



Join us in Philadelphia 27–30 December 2009
for the 125th MLA
Annual Convention

- A job information center for applicants and interviewers
- Over 100 exhibitors of books and educational products
- More than 760 sessions, forums, and readings
- Hotel rooms at less than half the regular rates
- Special airline discounts

Important Dates

1 October

Deadline for receipt of early registration fees for members

mid-October

Convention program mailed to all MLA members

1 December

Deadline for receipt of preregistration fees

4 December

Deadline for receipt of housing requests

26 December

Postmark deadline for registration refund requests

2009 MLA Convention

The convention will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, 27 December, and end at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 30 December. All MLA members and others involved in the study or teaching of language and literature must register in order to attend or participate in meetings, visit the exhibit hall, take part in the job service, or reserve hotel rooms at special MLA rates. The November (Program) issue of *PMLA*, which contains a complete list of the over 760 sessions, will be sent to all MLA members in mid-October.

Job Information Center

Interview facilities for job candidates and department administrators will be set up at the Job Information Center in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Ballroom A, Ballroom level). A job-counseling service will also be located in the job center; senior faculty members will advise job candidates in one-to-one counseling sessions. Several convention sessions are designed to assist job candidates and interviewers on the job search in both English and foreign languages.

Changes to Child Care for the 2009 Convention

Faced with rising costs and limited interest from members, the MLA will not offer on-site child care at the 2009 convention. 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 dues categories.

Members should submit a request for reimbursement, along with a receipt for child care from one of the hotel-recommended services. Requests should be sent no later than 9 January 2010 to Maribeth Kraus, Director of Convention Programs.

Persons with Disabilities

The MLA is committed to making arrangements that allow all members of the association to participate in the convention. Meeting rooms in the headquarters hotels are accessible, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. A complimentary bus service for persons with disabilities will be available throughout the convention. Sign language interpreters and hotel rooms that are specifically equipped for persons with permanent or temporary disabilities are available on request. To arrange for an interpreter or to reserve specifically equipped hotel rooms, indicate your requirements on the housing form and the registration form and write or call Karin Bagnall (kbagnall@mmla.org) in the MLA convention office by 13 November.

Convention Locations

Most English sessions, exhibits, and the child care center are in the Philadelphia Marriott. Most foreign language and comparative literature sessions are in the Loews Philadelphia. The Job Information Center and various other sessions are in the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Exhibit Hall

Publishers of textbooks, journals, literary classics, and reference books, as well as manufacturers of computer products for language instruction, for writing programs, and for scholarly research, will display their newest titles and products in the Franklin Hall, Level 4, Philadelphia Marriott.

Forum

The Presidential Forum: The Tasks of Translation in the Global Context

Forum Speakers

Emily S. Apter	Peggy Kamuf
Sandra L. Berman	Philip E. Lewis
Tom Clark Conley	Marjorie Gabrielle Perloff
Verena Andermatt Conley	Catherine Porter
Jonathan Culler	Naoki Sakai
Brett de Bary	Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
Marilyn Gaddis Rose	Lawrence M. Venuti

Philadelphia Tourist Information

Pamphlets will be available at the MLA information centers in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2). To obtain information beforehand, you may call the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau at 215 636-3300 or link from the MLA Web site (www.mla.org) to a Philadelphia information Web site.

Transportation to and in Philadelphia

MLA convention hotels are located in Center City Philadelphia.

By plane: Philadelphia is served by Philadelphia International Airport (www.phl.org; 800 745-4283; 215 937-6937). The SEPTA Airport Rail Line R-1 connects the airport with Center City and includes stops at 30th Street Station (Amtrak) and Market East Station (Convention Center, Marriott, and Loews). It operates daily every half hour; the one-way fare is \$7. Lady Liberty Transportation Company offers shuttle service between the airport and Center City. Shuttles run every fifteen minutes, and the fare is \$10. One-way cab fare from the airport to Center City is \$28.50.

By train: Amtrak (www.amtrak.com; 800 USA-Rail) offers rail service into Philadelphia's 30th Street Station, two miles from the Center City hotels. One-way taxi fare to the convention hotels is \$5-\$8.

Travel Assistance for the Annual Convention

Assistance for Graduate Students

Funds are available to cover up to 200 awards of \$300 for advanced graduate students.

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

Funds are available to cover up to 150 awards of \$300 for contingent non-tenure-track faculty members or unemployed members.

Assistance for Regular and Life Members Residing Outside the United States and Canada

Funds are available to cover up to 150 awards of \$300 for regular and life members residing outside the United States and Canada.

