CONVENTION LOCATIONS

Chicago Marriott
Most English language sessions
MLA registration and welcome center

Sheraton Chicago
Most foreign language and comparative literature sessions
Exhibit hall
MLA registration and welcome center

Fairmont
Job Information Center
Child care

CONVENTION DAILY

The Convention Daily prints special notices, changes in schedule, and brief reports on convention activities and appears Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during the convention. Copies are available free at the MLA registration and welcome centers and at various other locations throughout the hotels; the 9 January issue will appear on the MLA Web site before the convention.

WI-FI ACCESS

The MLA is providing free wireless Internet access in the meeting rooms and public areas of the Chicago Marriott, the Sheraton Chicago (not including the exhibit hall), and the Fairmont. Follow these instructions to connect (connectivity is not guaranteed):

Chicago Marriott. In the lobby, select Marriott_Lobby then Free High Speed Internet. In the meeting rooms, select MLA2014, agree to terms, then enter MLA2014 (case sensitive) as the password.

Sheraton Chicago. Select Sheraton Lobby or MLA14 depending on your location in the hotel.

Fairmont. Select Fairmont Meetings and log in with MLA2014 (case sensitive) for group name and access code. Reconnection is required after a session has been active for twenty-four hours.

WHAT TO DO IN A WEATHER OR OTHER EMERGENCY

If weather or an emergency in Chicago should delay or otherwise affect the scheduling of convention sessions, full information on such changes will be posted on the MLA Web site (www.mla.org/convention). If a local or personal emergency should cause you to have to delay or cancel your attendance at the convention, you should contact your hotel as early as possible. Registrants who booked their travel through MacNair Travel should call 877 410-8195; others should call their carrier directly. Requests for registration refunds must be postmarked by 10 January. Visit www.mla.org/conv_registration for more information. If you are scheduled to speak or participate in a session, please notify the session organizer. You may also want to annotate your session listing in the online Program.

PROGRAM ONLINE

A searchable program for the convention is available (www.mla.org/program), as is a streamlined version for mobile devices (mla14.org).

TWITTER

Tweet sessions using the convention hashtag (#mla14) and session hashtags (e.g., #s421).

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A convention speaker may obtain a pass to register in order to participate in or attend sessions. All MLA members and members of the profession that the MLA serves are required to register in order to participate in or attend sessions. A convention speaker may obtain a pass for a guest who has no professional interest in language or literature to hear a paper given by that speaker. These passes must be requested at the MLA registration and welcome centers by the speaker on the day of the session, before the centers close. Passes may not be requested by guests of speakers, MLA members who have not registered for the convention, or by speakers for guests for any reason other than to see that person speak in a particular session.

Badges
Badges are required for admission to convention sessions, the exhibit hall, and the Job Information Center. Badge holders are available at the MLA registration and welcome centers in the Chicago Marriott and the Sheraton Chicago and at the satellite registration and badge replacement center in the Fairmont. Lost badges can be replaced for $10.

Canceling Sessions
MLA sessions should be canceled only if nearly all the participants are unable to attend the convention. In such a situation, please contact the MLA headquarters office immediately (convention@mla.org; Chicago Marriott, extension 5163; Sheraton Chicago, 312 329-7067) so that convention attendees can be informed of the cancellation. Organizers should also inform all the session participants of the cancellation.

Fragrance
The Committee on Disability Issues in the Profession reminds attendees to refrain from using scented products will help ensure the comfort of everyone at the convention.

Guest Passes to Sessions
All MLA members and members of the profession that the MLA serves are required to register in order to participate in or attend sessions.

MLA REGISTRATION AND WELCOME CENTERS

About the MLA Registration and Welcome Centers
Chicago Marriott, 5th floor
Sheraton Chicago, Lobby level 3
9 January: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
10 and 11 January: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
12 January: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
Visit the registration and welcome centers for answers to general questions about the convention and the association; free copies of the Convention Guide and the Convention Daily; and badge holders, guest passes, and other convention-related materials.

Chicago Information and Restaurant Reservations
MLA registration and welcome center,
Chicago Marriott, 5th floor
9 January: 12:00 noon–5:00 p.m.
10 January: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
11 January: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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.

