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MLA Convention Blog

During the convention, Executive Director Rosemary G. Feal and the MLA officers will write a daily blog at www.mla.org/conventionblog and provide a link to her regularly updated Twitter stream (also available at twitter.com/MLAconvention), as well as an RSS feed. Readers are invited to comment on these blog entries.



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Delegate Assembly Agenda

At this year's meeting, the Delegate Assembly will consider a proposed amendment to the Delegate Assembly Bylaws, a proposed amendment to the MLA constitution, and regular staff and committee reports on association activities. Also on the assembly's agenda is a one-hour open discussion of two topics: successful strategies for strengthening language and literature departments and public advocacy for the humanities. Members submitted no motions or regular resolutions for the assembly's consideration by the 1 October deadline; members may still submit emergency resolutions to the chair of the Delegate Assembly Organizing Committee at the Open Hearing on Resolutions (session 277).

The assembly meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, 8 January, in Diamond Salon 4 and 5 of the J. W. Marriott. 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.

Convention Locations

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

Important Reminder about Identification

You may need to have a government-issued photo ID when you check into your hotel. 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

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 audio- 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 next year's convention in Seattle 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 center in the Los Angeles Convention Center. Lost badges can be replaced for \$7 at the MLA registration center.

Business Centers

J. W. Marriott

AVT Business, 3rd floor
Hours: 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Mon.–Fri.
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Sat.
Sun., closed

Staples Copy and Print Shop

1701 South Figueroa
Hours: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., Mon.–Fri.
10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Sat. and Sun.

Hours are subject to change.

Child Care

MLA members in need of child care during the convention should make arrangements directly through one of the convention hotels. The MLA has funds available to reimburse up to \$200 each to members who use a hotel-recommended service for child care during convention hours. If more requests are received than can be reimbursed with available funds, preference will be given to graduate students and members in lower-income categories. Members should submit a request for reimbursement, along with a receipt for child care from one of the hotel-recommended services, no later than 20 January 2011 to Maribeth Kraus, Director of Convention Programs.

Convention Center Food Outlet

West Hall Foyer

Starbucks:

6 January, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
7 and 8 January, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
9 January, 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Galaxy:

7 to 9 January, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Convention Registration and Housing

All persons wishing to attend meetings or use convention services must register for the convention. Registration information was posted on the MLA Web site in early September. Persons who plan to attend the convention may register through the MLA Web site (www.mla.org). Registrations will be accepted after 7 December at a higher rate, but programs (for nonmembers) and badges may not be sent. Members attending the convention who have not registered may register during the convention at the registration area located in the Los Angeles Convention Center (Concourse Hall Foyer, level 1, West Hall entrance). The registration area will be open on 6, 7, and 8 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on 9 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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 Los Angeles without hotel arrangements may go to the registration and information desk at the Los Angeles Convention Center (Concourse Hall Foyer, level 1, West Hall entrance). 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 7 December are as follows: regular members, \$195; regular members outside the United States and Canada, \$60; graduate student members, \$50; emeritus members, \$50; non-tenure-track and unemployed members, \$60; nonmembers, \$250; graduate student nonmembers, \$75; emeritus nonmembers, \$75.

Registration Refunds. Requests for refunds of registration fees must be made in writing, accompanied by unused convention badges, sent to the director of convention programs at the MLA office, and postmarked no later than 7 January 2011. Refunds requested after 7 January 2011 will not be granted. A \$10 service fee will be deducted from all refunds.

Council of Editors of Learned Journals (CELJ)

Officers and experienced editors who are members of the Council of Editors of Learned Journals (CELJ) will be available for consultation and advice for other editors and scholars who have questions about what to expect in journal submission, peer review, and publishing processes. Beginning scholars (graduate students and entry-level professors) are particularly welcome.

Editors from CELJ will be available to provide informal information and private consultations on 7 and 8 January from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in 408A, Los Angeles Convention Center.

CSE Seal Awards

The Committee on Scholarly Editions promotes excellence in scholarly editing by inspecting volumes in progress, offering advice on editorial matters, and awarding emblems to qualified volumes. The following works qualified for 2009–10; the committee's seal will be featured on the published editions.

Joseph Conrad

Last Essays. Edited by Harold Ray Stevens and J. H. Stape. Cambridge University Press.

