Delegate Assembly Agenda

At this year’s meeting, the Delegate Assembly will consider a proposed amendment to the MLA constitution, a motion, a regular resolution, and staff and committee reports on association activities. Also on the assembly’s agenda is a one-hour open discussion of the role of faculty members in university-wide curricular matters, including online initiatives. Information on these agenda items can be accessed through the Delegate Assembly’s page (www.mla.org/delegate_assembly) at the MLA Web site.

Since the 1 October deadline for submitting motions and regular resolutions has passed, only emergency resolutions may be added to the assembly’s agenda. Members may submit emergency resolutions to the chair of the Delegate Assembly Organizing Committee up to twenty-four hours before the start of the assembly meeting. The last opportunity for submitting an emergency resolution comes at the Open Hearing on Resolutions at the convention (session 280). Please see the second section in “Checklists for Submitting Resolutions” (www.mla.org/submit_checklist) for information on submission requirements.

The assembly meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, 5 January, in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Boston. 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.

Guest Passes

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 information center by the speaker on the day of the session. 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.

Please note that if you need a pass for an evening session you must obtain it before the information center closes.

MLA Awards

MLA Awards Ceremony

5 January, 6:45 p.m., Sheraton Boston (Constitution Ballroom, 2nd floor)
The MLA Awards Ceremony is open to the public and will be followed by a reception, sponsored in part by Interfolio.

Display and video of 2012 MLA-prize-winning books

_Hynes Convention Center, Prefunction Hall D, level 2_
A display of the books that are 2012 MLA prizewinners, accompanied by a video featuring quotes and photographs from the winners, will be located near the exhibit hall. Many of the prizewinning publishers are exhibiting and will have copies of their books for sale at their booths.

MLA Commons

Get help starting your account on MLA Commons in the Hynes Convention Center, Prefunction Hall D, level 2.

3 January: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
4–5 January: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
6 January: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Live presentations of the new platform will be held in the Exhibit Hall Theater at 10:30 a.m. on 4, 5, and 6 January.

Twitter and Flickr Display

Tweets with the hashtag #mla13 and MLA convention photos posted on Flickr will appear on a screen in the Hynes registration area, and the Twitter feed will also be featured on the MLA home page throughout the convention. We encourage attendees to tweet sessions using the convention hashtag (#mla13) and session hashtags (e.g., #S408) and to tag their convention photos with mla13 on Flickr.

Wi-Fi Access in the Westin

The MLA is providing free wireless Internet access in the meeting rooms and public areas on the 4th floor of the Westin Copley Place. To connect to the Internet, select GlobalSuiteMeeting and password MLA2013 (connectivity is not guaranteed).

Exhibit Hall

_Remember to wear your badge!
_Hynes Convention Center, Hall D, level 2_
4 and 5 January: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
6 January: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Pick up a copy of the exhibit hall floor plan for an updated listing of exhibitors, or visit www.mla.org/list_of_2013_exhibit. Admission to the exhibit hall is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying appropriate passes.

Online Program Access

A searchable Program for the convention is available online at www.mla.org/program, and attendees may access a streamlined version for mobile devices at mla13.org.
MLA exhibit booth happenings (booth 406)

Friday, 4 January
3:30–4:30 p.m. Wine and cheese reception celebrating the 128th MLA Annual Convention and all titles released by the MLA in 2012.

Saturday, 5 January
3:30–4:30 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the 90th anniversary of the MLA International Bibliography and the new MLA Commons with some cake.

Other exhibit hall receptions and events

Friday, 4 January
10:00–11:00 a.m. Random House booths (308, 310). Book signing by Kristen Iversen (Full Body Burden).
1:15–1:45 p.m. Cambria Press booth (316). Nobel Laureate Gao Xingjian will be signing copies of his most recent book, Gao Xingjian: Aesthetics and Creation.
1:30–2:30 p.m. Random House booths (308, 310). Book signing by J. Jack Halberstam (Gaga Feminism).
3:30–4:30 p.m. Random House booths (308, 310). Book signings by Stephanie Reents (The Kissing List) and Anouk Markovits (I Am Forbidden) following their presentation in the exhibit hall theater.

