

2009 MLA Convention

Sessions and Events of Interest to Graduate Students

Compiled by the MLA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession

Graduate Students' Lounge

Conference Suite II, level 3, Philadelphia Marriott

Sunday, 27 December, 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday, 28 and 29 December, 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 30 December, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, 27 December

4. Articulating Our Agenda: The Concerns of Community College Faculty Members

2:00–5:00 p.m., 201-A, Pennsylvania Convention Center

Program arranged by the MLA Ad Hoc Committee on the Structure of the Annual Convention and Committee on Community Colleges

Presiding: Susan B. Muaddi Darraj, Harford Community Coll., MD

Speakers: George Louis Scheper, Community Coll. of Baltimore County, Essex, MD; Marilyn Valentino, Lorain County Community Coll., OH

5. A Preconvention Workshop for Job Seekers: The Job Search in English

3:00–5:00 p.m., 201-C, Pennsylvania Convention Center

Program arranged by the Association of Departments of English

Presiding: Theodore Oliver Mason, Kenyon Coll.

Speakers: Thomas Hurley, Diablo Valley Coll., CA; Theodore Oliver Mason; Maureen T. Reddy, Rhode Island Coll.; John P. Zomchick, Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville

6. A Preconvention Workshop for Job Seekers: The Job Search in Foreign Languages

3:00–5:00 p.m., 204-C, Pennsylvania Convention Center

Program arranged by the Association of Departments of Foreign Languages

Presiding: Nelly Furman, MLA

Speakers: Thomas Blair, City Coll. of San Francisco, CA; Jane Hacking, Univ. of Utah; Cathy L. Jrade, Vanderbilt Univ.; Annette Kym, Hunter Coll., City Univ. of New York

40. Scholarship, Tenure, and Promotion in the Small College

5:15–6:30 p.m., 402–403, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the MLA Office of Research

Presiding: Mark C. Long, Keene State Coll.

1. “Reconsidering Boyer’s Paradigm of Scholarship for Promotion and Tenure: Perspectives from a Private Liberal Arts College,” Jeffrey Davis, Wheaton Coll., IL
2. “Making Space for Scholarship on Teaching,” James Lang, Assumption Coll.
3. “Mission, Fit, and Publication at Religious Colleges and Universities,” Ann Green, Saint Joseph’s Univ.

98. Demonstration Interviews for Job Seekers in Foreign Languages

8:45–10:00 p.m., Commonwealth Hall C, Loews

Program arranged by the ADFL Executive Committee

Presiding: David Goldberg, MLA

Speakers: Barbara K. Altmann, Univ. of Oregon; Dominique van Hooff, San José State Univ.

Monday, 28 December

121. Minority Identities, Intersectionality, and the Graduate Student Experience

8:30–9:45 a.m., 310, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the MLA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession

Presiding: Chris Bell, Syracuse Univ.

Speakers: Marcelle Haddix, Syracuse Univ.; Sharon Patricia Holland, Duke Univ.; Amy K. Levin, Northern Illinois Univ.; Ernesto J. Martinez, Univ. of Oregon; Robert McRuer, George Washington Univ.; Theri Alyce Pickens, Univ. of California, Los Angeles

135. The Master’s Degree and the Academic Workforce

8:30–9:45 a.m., 307, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the Association of Departments of English Ad Hoc Committee

Presiding: Paul Lauter, Trinity Coll., CT

Speakers: Warren Carson, Univ. of South Carolina Upstate; Robert Crossley, Univ. of Massachusetts, Boston; Paul Lauter; Carolyn Rude, Virginia Polytechnic Inst. and State Univ.