Henry James

The Complete Letters of Henry James, 1872–1876. Volume 2: 1 November 1875–24 November 1876. Edited by Greg W. Zacharias and Pierre A. Walker. University of Nebraska Press.

George Santayana

The Life of Reason; or, The Phases of Human Progress: Book One: Introduction and Reason in Common Sense. Edited by Marianne S. Wokeck, Martin A. Coleman, Jonathan R. Eller, et al. MIT Press.

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.

Meeting Rooms. Meeting rooms at the convention are accessible by elevator, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. There will be a desk outside the convention registration and information center at the Los Angeles Convention Center (Concourse Hall Foyer, level 1, West Hall entrance) staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees with disabilities. There will also be a satellite desk in the lobby of the J. W. Marriott. Attendees with disabilities who need to contact these desks by e-mail during convention hours should use ADAConventionCenter@mla.org for the convention center desk and ADAJWMarriott@mla.org for the satellite desk at the J. W. Marriott.

Shuttle Bus. A complimentary transportation service will be available throughout convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities. Arrangements may be made at the desk for persons with disabilities in the Los Angeles Convention Center (Concourse Hall Foyer, level 1, West Hall entrance) as well as the J. W. Marriott (Lobby level). Further details and phone numbers will be posted at the convention center and headquarters hotel.

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 type size). Speakers should indicate whether they want their papers and handouts returned. The deadline to request sign language interpreters and real-time captioning was 12 November. Members who did not meet the deadline should come to the MLA headquarters office in the J. W. Marriott (Studio 3, 3rd floor), and we may be able to arrange for interpreters. We cannot guarantee that interpreters will be available.

Scooter Rentals. Scooters, for navigating the convention more easily, can be rented from Scootaround (888 441-7575 or www.scootaround.com/rentals/mla).

Karin Bagnall coordinates arrangements for persons with disabilities; she can be reached at the MLA convention office at kbagnall@mla.org before 3 January.

Exhibit Hall

Be sure to schedule time to visit the Exhibit Hall (Los Angeles Convention Center, Concourse Hall, level 1, West Hall entrance). The hall is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on 7 and 8 January and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 9 January. Connect with over 115 firms that represent a variety of materials and services of interest to teachers of language and literature. Admission to the exhibit area is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying appropriate passes. Be sure to bring your coupon book and take advantage of special promotions. To view a list of the 2011 exhibitors, pick up a copy of the Exhibitor Map at the convention or visit the MLA Web site. The editor of the *MLA International Bibliography* will be in the MLA exhibit booth on 7 January from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and on 8 January from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Patsy Yaeger, *PMLA* editor, will be in the exhibit booth from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

on 8 January to answer questions about *PMLA*. MLA staff members will be available in the MLA exhibit booth to demonstrate the features of the MLA Web site and to answer questions.

Check this section of the *Convention News* for updated information on receptions and events that will be taking place at various exhibit booths throughout the hall. *Remember to wear your badge!*

Members of the Program Committee will be available on 7 January from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., 8 January from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and 9 January from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to answer questions about forum, special-session, and nonguaranteed-session proposals.

Friday, 7 January

3:30–4:30 p.m., W. W. Norton booths (310, 312, 314)

Wine reception

4:00–5:00 p.m., American Literatures Initiative booth (217A)

Wine and cheese reception celebrating our third anniversary

4:00–5:00 p.m., Wiley-Blackwell (320, 322)

Join us for a glass of wine to celebrate our authors, editors, and 2010 Publications, including the *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Literature*

5:00–6:00 p.m., MLA booth (100)

Reception celebrating the 126th MLA Annual Convention and all titles released by the MLA in 2010

Saturday, 8 January

1:30–2:30 p.m., Random House, Inc. booths (305, 307)

A book signing by Chana Bloch

5:00–6:00 p.m., Feminist Press at CUNY booth (317)

Reception celebrating the publication of *A Life in Motion*, the autobiography of Florence Howe, past president of the MLA

Ongoing in the Exhibit Hall

Coffee Service

There will be a coffee cart with snacks and beverages in the Exhibit Hall on 7 and 8 January, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and 9 January, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon.

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 Los Angeles Convention Center, Meeting Room 301A (level 2) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours.

Future Conventions

In 2012 the convention will be held in Seattle from 5 to 8 January. In 2013 the convention will be held in Boston from 3 to 6 January.

Government Careers

Representatives from various agencies in the federal government will be available on 7 January from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. and on 8 January from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in 408A, Los Angeles Convention Center, to answer questions about government careers that use skills in languages and cultural expertise.

Graduate Student Lounge

J. W. Marriott (Studio 1, 2nd floor).

Headquarters Offices

J. W. Marriott (Studio 3, 3rd floor) and the Los Angeles Convention Center (Meeting Room 401, level 2). Members of the MLA convention staff will be available in these offices whenever meetings are in session to handle problems that might arise with meeting rooms or meeting facilities. Program organizers are asked to refer questions on such matters to one of the headquarters offices, not to the hotel management. More general questions will be answered by staff members at the MLA information center.

Illness and Medical Emergencies

Procedures may vary from one location to another.

J. W. Marriott. Dial 711 from any house phone.

Los Angeles Convention Center. Dial 5133 from any house phone.

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

Information Center

Los Angeles Convention Center (Concourse Hall Foyer 1, level 1, West Hall entrance). Copies of the Program and the *Job Information List* will be sold at the center; the *Convention News and Program Update* will be distributed free at the registration and information area in the Los Angeles Convention Center. The information center will be open on 6, 7, and 8 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on 9 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Job Information Center

For Prearranged Interviews. Consult the interviewer's sign-in file in the J. W. Marriott (Gold Salon 4, 1st floor) if you do not know whether your interview is scheduled for a hotel room or the interview area or if you need to find out the hotel room number for your interview. Allow yourself ample time to obtain this information. If your interview is scheduled for the interview area, proceed directly to the J. W. Marriott (Gold Salons 1 through 3, 1st floor) and ask a staff member for the table number.

If the interviewer has not signed in, consult the "Who's Where" directory in the members' lounge in the Los Angeles Convention Center or near the Job Information Center in the J. W. Marriott. Once you know where the interviewer is staying, you can call the hotel in-

formation desk and be connected with the interviewer's hotel room. (For reasons of safety, hotel staff members will not give guests' room numbers to callers.) If the interviewer is not in, use the hotel's message facilities. A message left in a hotel mailbox will be flashed on the guest's room telephone. If the person is not listed in the "Who's Where" directory, check the Program Participants section of the convention program to see whether that interviewer is speaking at or chairing a session and can be reached at a specific time and place or ask a Job Information Center staff member for help.

The MLA Job Information Service will operate a center at the J. W. Marriott (Gold Salon 4, 1st floor). Positions that become available after the printing of the December *Job Information List* will be posted, and a counseling service for job candidates will be available in the interview area on 7 and 8 January. An interviewers' sign-in file will be maintained and facilities provided for job candidates and interviewers to exchange messages. Space will be available for interviews, but candidates and interviewers are urged to arrange interviews in advance. Job candidates are reminded that almost no unscheduled interviews take place at the convention. Therefore, members are advised not to attend the convention for the sole purpose of seeking employment if they do not have scheduled interviews. The Job Information Center will be open on 6 January from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., on 7 January from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., on 8 January from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 9 January from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Los Angeles Information

A Visitor Information Center kiosk is located inside the West Hall Lobby of the Los Angeles 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 kiosk also provides maps and travel guides.

An additional Visitor Information Center is located adjacent to the 7th and Figueroa Street Metro station (685 South Figueroa St.). For more information, please visit <http://discoverlosangeles.com/mla2011.com>.

Lost and Found

Members wishing to report items either lost or found should call 711 at the J. W. Marriott; at the Los Angeles Convention Center, speak with the security guard at the MLA registration and information desk (Concourse Hall foyer, level 1, West Hall entrance).

Lounges

Areas furnished with comfortable chairs and tables where members may congregate for discussion or relaxation will be provided in the Los Angeles Convention Center (West Lobby). A graduate student lounge will be located in the J. W. Marriott (Studio 1, 2nd floor).

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 J. W. Marriott (Gold Salon 4, 1st floor) 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 the convention center, 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 lounge.

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 2011 dues, a membership desk will be located in the registration center. MLA membership runs from 15 January through 14 January of the subsequent 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 three *MLA Bibliography* Fellowship recipients have completed their three years of service, 2007–10, and will be recognized during the Presidential Address.