Letters of application for any of the above grants must reach the MLA Travel Assistance Program, Bowling Green Station, PO Box 107, New York, NY 10274-0107, by 1 November 2009. Visit the MLA Web site for further information (www.mla.org/awards).

Travel Arrangements

Travel arrangements may be made through Association Travel Concepts (ATC), the official travel coordinator for the MLA Annual Convention, through the MLA Web site, or by phone directly with American Airlines and Amtrak.

Airline Discounts

- 5% off the available fare in a number of applicable classes of service for tickets on American Airlines purchased before the MLA Annual Convention.
- ATC will also search for the lowest available fare on any airline.
- The above discount is valid for travel from 24 December 2009 to 4 January 2010. Some other restrictions may apply.

ATC will send electronic ticket receipts and itineraries for your airline tickets to your e-mail address if you book through the Web site or to your e-mail address or by regular mail if you book over the phone. There is a service fee of \$35 per airline ticket issued for telephone reservations and a \$10 per airline ticket issued for reservations made through the MLA Web site (where housing reservations can also be made). ATC can be reached at 800 458-9383 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Eastern time. Reservations for air travel only can be made on the MLA Web site at any time.

American Airlines 800 433-1790

Meeting ID: A79D9AG

Amtrak Discounts

Amtrak offers a 10% discount off the lowest rail fare available when you make your reservations to travel between 24 December 2009 and 2 January 2010. This offer is not valid on the Auto Train and Acela Service. The discounted fare is valid with Sleepers, Business Class or First Class seats with payment of the full applicable accommodation charges. The Amtrak convention fare discount is only available for reservations made by phone.

Amtrak 800 USA-RAIL (800 872-7245)

Convention fare code: X67Y-966

Registration Fees

Early registration and hotel and travel arrangements are available to MLA members beginning early September 2009 at www.mla.org. To preregister for the convention by mail or by credit card, print the preregistration form and return it with your registration fee in US dollars, drawn on a US bank. Payment instructions are on the preregistration form. There will be a non-refundable charge of \$5 for badges replaced at the convention.

Registration Refunds

Requests for refunds must be made in writing, accompanied by convention badges, and postmarked no later than 26 December. If you paid by credit card, please supply the credit card number and expiration date in your letter to expedite your refund. Mail requests for refunds to MLA Convention Office, Bowling Green Station, PO Box 107, New York, NY 10274-0107. A **\$10 service fee is deducted from all refunds.**

Important reminders: please read this section carefully before completing the convention registration and hotel reservation forms

- Forms must be complete and legible to be processed. Members are reminded that hotel rooms at the special MLA rates are available only to persons who preregister. The housing form cannot be processed and room reservations will not be made until all nonexempt occupants sharing a room (including spouses) have paid their registration fees. **Note: to reserve a 2-bedroom suite, at least two of the occupants must be paid convention registrants.**
- **If paying by credit card:** If you are using a credit card for your preregistration fee and your hotel guarantee, be sure to include credit card information on both the housing form and the preregistration form. Registration forms and housing forms are handled by two different departments. **A hotel reservation will not be made if your credit card number is incorrect or invalid, so please read the e-mail confirmation you receive from the housing company carefully.**

- **If paying by check:** You must pay with separate checks for registration and housing. Make your room deposit check or money order (no wire transfers) payable to Convention Management Resources/MLA in US dollars, drawn on a US bank—\$100 per single or double room, \$200 per 1-bedroom suite, or \$300 per 2-bedroom suite.
- Acceptable forms of payment: Personal checks, bank drafts, certified checks, and money orders. Note: Do not combine your preregistration fee and hotel room deposit in one check. This will slow the processing of both your preregistration and your housing.
- Non-US registrants: To avoid delay in processing your housing form, please use a credit card to guarantee your hotel reservation. International money orders made out in US dollars are also accepted.
- Be sure to sign and date the check.
- Carefully check your hotel confirmation immediately on receipt to make sure that your reservation is correct.
- If you have verification of your convention registration but do not receive a confirmation of your hotel room within three weeks, do not wait until you arrive in Philadelphia. Notify the Convention Management Resources/MLA Housing Office immediately at MLA2009housing@cmrus.com.

MLA rates apply at convention hotels from 25 December 2009 through 1 January 2010, based on availability. These special rates are available only to persons who register for the convention. All rates are exclusive of 15.2% tax, per room, per day.