184. Coping with Contingency: Strategies in a Struggling Economy

10:15–11:30 a.m., 405, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the Discussion Group on Part-Time Faculty Members

Presiding: Gwendolyn Bradley, Amer. Assn. of Univ. Professors

1. “Coping with Contingency during a Budgetary Crisis in Colorado: What We Did, What We Tried to Do, and What We Wish We’d Done in 2009,” Sue Rowe Doe, Colorado State Univ., Fort Collins

2. "Research and Service as 'Academic Rights,'" Kamala Platt, Meadowlark Center
3. "Protecting Contingent Faculty Members in Hard Economic Times: Organizing, Resisting, Contracting," Robert Samuels, Univ. of California, Los Angeles

236. Training New Faculty Members for Community College Careers

1:45–3:00 p.m., Independence Salon I, Philadelphia Marriott

A special session

Presiding: Carolyn McCue Goffman, DePaul Univ.

Speakers: Anne Clark Bartlett, DePaul Univ.; Susannah Mary Chewning, Union County Coll., NJ; Eric William Devlin, Tarrant County Coll., Northeast Campus, TX; Miles McCrimmon, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community Coll., VA; Sean Patrick Murphy, Coll. of Lake County, IL

256. Today's Students, Today's Teachers: Economics

1:45–3:00 p.m., 405, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the Division on Teaching as a Profession

Presiding: Laura L. Behling, Butler Univ.

Speakers: Barbara Jane Bono, Univ. at Buffalo, State Univ. of New York; Brian Croxall, Emory Univ.; Sean D. Moore, Univ. of New Hampshire, Durham; Rhonda Lemke Sanford, Fairmont State Univ.

356. The Presidential Address

8:40 p.m., Regency Ballroom A and B, Loews

Program arranged by the MLA Presidential Address

Presiding: Rosemary G. Feal, MLA

1. Sidonie Ann Smith, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MLA First Vice President, will announce the newly elected honorary fellows.
2. Sidonie Ann Smith will present the William Riley Parker Prize, the James Russell Lowell Prize, the MLA Prize for a First Book, the Kenneth W. Mildener Prize, the Mina P. Shaughnessy Prize, the MLA Prize for Independent Scholars, the Katherine Singer Kovacs Prize, the Morton N. Cohen Award for a Distinguished Edition of Letters, the MLA Prize for a Distinguished Scholarly Edition, the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Comparative Literary Studies, the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for French and Francophone Studies, the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Studies in Slavic Languages and Literatures, the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for a Translation of a Scholarly Study of Literature, the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Italian Studies, the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Publication Award for a Manuscript in Italian Literary Studies, the Lois Roth Award, the William Sanders Scarborough Prize, and the MLA Prize in United States Latina and Latino and Chicana and Chicano Literary and Cultural Studies.
3. Rosemary G. Feal will present the *MLA International Bibliography* Fellowship Awards.

4. Rosemary G. Feal will announce the recipients of the seal of approval from the Committee on Scholarly Editions.
5. Report of the Executive Director, Rosemary G. Feal
6. The Presidential Address, Catherine Porter, State Univ. of New York Coll. at Cortland

Tuesday, 29 December

388. The Academic Workforce in Hard Times

8:30–9:45 a.m., Liberty Ballroom Salon C, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the MLA Delegate Assembly Organizing Committee

Presiding: Gaurav G. Desai, Tulane Univ.

Speakers: Gwendolyn Bradley, Amer. Assn. of Univ. Professors; Cristina V. Bruns, Chapman Univ.; Paul Lauter, Trinity Coll., CT; P. D. Lesko, *Adjunct Advocate*; Paula Rabinowitz, Univ. of Minnesota, Twin Cities

397. Career Opportunities in Two-Year Colleges

10:15–11:30 a.m., Grand Ballroom Salon K, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the ADE Executive Committee and the MLA Committee on Community Colleges

Presiding: Thomas Hurley, Diablo Valley Coll., CA

Speakers: Fay E. Beauchamp, Community Coll. of Philadelphia, PA; Thomas Blair, City Coll. of San Francisco, CA; Alicia M. de la Torre Falzon, Northern Virginia Community Coll., Annandale; Thomas Hurley; Susan B. Muaddi Darraj, Harford Community Coll., MD

453. The Academic Workplace

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Liberty Ballroom Salon A, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the MLA Office of Programs

Presiding: Nelly Furman, MLA

1. “What Is Academic Freedom?” Michael Bérubé, Penn State Univ., University Park
2. “Resources for Faculty Members in the Office of the Dean,” Robert Kelly, Macon State Coll.
3. “The Chair’s Functions and Expectations,” Lucille Kerr, Northwestern Univ.
4. “Workplace Regulations: FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act), Students’ and Faculty Members’ Rights and Responsibilities,” Martin Mastascusa, Bryn Mawr Coll.