Desks for Attendees with Disabilities
Chicago Marriott, 5th floor and lobby level
(Sheraton Chicago, Lobby level 3
Fairmont, Lobby level
These desks will be staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees with disabilities, including making arrangements for the accessible shuttle.

Housing Desk
MLA registration and welcome center,
Chicago Marriott, 5th floor
Convention registrants who need assistance with their hotel arrangements may go to the housing desk, where a representative of CMR, the MLA housing service, will be available to help.

Membership Desks
Join the association while registering for the convention to register at members’ rates. MLA membership runs from 15 January through 14 January of the subsequent year. Membership desks are located at both registration and welcome centers.

MLA Commons
Account activation and assistance. MLA registration and welcome center, Chicago Marriott, 5th floor
Live presentations. 10 January, 4:50–5:10 p.m., and 11 January, 9:50–10:10 a.m., Exhibit Hall Theater, Sheraton Chicago, River Exhibition Hall, level 1
MLA Commons is designed to facilitate active member-to-member communication, to support the work of divisions and discussion groups, and much more.

Print Copies of the Program

Copies of the Program can be purchased for $15 at the registration and welcome centers.

ON-SITE RESOURCES

Business Centers
Chicago Marriott, FedEx Office, 2nd floor
9–10 January: 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
11–12 January: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sheraton Chicago, FedEx Office, Lobby level 3
9–10 January: 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
11–12 January: 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Fairmont, FedEx Office, level B1
9–10 January: 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
11 January: 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
12 January: 7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Child Care
Fairmont, level 2
Preregistration is required.
10–11 January: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Friends of Bill W.
In the Chicago Marriott, Navy Pier (10th floor) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours. Meetings will be held 10 January, 7:00–8:15 p.m., and 11 January, 7:30–8:20 a.m. and 7:00–8:15 p.m.

Headquarters Offices
Chicago Marriott, Scottsdale, 5th floor
Sheraton Chicago, Parlor A, Lobby level 3
Session organizers are asked to refer questions about meeting rooms or meeting facilities to one of the headquarters offices, not to the hotel management.

Internet Access by Hotel Guests
Guests who booked their rooms through the MLA housing service will receive free Internet access by following the instructions below. You may have to accept an access charge temporarily, but it will be deleted before checkout if you booked through the MLA. Guests who booked directly through the hotel will have to pay the access fee.

Chicago Marriott. Launch a browser and select the Marriott_Guest network. Agree to the terms, then you will be prompted for a password. The password is your last name and room number.

Conrad Chicago. Wired and wireless connections are available. For a wired connection, connect from your Ethernet card to the GlobalSuite desktop connector. For wireless, activate your wireless network card and, if prompted, connect to the Conrad Chicago network. Open your Web browser to connect to GlobalSuite or enter login.globalsuite.net into the address bar. Accept the terms of service and follow the on-screen instructions.

DoubleTree. You will receive a complimentary Internet code at check-in with your key packet. Access the Internet and point browser to the HHonors access point. Once complete, enter name, room number, and access code.

Embassy Suites Downtown/Lakefront. You will receive a special promotional code at the front desk when you check in. Connect to the HHonors network. Choose “I have a promotion coupon code” and enter the promotional code.

Fairmont Chicago. Before you arrive in Chicago, sign up as a Fairmont Presidents Club member (https://www.fairmont.com/fpc) and save your FPC confirmation number. Once you are in your room, select the Fairmont network, open your Internet browser, and select the Presidents Club Member option on the log-in screen. Enter your last name as listed on the reservation and your FPC number and click Connect Now. You may need to accept charges, but the charges will be removed from your bill. Access is active for twenty-four hours at a time.

Inn of Chicago. You will receive a complimentary code with your key when you check in at the front desk. Open your browser and then enter your code when prompted. If the connection is not immediate, select the Inn of Chicago network. Guests can also sign up for the Choice Privileges program for complimentary Internet access at all Choice hotels.