Important note about hotel room cancellations after 14 December

- Deposits are refundable if notice of cancellation is received by the hotel at least 72 hours prior to the date of arrival.
- Keep a copy of the housing reservation form and ask for and keep the cancellation number the hotel should give you when you cancel your reservation. If canceling by phone, make a note of the full name of the person who cancels your reservation.

<i>Both 2009 and 2010 members are eligible for members' rates for the convention</i>	Received from 1 September through 1 October	Received from 2 October through 1 December	Received after 1 December
Regular members	\$125	\$150	\$175
Graduate student members	\$40	\$40	\$40
Emeritus members	\$40	\$40	\$40
Regular and life members residing outside the United States and Canada	\$50	\$50	\$50
Unemployed members and members employed less than full-time	\$50	\$50	\$50
Nonmembers		\$200	\$225
Graduate student nonmembers		\$65	\$65
Emeritus nonmembers		\$65	\$65

Student registration fees are partially subsidized by income from advertisements in the *Job Information List*.



Hotels for the 2009 MLA Annual Convention

	<i>Single/Double</i>	<i>Suite 1/2 Bedroom</i>	<i>Add'l Person</i>
1 Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (NS) 1201 Market St. 19107	\$121/\$130	\$350-\$500	\$20
2 Loews Philadelphia 1200 Market St. 19107	\$119/\$129	\$219/\$319	\$25
3 Courtyard Marriott Downtown (NS) 21 North Juniper St. 19107	\$106/\$115	\$150-\$250	\$20
4 Crowne Plaza Hotel 1800 Market St. 19103	\$115/\$125	N/A	\$20
5 Doubletree Philadelphia Broad and Locust St. 19107	\$115 s/d	N/A	\$20
6 Embassy Suites Philadelphia-Center City 1776 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy. 19103	\$125 s/d	all suites*	\$10
7 Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia 1 Logan Sq. 19103	\$145 s/d	\$255/\$395	\$40
8 Hilton Garden Inn 1100 Arch St. 19107	\$119/\$129	\$139/\$149**	\$10
9 Park Hyatt Philadelphia at the Bellevue Broad and Walnut Streets 19102	\$135 s/d	N/A	\$25
10 Radisson Plaza-Warwick Hotel 1701 Locust St. 19103	\$133 s/d	\$133/\$266	\$20
11 Ritz-Carlton Philadelphia (NS) 10 Ave. of the Arts 19102	\$139 s/d	\$245 1 bedroom only	\$25
12 Sheraton Philadelphia City Center 17th and Race Streets 19103	\$119 s/d	N/A	\$20
13 Sofitel Philadelphia 120 South 17th St. 19103	\$119 s/d	\$179	\$20
14 Westin Philadelphia (NS) 99 South 17th St. 19103	\$125 s/d	\$299/\$425	\$20

(NS)—Entire hotel is nonsmoking.

*sleep sofa in parlor

**Hilton Garden Inn suites do not have the parlor separated by a door.

2009 MLA Convention Housing Form

Housing forms must be received by 4 December. Use one for each room or suite. Paid convention registration for all nonexempt room or suite occupants must be received before a hotel room can be reserved.

Hotels

List in order of preference; hotel availability at time of receipt will determine which preference can be honored.

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____

Room Type

Check desired room type. Suite availability is limited.

- Smoking (See hotel list) Nonsmoking
 Single P1 (parlor + bedroom)
 Double (1 bed, 2 persons) P2 (parlor + 2 bedrooms)
 Double/Double (2 beds, 2 to 4 persons)
 Check here if you plan to use your suite or hotel room for interviewing.

Primary Occupants

Convention registrant
Name _____
Arrival date and time _____
Departure date and time _____

Secondary Occupants

Convention registrant Exempt*
Name _____
Arrival date and time _____
Departure date and time _____

* Not professionally involved in any field relating to the study of language and literature

Convention registrant Exempt*
Name _____
Arrival date and time _____
Departure date and time _____

Convention registrant Exempt*
Name _____
Arrival date and time _____
Departure date and time _____

- TDD/TTY light signal system service dog accommodations
 wheelchair accommodations other access requirements



Please provide a telephone number, mailing address, or e-mail address below if different from what is listed in the confirmation section so that the MLA coordinator can get in touch with you.

Availability of specific services may vary from one convention site to another.

Confirmation

Within two weeks of receipt of completed form, confirmation is sent only to the individual below, in the following order: e-mail, fax, post.