492. Today’s Students, Today’s Teachers: Work-Life Balance

1:45–3:00 p.m., 309, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the Division on Teaching as a Profession

Presiding: Laura L. Behling, Butler Univ.

1. "Big Woman on Campus: Insight from Pregnant Students, Teachers, and Administrators in Academe," Heather Martin, Univ. of Denver
2. "I Do! The Engagement of Scholarship and Family in Academe," S. Lavin, Stony Brook Univ., State Univ. of New York
3. "Up the Down Staircase: Caring for the Disabled While Living in the Academy," Susan Campbell Anderson, Spelman Coll.

529. Careers and Career Prospects for Humanists

3:30–4:45 p.m., Liberty Ballroom Salon A, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the Association of Departments of English

Presiding: David Laurence, MLA

Speakers: Jennifer Furlong, Columbia Univ.; Julie Miller Vick, Univ. of Pennsylvania

532. How to Have a Life: Work-Life Balance in the Academy

3:30–4:45 p.m., Grand Ballroom Salon K, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the MLA Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession

Presiding: Rosemary Erickson Johnsen, Governors State Univ.

1. "Rebalancing the Work-Life Norm," Joan Girgus, Princeton Univ.
2. "Better Living through Planning: Workload Policy and the Pursuit of Balance," Robert Franciosi, Grand Valley State Univ.
3. "Queer Lives in the Balance," Lynne Huffer, Emory Univ.

563. The Academic Workforce: Where We Need to Go, How We Get There

7:15–8:30 p.m., Liberty Ballroom Salon C, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the ADE and ADFL Executive Committees

Presiding: Anna Karen Nardo, Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge

Speakers: Cristina León Alfar, Hunter Coll., City Univ. of New York; Thomas Blair, City Coll. of San Francisco, CA; Donald E. Hall, West Virginia Univ., Morgantown; Cathy L. Jade, Vanderbilt Univ.

566. New Structures for Educating Graduate Student Teachers

7:15–8:30 p.m., Congress C, Loews

A special session

Presiding: Hiram H. Maxim, Emory Univ.; Heather Willis Allen, Univ. of Miami

Speakers: Judith Elaine Liskin-Gasparro, Univ. of Iowa; Peter C. Pfeiffer, Georgetown Univ.; Todd W. Reeser, Univ. of Pittsburgh

575. Gaining a Public Voice: Alternative Genres of Publication for Graduate Students

7:15–8:30 p.m., 405, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the MLA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession

Presiding: Jens Kugele, Georgetown Univ.

1. “Animating Audiences: Digital Publication Projects and Their Publics,” Jentery Sayers, Univ. of Washington, Seattle
2. “ Blogging *Beowulf*,” Mary Kate Hurley, Columbia Univ.
3. “Hope Is Not a Husk but Persists in and as Us: A Proposal for Graduate Collaborative Publication,” Emily Carr, Univ. of Calgary
4. “The Alternative as Mainstream: Building Bridges,” Katherine Marie Arens, Univ. of Texas, Austin

Wednesday, 30 December

733. Academic Business: A Roundtable for Graduate Students on Working in the Corporate University

1:45–3:00 p.m., Grand Ballroom Salon K, Philadelphia Marriott

Program arranged by the Graduate Student Caucus

Presiding: Swati Rana, Univ. of California, Berkeley

Speakers: John David Guillory, New York Univ.; Jean Elizabeth Howard, Columbia Univ.; Masao Miyoshi, Univ. of California, San Diego; Christopher J. Newfield, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara