offers workshops and research funds to graduate students in the early stages of their training; the International Dissertation Research Fellowship, which supports empirical and site-specific dissertation research outside the United States; and the Eurasia program fellowships, which seek to promote collaborative research in the new states of Eurasia. A general question-and-answer period with the audience will follow.

## Speaker Ready Rooms

Space in the Hyatt Regency (Grand Suite I, Gold level, East Tower) and the Sheraton Chicago (Parlor B, Lobby level) 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 Chicago

MLA convention hotels are located in the North Michigan Avenue area.

**By plane.** Chicago is served by O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport.

**O'Hare:** Cab fares from O'Hare to the various hotels range from \$30 to \$35. The Shared-Ride program allows visitors to be charged a flat rate of \$19 per person. Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) rapid transit train between O'Hare and downtown costs \$2.00 (or \$1.75 if you pay with the Chicago Card). For more information, visit [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com) or call 888 968-7282. From 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., trains run every five to ten minutes; from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m., trains depart every thirty minutes. Continental Airport Express provides van service between O'Hare and all downtown hotels. Ticket counters are located across from the baggage claim

areas. Vans depart approximately every fifteen minutes, and tickets cost \$25 one-way or \$46 round-trip. For more information and reservations, visit [www.airportexpress.com](http://www.airportexpress.com) or call 888 284-3826. Check with your hotel concierge for hotel departure times.

**Midway:** Taxi service from Midway Airport to downtown costs \$25–\$30. The Shared-Ride program allows visitors to be charged a flat rate of \$14 per person. CTA's rapid transit train between the airport and downtown Chicago takes approximately thirty minutes and costs \$2.00 (or \$1.75 with the Chicago Card). Trains leave from a station connected to the east side of the airport. Continental Airport Express, located across from the Southwest Airlines ticket counter, offers van service to downtown hotels. Tickets cost \$20 one-way or \$36 round-trip, and vans depart every twenty minutes. For more information and reservations, visit [www.airportexpress.com](http://www.airportexpress.com) or call 888 284-3826.

**By train.** Chicago is served by Amtrak (800 USA-RAIL; [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)). Over forty trains a day enter and leave Chicago's Union Station.

### “Who's Where” Directory

The “Who's Where” directory will be posted in the members' lounges in the Hyatt Regency, the Sheraton Chicago, and near the Job Information Center in the Fairmont. 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 hotel names or local addresses are listed. Members are advised to check their own “Who's Where” listings for accuracy and to make any necessary revisions. Most of the information used to compile the list comes from the housing service, not from the MLA.

### 2008 Convention Program

Forms for special-session proposals for the 2008 convention in San Francisco are available at the MLA information centers and the headquarters offices. The procedures for organizing a meeting for the MLA convention appear in the September 2007 (Directory) issue of *PMLA*, and the calendar of deadlines for 2008 appears in the Winter 2007 issue of the *MLA Newsletter* and on the MLA Web site ([www.mla.org](http://www.mla.org)). Offprints of the procedures and the calendar 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 *MLA Newsletter* are reminded that the deadline is 4 January. Calls for papers must be submitted electronically on the MLA Web site.

The 2008 MLA Annual Convention will be held 27–30 December in San Francisco.

## 2007 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 in the Hyatt Regency (Wrigley, Bronze level, West Tower) or the Sheraton Chicago (Parlor A, lobby level).

The session number for one of the ADFL Executive Committee sessions, “Strategies for Success: Autobiographical Meditations,” was incorrectly printed in the MLA Meeting Index of the Program. The correct session number is 652A.

The page number for the University of Delaware Press advertisement was incorrectly printed in the Program's Index of Advertisers. The advertisement appears on page 2052 of the Program.

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

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#### 15. The Pre-Raphaelite and Aesthetic Family 3:30–4:45 p.m., Grand Suite 5, Hyatt Regency

*Presiding:* Hartley Steven Spatt, State Univ. of New York, Maritime Coll.

### Thursday, 27 December 5:00 p.m.

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#### Always One More Story: A Poetry Reading with Joy Harjo and Simon Ortiz 5:00 p.m., Towner Fellows' Lounge, Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St.