Name _____

Address _____

City & state _____ Postal code _____ Country _____

Office phone _____ Home phone _____

Fax number _____ E-mail address _____

TDD/TTY number _____

Payment

Credit Card: If you are using a credit card for your registration fee and your hotel guarantee, be sure to include credit card information on the preregistration form as well. Please note that MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover are accepted for preregistration and room deposits.

No hotel reservation will be processed or confirmed by MLA Housing without providing credit card guarantee information for hotel billing. **Important:** MLA Housing will forward all individual credit card information to the hotel for processing. Please note that the hotels may charge your credit card 72 hours before you arrive. If your reservation is canceled less than 72 hours before you arrive, or if you fail to arrive on your confirmed arrival date, your credit card will be charged a nonrefundable no-show or late-cancellation penalty in the amount of **one night's room and tax.**

Account no. _____

Exp. date _____

Name on card _____

Signature _____

Check or Money Order: Make your room deposit payment to Convention Management Resources/MLA in US dollars, drawn on a US bank. Please be sure to sign and date the check. \$100 per single or double room, \$200 per 1-bedroom suite, \$300 per 2-bedroom suite.

Keep a Copy of This Form

Please send registration and housing in one envelope.

Send all materials to:
Modern Language Association
Bowling Green Station
PO Box 107
New York, NY 10274-0107

Hotel Room Cancellations and Changes

To cancel your room reservation or to change arrival and departure times:

Until 4 December: Cancellations or changes must be received in writing at the Convention Management Resources/MLA Housing Office, 33 New Montgomery, Suite 1100, San Francisco, CA 94105. You may e-mail your hotel cancellation to MLA2009housing@cmrus.com.

After 14 December: To cancel your room reservation or to change times, call the hotel directly. Between 5 and 16 December, hotel reservations and room deposits are being transferred to the hotels.

Important: You will be unable to obtain a refund for a hotel room unless the cancellation is received by the hotel at least 72 hours before your scheduled arrival time. It is important to keep a copy of the reservation form and to ask for and keep the cancellation number that the hotel should give you when you cancel your room reservation. If you cancel by phone, note the full name of the person who cancels your reservation. Otherwise you risk forfeiting your room deposit.

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

To change the occupants in your hotel room: Arrangements for changes in occupants must be made through the MLA convention office in New York (convention@mla.org).

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal code _____

Country _____

Please print or type your name and affiliation as you wish them to appear on your convention badge.

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Check One:

1 Sept.–1 Oct.* Early Registration

- Regular Member \$125
- Graduate Student Member \$40
- Emeritus Member \$40
- Regular or Life Member Residing outside the United States and Canada \$50
- Unemployed Member or Member Employed Less Than Full-Time \$50

2 Oct.–1 Dec.* Preregistration

- Regular Member \$150
- Graduate Student Member \$40
- Emeritus Member \$40
- Regular or Life Member Residing outside the United States and Canada \$50
- Unemployed Member or Member Employed Less Than Full-Time \$50
- Nonmember \$200
- Graduate Student Nonmember \$65
- Emeritus Nonmember \$65

2 Dec.–30 Dec. (including on-site registration)

- Regular Member \$175
- Graduate Student Member \$40
- Emeritus Member \$40
- Regular or Life Member Residing outside the United States and Canada \$50
- Unemployed Member or Member Employed Less Than Full-Time \$50
- Nonmember \$225
- Graduate Student Nonmember \$65
- Emeritus Nonmember \$65

* Registration runs until midnight on the last day indicated.

Preregistration fees must be received before hotel reservations can be processed.



Registration Form

2009 MLA Convention

Payment of Early and Preregistration Fees

If paying by credit card: If you are charging both your early or preregistration fee and your room deposit, be sure to include credit card information on the housing form as well. (Non-US registrants: To avoid delay in processing your registration, please pay by MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express. International money orders are also accepted.)



Signature _____

Account no. _____

Exp. date _____

Phone number _____

If paying by check: Make your preregistration fee check payable to the Modern Language Association. Enclose a separate check for hotel room deposits (see housing form for instructions). Do not combine your preregistration fee and hotel room deposit in one check. Send the preregistration form, housing form, and check(s) to the MLA.



Check here if you need sign language interpreting for sessions or social events, the MLA Program on disk, a large-print *Convention Guide* or copy of the *Convention News and Program Update*, or other services relating to permanent or temporary disabilities. Availability of specific services may vary from one convention site to another. In the space at left, please provide a telephone number, mailing address, or e-mail address so that the MLA coordinator can get in touch with you.

Persons with hearing disabilities may e-mail kbagnall@mla.org.

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