Natalie E. Dear, graduate student, University of Alberta

Diane L. Johnson, associate professor, Western Washington University

David D. Kim, assistant professor, Michigan State University

Narrating Lives Video Project

As part of the 2011 Presidential Theme, “Narrating Lives,” 2010 MLA President Sidonie Smith invites members and convention attendees to record short video responses to questions about their experiences as readers, scholars, and teachers. Visit the MLA exhibit booth in the Los Angeles Convention Center between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on 7 and 8 January to record your one-minute life narrative.

NEH Information

Staff members from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will be available to provide materials and information about the endowment on 7 and 8 January from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in 408A, Los Angeles Convention Center.

On 6 January from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in 403B of the LA Convention Center, representatives from the NEH will offer a workshop that highlights recent awards and outlines current funding opportunities.

Parking

Parking in garages near the Los Angeles Convention Center ranges from approximately \$12 to \$27 per day. Parking at the J. W. Marriott is \$38 overnight and up to \$40 for all day; in-and-out privileges are for overnight guests only. Parking at the Convention Center is \$50 overnight, with in-and-out privileges, and up to \$25 for all 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 center.

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 center closes.

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 \$20. These passes are available at the Exhibit Registration booth, Los Angeles Convention Center (Concourse Hall, level 1, West Hall entrance).

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 J. W. Marriott (Georgia 1, 3rd floor).

Programs

Copies of the Program can be purchased for \$5 at the MLA information center. Free copies are available only to those who received in their registration packets a card entitling them to a complimentary Program or to foreign registrants who did not receive their Programs. There is a \$5 charge for all additional copies.

Restaurant Reservations and Information

Restaurant reservations and recommendations can be obtained at the Visitor Information Center kiosk inside the West Hall Lobby of the Los Angeles Convention Center. Knowledgeable personnel can offer suggestions on restaurants, nightlife, theater, sports, museums, attractions, and much more as well as make complimentary dining reservations. The kiosk will be open during registration hours. For more information on dining, visit www.dineLA.com.

Shuttle Bus Service

A free shuttle service will operate between the Los Angeles Convention Center and the following locations:

Route 1

Westin Bonaventure Hotel, curbside on Figueroa for
Marriott Los Angeles Downtown
Standard Downtown LA
Westin Bonaventure

Route 2

Millennium Biltmore, curbside on Grand for
Hilton Checkers
Los Angeles Athletic Club
Millennium Biltmore
Omni Los Angeles at California Plaza, curbside in front

Shuttle hours are as follows:

6 January, 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
7 and 8 January, 7:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
9 January, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

There will be a shuttle service available throughout the convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities.

If you intend to walk from your hotel to the J. W. Marriott or the Los Angeles Convention Center, please don’t jaywalk. The law against jaywalking is strictly enforced, and the fine is \$191.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in most buildings in Los Angeles. In restaurants within Los Angeles County, smoking is allowed in outdoor dining sections only. No smoking is allowed in the J. W. Marriott.

Speaker Ready Rooms

Space in the J. W. Marriott (Diamond Salon 9, 4th floor) and the Los Angeles Convention Center (Meeting Room 308A) 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).

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 Los Angeles

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

Airport Shuttle Transportation. Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is located 18 miles from downtown Los Angeles. For airport information, visit www.lawa.org or call 310 646-5252. Shuttle transportation from LAX to the downtown Los Angeles convention hotels is available from SuperShuttle and FlyAway. Discounts on SuperShuttle service are available by booking with the code ZMACG. FlyAway tickets are \$7 each way and can be purchased from the kiosk in the Patsouras terminal in Union Station.

Metro Bus Systems. Three types of bus service are available in Los Angeles. With 200 different lines, buses travel all over the city to every major destination, including state parks, area attractions, and shopping districts (www.metro.net).

Metro Local (orange) makes frequent stops along major streets throughout the city.

Metro Rapid (red) offers fewer stops and expedited travel times on the city's major streets.

Metro Express (blue) offers reduced-stop service along the city's freeway systems.

"Who's Where" Directory

The "Who's Where" directory will be posted in the members' lounge in the Los Angeles Convention Center and near the Job Information Center in the J. W. Marriott. The directory will include the names and convention addresses of persons who made hotel reservations through the housing bureau or sent 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.

WiFi Access

The MLA is providing free wireless Internet access in the meeting rooms and public areas of the J. W. Marriott and in the Los Angeles Convention Center (except in the Exhibit Hall). Follow these instructions to connect:

J. W. Marriott

1. Select **JW Marriott Conference** as your wireless network.
2. At the log-in screen, enter **MLA** as the group name and **MLA2011** as the password.
3. Once you are connected to the **JW Marriott Conference** network, you should be able to access the Internet through a browser or other interface. Connectivity is not guaranteed.

Los Angeles Convention Center

1. Select **MLAII** as your wireless network. No password is required.
2. Once you are connected to the **MLAII** network, you should be able to access the Internet through a browser or other interface. Connectivity is not guaranteed.

2012 Convention Program

The 2012 convention will be held in Seattle from 5 to 8 January.

Forms for special-session proposals for the 2012 convention in Seattle will be available at the MLA Web site. The procedures for organizing a meeting for the MLA convention and the calendar of deadlines for 2011 appear on the MLA Web site (www.mla.org).

New Calls for Papers Submission Process

Calls for papers may now be submitted for the 2012 MLA convention in Seattle (5–8 January 2012). We have replaced the July, September, and January deadlines with a new system that posts calls for papers as they are submitted online. The MLA will no longer edit these calls for papers, so session organizers should proofread listings before submitting them. Organizers may also edit their calls for papers after they have been posted. Calls for papers can be submitted until 1 March 2011 at http://www.mla.org/cfp_main. We recommend posting a submission deadline of not later than 15 March. Organizers are responsible for responding to all inquiries.

2011 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 J. W. Marriott (Studio 3, 3rd floor) or the LA Convention Center (Meeting Room 401, level 2).

6 January 1:45 p.m.

57. Boccaccio*1:45–3:00 p.m., 402B, LA Convention Center**Presiding:* Michael Papio, Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst**60. Roundtable on Poets Theater***1:45–3:00 p.m., Plaza III, J. W. Marriott**Additional speaker:* Daniel Tiffany, Univ. of Southern California

6 January 3:30 p.m.

100. Unions in Academe: Navigating Hard Times*3:30–4:45 p.m., 405, LA Convention Center**Additional speaker:* Teresa Burns, Univ. of Wisconsin, Platteville

6 January 5:15 p.m.

151. Adult Memory and Reimagining the Past in Children's Literature*5:15–6:30 p.m., Olympic II, J. W. Marriott*3. "Memory and Longing in Peter Sis's *Tibet through the Red Box*, Roni Natov, Brooklyn Coll., City Univ. of New York**163. New Trends in Romance Linguistics***5:15–6:30 p.m., 407, LA Convention Center*

3. The Comparative Conditional Construction in French and Spanish, Eddy Gaytán, Chicagó State Univ.

7 January 8:30 a.m.

197. Women Filming the Real*8:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m., 306A, LA Convention Center**"Agnès Varda and the 'Portrait-Puzzle': The Cinematic Portrait in *Sans toit ni loi* and *Les plages d'Agnès*," Gillian Pierce, Boston Univ.***201. Genre Trouble***8:30–9:45 a.m., 304B, LA Convention Center*

1. "The Lyric as Flower: Shelley's 'The Sensitive Plant,'" Susan Bernstein, Brown Univ.

7 January 10:15 a.m.

214. Boethian Influence in Medieval and Early Modern Literature*10:15–11:30 a.m. 402A, LA Convention Center**Respondent:* Noel Harold Kaylor, Troy Univ.

7 January 1:30 p.m.

284. Faculty Development for Languages and Literatures: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Programs*1:30–3:30 p.m., 403B, LA Convention Center**Additional speaker:* John Rosenberg, Brigham Young Univ., UT**285. Using Your Foreign Language Proficiency and Cultural Expertise in a Federal Government Career***1:30–3:30 p.m., 403A, LA Convention Center**Additional speakers:* Jon Crocitto, Dept. of State Training and Development; Natalie Gutierrez, National Security Agency; Douglas Kouril, National Virtual Translation Center

7 January 1:45 p.m.

308. Failures*1:45–3:00 p.m., 405, LA Convention Center**"Fluid Failures: Blood Transfusion, Natural Philosophy, and Politics in Seventeenth-Century France and England," Holly Tucker, Vanderbilt University***323. Beckett and Theory***1:45–3:00 p.m., Platinum Salon B, J. W. Marriott**Presiding:* Richard Begam, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison

1. "Beckett's Three Critiques," Jean-Michel Rabaté, Univ. of Pennsylvania

2. "Beckett and Eventuality," Richard Begam

3. "Deleuze and Beckett: Disguising Repetitions in *Endgame*," Thomas J. Cousineau, Washington Coll.