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

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#### 54. Portuguese Others 5:15–6:30 p.m., Superior B, Sheraton Chicago

“The Other Roots: Sérgio Buarque de Holanda and the Portuguese,” Pedro Meira Monteiro, Princeton Univ.

#### 61. Critical Pedagogy, Service Learning, and Nineteenth-Century American Literature 5:15–6:30 p.m., Plaza Ballroom A, Hyatt Regency

*Additional speaker:* Thomas Augst, New York Univ.

**62. Should Faculty Members in Two-Year Colleges Be Required to Do Research?**

**5:15–6:30 p.m., Addams, Hyatt Regency**

*Presiding:* Elizabeth M. Schwartz, San Joaquin Delta Coll., CA

**72. Performance and Technology: Techniques of Embodiment**

**5:15–6:30 p.m., Stetson B and C, Hyatt Regency**

“On Gestic Technology: Brecht beyond Biomechanics,” Devin A. Fore, Princeton Univ.

**Thursday, 27 December**

**7:00 p.m.**

**95. Resistance to English in Anglophone Literature**

**7:00–8:15 p.m., Truffles, Hyatt Regency**

“‘Word Work Is Sublime’: Medbh McGuckian’s English,” Maureen E. Ruprecht Fadem, Graduate Center, City Univ. of New York

**Thursday, 27 December**

**8:45 p.m.**

**141. Blake’s London**

**8:45–10:00 p.m., New Orleans, Hyatt Regency**

“Re-mapping Blake’s London,” Mary Lynn Johnson, Univ. of Iowa

**Friday, 28 December**

**8:30 a.m.**

**182. What Is Empire?**

**8:30–9:45 a.m., Colorado, Sheraton Chicago**

“The Millstätter Exodus: The Fall of Empire and the Rise of the Kingdom of God,” Ernst Ralf Hintz, Truman State Coll.

**Friday, 28 December**

**10:00 a.m.**

**185A. Getting Funded in the Humanities: An NEH Workshop**

**10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, Columbus Hall C and D, Hyatt Regency**

**Friday, 28 December**

**10:15 a.m.**

**199. Ancient Literature and Modern Lyric**

**10:15–11:30 a.m., Ontario, Sheraton Chicago**

*Presiding:* Daniel Selden, Univ. of California, Santa Cruz

**210. Reevaluating Jewish Stereotypes**

**10:15–11:30 a.m., Ohio, Sheraton Chicago**

“How the Dirty Jew Became a Cultural Hero,” Joshua Lambert, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor

**211. Travel Literature: Word and Image**

**10:15–11:30 a.m., Superior A, Sheraton Chicago**

1. “Marianne North’s Botanical Recollections of a Happy Life,” Evelyn Harris Haller, Doane Coll.

**214. The Descent of Science**

**10:15–11:30 a.m., Arkansas, Sheraton Chicago**

3. “À rebours (*Against Nature*): Cross-Breeding Naturalism and Decadence,” Jennifer K. Wolter, Grand Valley State Univ.

**Friday, 28 December**

**12:00 noon**

**238. Disability and Graphic Narratives**

**12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Truffles, Hyatt Regency**

“‘I Don’t Want to Tell You That Story’: The Representation of Disease in David B.’s *Epileptic*,” David Olsen, Saint Louis Univ.

**Friday, 28 December**

**1:45 p.m.**

**281. Spanish for the Professions**

**1:45–3:00 p.m., Arkansas, Sheraton Chicago**

“Impact of Spanish for the Professions in Academia,” Carlos Coria-Sanchez, Univ. of North Carolina, Charlotte

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**Friday, 28 December**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**310. Open Discussion on the Name of the Division on English Literature Other Than British and American**  
**3:30–4:45 p.m., DuSable, Hyatt Regency**

*Presiding:* Pradyumna S. Chauhan, Arcadia Univ.

*Additional speaker:* John Charles Hawley, Santa Clara Univ.