InterContinental Chicago. Open wireless settings on the computer and click “InterContinental.” Open Internet browser to access the sign-in page, enter 6624085 in the PIN box, and hit Enter.

Omni Chicago Hotel. Select Omni from the list of wireless networks. Launch a browser and connect to the Omni Wi-Fi homepage. Enter last name and room number, agree to the terms and conditions, and click Accept. If sharing your room, the last name of the primary guest must be used.

Palmer House Hilton. You will receive a special promotional code at the front desk when you check in.

Radisson Blu. Connect to the Radisson Blu router. Open an Internet page (on a mobile device, open a new Internet page and search for any Web site), enter your room number when prompted, accept the terms and conditions, and wait for the log-in to connect.

Sheraton Chicago. Connect to Sheraton Guest and enter your last name and room number. You will need to accept the Internet charges, but you will not be charged.

Swissôtel Chicago. Connect to Swissôtel Chicago. Choose the $14.95 plan (this will be taken off your bill before checkout). When prompted, enter your room number and last name then select Connect.

Lost and Found
Chicago Marriott, Loss Prevention, extension 5011
Sheraton Chicago, Security Department, extension 6918
Fairmont, dial 0

Lounges
Members’ Lounges. Chicago Marriott, North Alcove, 5th floor; Sheraton Chicago, Ballroom Promenade East End, Ballroom level 4
Graduate Student Lounge. Chicago Marriott, River North, 2nd floor

Press Office
Chicago Marriott, Printers Row, 2nd floor

Shuttle Bus Service
A free shuttle service will operate among the Chicago Marriott, the Sheraton Chicago, and the Fairmont. Further details will be available at the convention and on the MLA Web site. There will be a shuttle service available throughout the convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities.

Speaker Ready Rooms
Chicago Marriott, Denver, 5th floor
Sheraton Chicago, Parlor B, Lobby level 3

Transportation in Chicago
The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) operates throughout Chicago; for information on routes and fares, visit www.transitchicago.com. MLA convention hotels are located in the North Michigan Avenue area, near the Red Line.
“Who’s Here” Directory
Chicago Marriott, North Alcove, 5th floor (members’ lounge)
Sheraton Chicago, Ballroom Promenade East End, Ballroom level 4 (members’ lounge)
Fairmont, level B2 (near the Job Information Center)

“MLA Commons” Directory

MLA Exhibit Booth (Booth 100)
All MLA titles ordered at the booth will be discounted 25%.
10 January, 3:30 p.m.: Reception celebrating new titles released by the MLA in 2013
10 and 11 January, 9:00–10:00 a.m.: MLA International Bibliography staff members will be on hand to answer questions, provide demonstrations, and help with searches.
11 January, 10:30 a.m.: Coffee reception to celebrate the MLA International Bibliography

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Cultural Excursions
Preregistration is required. Shuttles depart from the Chicago Marriott on Ohio Street at Rush Street.

Morning Events

Tuesday, 10 January
9:50–10:10 a.m. How You Can Use MLA Commons... 

Wednesday, 11 January
9:50–10:10 a.m. How You Can Use MLA Commons... 

Thursday, 12 January
9:50–10:10 a.m. How You Can Use MLA Commons... 

Friday, 13 January
9:50–10:10 a.m. How You Can Use MLA Commons... 

Saturday, 14 January
9:50–10:10 a.m. How You Can Use MLA Commons... 

Informational Sessions and Workshops

Chicago Humanities Summit
9 January, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon, Regal Fairmont
Discussions of Career Options for Humanities PhDs
10 January, 2:00–4:00 p.m., Regal, Fairmont
Participants are encouraged to bring their CVs and other application materials for review.

Electronic Literature Exhibit: Pathfinders: Twenty-Five Years of Experimental Literary Art
Sheraton Chicago, Sheraton II, Ballroom level 4
9 January: 12:00 noon–7:00 p.m.
10–11 January: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
The archival Web site will be located at http://dtc-wsuv.org/wp/pathfinders/exhibit/.

MLA Commons Exhibit

Presented by MLA Commons, booth 100

Full-Access Exhibitor

Fairmont, Imperial Ballroom, level B2
9 January: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
10–11 January: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
12 January: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
For prearranged interviews, consult the interviewer’s sign-in file to find out where your interview is scheduled.