7 January 3:30 p.m.

341. Reading as Critical Practice in American Literary Studies

3:30–4:45 p.m., *Platinum Salon A, J. W. Marriott*

Additional speaker: Michelle Ann Stephens, Colgate Univ.

357. Christopher Marlowe's Poetical Influence

3:30–4:45 p.m., *Platinum Salon G, J. W. Marriott*

Presiding: Pierre Hecker, Carleton Coll.

7 January 5:15 p.m.

376. Lectura Boccaccii

5:15–6:30 p.m., *306B, LA Convention Center*

Presiding: Michael Papio, Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst

380. Negotiating Difference in Contemporary German-Language Literature

5:15–6:30 p.m., *409B, LA Convention Center*

2. "Place beyond Place: Transcultural Flaneurs in Perikles Monioudis's *Land* and Paul Nizon's *Die Zettel des Kuriers: Journal 1990–1999*," Charlotte Schallié, Univ. of Victoria

7 January 7:00 p.m.

Cash Bar Arranged by the MLA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession

7:00–8:15 p.m., *Olympic II, J. W. Marriott*

405. Cash Bar Arranged by the Penn State University Department of English

7:00–8:15 p.m., *Platinum Salon I, J. W. Marriott*

This event has been canceled.

8 January 8:30 a.m.

424. Historical Prosody and Poetics

8:30–9:45 a.m., *Diamond Salon I, J. W. Marriott*

1. "Rhyme's End," Adela N. Pinch, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor

2. "Imagining Rhythm," Virginia Jackson, Tufts Univ.

8 January 10:15 a.m.

658. Florence Howe and Feminist Studies: A Creative Conversation

10:15–11:30 a.m., *411, LA Convention Center*

Presiding: Gloria Jacobs, Feminist Press

Speakers: Florence Howe, Graduate Center, City Univ. of New York; Shirley Geok-lin Lim, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara; Rosemary G. Feal, MLA

This session has been moved from 7:00–8:15 p.m. to 10:15 a.m. Gloria Steinem, previously listed as a speaker, will not be participating in this panel.

468. Narrating Crime and Justice in North America

10:15–11:30 a.m., *Diamond Salon 6, J. W. Marriott*

2. "Televising Time versus Doing Time: *T.I.'s Road to Redemption* and the Inadequacy of Conversion Narratives," Sandy Alexandre, Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.

485. Reproductions: Eugenics and Genetics

10:15–11:30 a.m., *407, LA Convention Center*

3. "Pregnant Silences: Genetic Testing and Fetal Disability," Rachel Adams, Columbia Univ.

8 January 12:00 noon

524. Exotic Collections

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., *406A, LA Convention Center*

2. "Redefining the Early Modern Book Collector," Kathleen M. Smith, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana

538. Marilyn French as Writer of an Iconic Novel

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., *411, LA Convention Center*

This session has been moved from Diamond Salon 3, J. W. Marriott, to 411, LA Convention Center.

8 January 1:45 p.m.

549. Imperial Mechanisms

1:45–3:00 p.m., *Platinum Salon B, J. W. Marriott*

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the Program Participants index in the 2010 Program:

Michael R. Griffiths, John Charles Hawley, Saikat Majumdar, Robert Philip Marzec, and Shefali Rajamannar.

8 January
5:15 p.m.

640. Narrating (Later) Lives

5:15–6:30 p.m., Olympic I, J. W. Marriott

Presiding: Valerie B. Lipscomb, Univ. of South Florida

8 January
7:00 p.m.

Reception Arranged by the Department of French, New York University

7:00–8:15 p.m., 403B, LA Convention Center

9 January
12:00 noon

762. So Close Yet So Far: Close Reading and Sociology

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Diamond Salon 6, J. W. Marriott

This session has been moved from its previous location to Diamond Salon 6, J. W. Marriott.

785. Conrad's *Under Western Eyes*

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Platinum Salon J, J. W. Marriott

4. "Razumov's Affective Choices," C. Brook Miller, Univ. of Minnesota, Morris