**315. Academic Freedom under Fire: Specific Threats**  
**3:30–4:45 p.m., Grand Ballroom D North, Hyatt Regency**

*Presiding:* Marcus Harvey, Canadian Assn. of Univ. Teachers

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**Friday, 28 December**  
**5:15 p.m.**

Reception Arranged by the University of Illinois, Chicago, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Departments of English, Germanic Studies, and Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese

**5:15–6:30 p.m., Sheraton II, Sheraton Chicago**

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**Friday, 28 December**  
**7:15 p.m.**

**381. Transnational and Intercultural Aspects of Contemporary Austrian Literature**

**7:15–8:30 p.m., Parlor F, Sheraton Chicago**

“Cross-Cultural Encounters: Americans in Hollywood’s Austria,”  
Jacqueline Vansant, Univ. of Michigan, Dearborn

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**Saturday, 29 December**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**410. Writing out of Limbo: International Childhoods, Third-Culture Kids, and Finding the Words to Tell about Them**  
**8:30–9:45 a.m., Colorado, Sheraton Chicago**

This session has been canceled.

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**Saturday, 29 December**  
**10:15 a.m.**

**434. The Poetics of Architecture**

**10:15–11:30 a.m., Colorado, Sheraton Chicago**

“Goethe’s House: Architecture as Latent Mythology in Benjamin,”  
Daniel Purdy, Penn State Univ., University Park

**446. Methods for Making Technical Communication Research Meaningful for Learners: Using Technical Communication Research to Instruct**

**10:15–11:30 a.m., New Orleans, Hyatt Regency**

*Presiding:* Marc Santos, Purdue Univ., West Lafayette

I. “Integrated Online and Digital Resources for Teaching Syntax and Punctuation,” Karl Stolley, Illinois Inst. of Tech.; Amy Ferdinandt Stolley, Illinois Inst. of Tech.

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**Saturday, 29 December**  
**1:45 p.m.**

**518. Goldoni, Gozzi, and Eighteenth-Century European Theater**

**1:45–3:00 p.m., Erie, Sheraton Chicago**

I. “Writing the Spectator: Author and Audience(s) in Goldoni’s ‘Mémoires,’” Ted Emery, Ohio State Univ., Columbus

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**Saturday, 29 December**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**561. Performance and Technology: Performing Machines**

**3:30–4:45 p.m., New Orleans, Hyatt Regency**

“Can the Subaltern Perform Data?” Mark Bartlett, San Francisco Art Inst.

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**Saturday, 29 December**  
**5:15 p.m.**

**570. Cash Bar Arranged by the Robert Frost Society and the Ernest Hemingway Society**

**5:15 p.m., Lobby lounge, Intercontinental Hotel**

**571. Cash Bar Arranged by the Divisions on Postcolonial Studies in Literature and Culture and English Literature Other Than British and American**

**5:15–6:30 p.m., Regency Ballroom A, Hyatt Regency**

**Cash Bar Arranged by the Divisions on Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century French Literature**

**5:15–6:30 p.m., Superior A, Sheraton Chicago**

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**Saturday, 29 December**  
**7:15 p.m.**

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**608. HIV/AIDS, Disability, and Culture**  
**7:15–8:30 p.m., Truffles, Hyatt Regency**

*Presiding:* Ann R. Keefer, Temple Univ.

**616. Mark Twain and the Blues**  
**7:15–8:30 p.m., Field, Hyatt Regency**

*Additional speaker:* Robert O’Meally, Columbia Univ.

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**Sunday, 30 December**  
**1:45 p.m.**

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**751. Louis MacNeice: Interpretations at the Centenary**  
**1:45–3:00 p.m., Stetson A, Hyatt Regency**

*Presiding:* Ellen Crowell, Saint Louis Univ.

**765. Modern Jewish Women Writers**  
**1:45–3:00 p.m., Ontario, Sheraton Chicago**

“Lillian Hellman’s Real Subject,” Marilyn J. Shapiro, Oakland Univ.

**774. The Role of the Intellectual in Contemporary Italy**  
**1:45–3:00 p.m., Parlor E, Sheraton Chicago**

“The Emperor and the Jester: The Case of Sabina Guzzanti,” Rita Gagliano, Temple Univ.

**777. Professional and Technical Writing: Current Issues and Challenges**  
**1:45–3:00 p.m., New Orleans, Hyatt Regency**

*Presiding:* Glenn J. Broadhead, Illinois Inst. of Tech.

**784. Teaching the Practice of Social Protest**  
**1:45–3:00 p.m., Truffles, Hyatt Regency**

“Igniting Social Protest at Montana State University,” John Patrick Thompson, Montana State Univ.

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