Exhibit Hall Theater

MLA Exhibit Hall, Sheraton Chicago, River Exhibition Hall, level 1
Exhibits

10 and 11 January: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
12 January: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Exhibits

Recruitment Information: Job Information Center
Fairmont, level B2 (near the Job Information Center)

The Humanities Matter at ProQuest: Online Collections Providing Real Knowledge for the Real World
Presented by ProQuest, booth 239

ProQuest Flow, the Only Research Tool You’ll Need
Presented by ProQuest, booth 239

FastPencil! An End-to-End Self-Publishing Solution
Presented by FastPencil, booth 803

The Newberry: Behind-the-Scenes and Other Application Materials for Review
Participants are encouraged to bring their CVs and other application materials for review.

Chicago History Museum Behind-the-Scenes Tour
10 January (shuttle departs from the Chicago Marriott at 10:15 a.m.)

Island Brewery and Pub.

Discussion of Career Options for Humanities PhDs
10 January, 2:00–4:00 p.m., Regal, Fairmont
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MLA Awards Ceremony (Session 660)
11 January, 6:45 p.m., Sheraton Chicago, Sheraton IV-V, Ballroom level 4
Marianne Hirsch will present several awards, including the Phyllis Franklin Award for Public Advocacy of the Humanities to John Sayles, who will then speak. The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

President Address (Session 421)
10 January, 6:45 p.m., Sheraton Chicago, Sheraton IV-V, Ballroom level 4
The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

President Forum (Session 230)
10 January, 10:15 a.m., Sheraton Chicago, Sheraton IV-V, Ballroom level 4

A Screening of Eight Men Out, a Film by John Sayles (Session 155A)
9 January, 6:30 p.m., Chicago Marriott, Grand I, 7th floor

INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Chicago Humanities Summit
9 January, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon, Gratz Center at Fourth Presbyterian Church, 126 East Chestnut Street, Chicago
Preregistration is required. More information is available here: https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07e860snat7a0a7100&oseq=&c=&ch=

Council of Editors of Learned Journals

Informational consultations. 10 and 11 January, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Sheraton Chicago, Tennessee
Visit www.celj.org/node/1829 for more information.
Those interested in meeting with a CELJ editor should write to Richard Kopley at rxk3@psu.edu.

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10 January, 2:00–4:00 p.m., Regal, Fairmont
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“Who’s Here” Directory
Chicago Marriott, North Alcove, 5th floor (members’ lounge)
Sheraton Chicago, Ballroom Promenade East End, Ballroom level 4 (members’ lounge)
Fairmont, level B2 (near the Job Information Center)
Government Careers

Fairmont, Gold, level 2

9 January: 1:45–3:45 p.m. (workshop for job seekers with foreign language skills); 4:00–6:00 p.m. (informational consultation)

Sheraton Chicago, Chicago X, Ballroom level 4

11 January: 3:30–5:30 p.m. (workshop for program administrators)

NEH Information

Workshop. 10 January, 1:30 –3:30 p.m., Sheraton Chicago, Chicago VIII, Ballroom level 4

GOVERNANCE

Delegate Assembly

11 January, 1:00 p.m., Chicago Marriott, Grand III, 7th floor

For agenda information, visit www.mla.org/ dameeting_agenda after 15 December.

EMERGENCIES

Illness and Medical Emergencies

Procedures may vary from one location to another.

Chicago Marriott. Dial 0 from any house phone.

Sheraton Chicago. Dial 88 from any house phone or 312 329-6918.

Fairmont. Dial 0 from any house phone.

2015 CONVENTION IN VANCOUVER

Calls for Papers

To post or review calls for papers for the 2015 MLA convention in Vancouver (8–11 January 2015), visit www.mla.org/conv_papers.

Organizing Sessions

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2015 convention in Vancouver will be available on the MLA Web site in March 2014.

Vancouver Information

Chicago Marriott, 5th floor (near the MLA registration and welcome center)

Learn more about visiting Canada and whether you need a visa for the 2015 convention.
Meeting Rooms
Ambassador, level 2
Gold, level 2
Regal, level B2
Royal, level B2
State, level 2

Service Areas
1. Satellite MLA registration (Imperial Ballroom Lobby, level B2)
2. MLA Job Information Service and interview area (Imperial Ballroom, level B2)
3. Child-care check-in desk (Ambassador foyer, level 2)

The desk for persons with disabilities is located on the lobby level near the escalators.

Please remember to wear your badge.
**Meeting Rooms**

- Addison, 4th floor
- Armitage, 4th floor
- Belmont, 4th floor
- Chicago A–B, 5th floor
- Chicago C, 5th floor
- Chicago D, 5th floor
- Chicago E, 5th floor
- Chicago F, 5th floor
- Chicago G, 5th floor
- Chicago H, 5th floor
- Clark, 4th floor
- Cook, 3rd floor
- DuPage, 3rd floor
- Grace, 4th floor
- Grand I, 7th floor
- Grand II, 7th floor
- Grand III, 7th floor
- Great America, 6th floor
- Huron, 10th floor
- Illinois, 6th floor
- Indiana-Iowa, 6th floor
- Kane, 3rd floor
- Lincolnshire, 6th floor
- Los Angeles–Miami, 5th floor
- McHenry, 3rd floor
- Michigan–Michigan State, 6th floor
- Minnesota, 6th floor
- Northwestern–Ohio State, 6th floor
- O’Hare, 10th floor
- Old Town, 2nd floor
- Purdue-Wisconsin, 6th floor
- Sheffield, 4th floor
- State, 4th floor
- Watertower, 10th floor

*Please note that there are rooms with the name Huron in both the Marriott and Sheraton hotels.*

Escalators do not go to the 6th floor.

Express elevator goes to floors 5, 6, and 7 only.

Only the low-rise elevators access the 10th floor.

**Service Areas**

1. MLA registration and welcome center (5th floor)
2. Members’ lounge and “Who’s Here” directory (North Alcove, 5th floor)
3. MLA headquarters (Scottsdale, 5th floor)
4. Speaker ready room (Denver, 5th floor)
5. Friends of Bill W. (Navy Pier, 10th floor)
6. Press room (Printers Row, 2nd floor)
7. Graduate student lounge (River North, 2nd floor)
8. Desk for persons with disabilities (5th floor)
Please remember to wear your badge.
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Meeting Rooms
Arkansas, Meeting Room level 2
Chicago VI, Ballroom level 4
Chicago VII, Ballroom level 4
Chicago VIII, Ballroom level 4
Chicago IX, Ballroom level 4
Chicago X, Ballroom level 4
Colorado, Meeting Room level 2
Columbus, Lobby level 3
Erie, Meeting Room level 2
Huron, Meeting Room level 2
Lincoln Boardroom, Lobby level 3
Mayfair, Meeting Room level 2
Michigan A, Meeting Room level 2
Michigan B, Meeting Room level 2
Mississippi, Meeting Room level 2
Missouri, Meeting Room level 2
Ohio, Meeting Room level 2
Ontario, Meeting Room level 2
Parlor C, Lobby level 3
Parlor D, Lobby level 3
Parlor E, Lobby level 3
Parlor F, Lobby level 3
Parlor G, Lobby level 3
Sheraton I, Ballroom level 4
Sheraton II, Ballroom level 4
Sheraton IV–V, Ballroom level 4
Superior A, Meeting Room level 2
Superior B, Meeting Room level 2
Tennessee, Meeting Room level 2

Service Areas
1. MLA registration and welcome center (Lobby level 3)
2. Members’ lounge and “Who’s Here” directory (Ballroom Promenade East End, Ballroom level 4)
3. MLA headquarters (Parlor A, Lobby level 3)
4. Desk for persons with disabilities (Lobby level 3)
5. Speaker ready room (Parlor B, Lobby level 3)
6. Exhibit hall (River Exhibition Hall, level 1)

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Please note that the west-end elevators do not open on Meeting Room level 2. The east-end elevators open on all convention meeting room floors.