Saturday, 5 January
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Explorica booth (530). Celebrate (with a cookie!) Explorica’s first year at the MLA convention and learn more about educational travel.
4:00 p.m. Bedford/St. Martin’s booths (400, 402, 404). Reception celebrating thirty years of publishing literature anthologies and textbooks.
4:00–5:00 p.m. Performant Software Solutions booth (717). Reception for NINES’ launch of Juxta Commons.
4:30 p.m. LSU Press booth (527). Reception celebrating the release of Poe and the Remapping of Antebellum Print Culture.

Ongoing in the Exhibit Hall

Refreshment Stand
4 and 5 January, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
6 January, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Exhibit Hall Theater

Reserve time in your 2013 convention schedule to attend these exciting presentations. For updates to the schedule, check the next Convention Daily or visit www.mla.org/exhibit_theater_2013.

Friday, 4 January
9:30–10:20 a.m.
MLA International Bibliography on EBSCOhost
Presented by EBSCO Publishing, booth 119
10:30–11:20 a.m.
The New MLA Commons Platform: A Live Presentation
Presented by MLA Commons, booth 406
11:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.
The New MLA Job Information List–Interfolio ByCommittee Service: Demonstration
Presented by the MLA Job Information Service, booth 406, and Interfolio, booth 224
1:30–2:20 p.m.
Career Advice
Presented by Inside Higher Ed, booth 304
2:30–3:20 p.m.
A Conversation with Crown/Hogarth Authors Stephanie Reents and Anouk Markovits
Presented by Random House, booths 308 and 310
3:30–4:20 p.m.
Introducing the Adjunct Project 2.0
Presented by Joshua Boldt and the Chronicle of Higher Education, booth 312

Saturday, 5 January 2013
9:30–10:20 a.m.
MLA International Bibliography Search Tips from the Experts
Presented by MLA International Bibliography, booth 406
10:30–11:20 a.m.
The New MLA Commons Platform: Getting Started
Presented by MLA Commons, booth 406
11:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.
Facilitating Classroom Discussion using WordPress
Presented by WordPress, booth 115
12:30–1:20 p.m.
The MLA International Bibliography and Other Literary Resources from ProQuest
Presented by ProQuest, booth 118
2:30–3:20 p.m.
The New MLA Job Information List–Interfolio ByCommittee Service: Demonstration
Presented by the MLA Job Information Service, booth 406, and Interfolio, booth 224

Sunday, 6 January 2013
10:30–11:20 a.m.
The New MLA Commons Platform: Planning Sessions for the 2014 MLA Convention
Presented by MLA Commons, booth 406
2013 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, 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 Hynes Convention Center (200, level 2) or the Sheraton Boston (Conference, 3rd floor).

Thursday, 3 January

35. Fantasizing Stardom
12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Liberty C, Sheraton

46. Kierkegaard and the Trials of Modernity
1:45–3:00 p.m., Liberty A, Sheraton
Presiding: Suzanne Martin, Harvard Univ.

47. Critical Debates in Sinophone Postcolonial Studies: Where Do We Go Now?
1:45–3:00 p.m., 207, Hynes
Speaker: Shuang Shen, Penn State Univ., University Park

104. Napoléon as a Literary Figure
3:30–4:45 p.m., 201, Hynes

107. The Linguistic Construction of Narrative Space
3:30–4:45 p.m., 313, Hynes
Presiding: Monika Fludernik, Univ. of Freiburg

109. Indexing for the MLA International Bibliography: Perspectives from the Field
3:30–4:45 p.m., Beacon F, Sheraton
Speaker: Sarah G. Wenzel, Univ. of Chicago

128. The Time of Origin and Repetition: Modernism after Modernism
5:15–6:30 p.m., Back Bay A, Sheraton
Presiding: Mathias Nilges, Saint Francis Xavier Univ.
Speaker: Michael D’Arcy, Saint Francis Xavier Univ.

168. Muriel Rukeyser: A Centennial Roundtable
7:00–8:15 p.m., Berkeley, Sheraton
Speaker: Eric Keenanaghan, Univ. at Albany, State Univ. of New York

Friday, 4 January

211. Literary Criticism in East Asia
8:30–9:45 a.m., 209, Hynes
Presiding: Erin Schlumpf, Simon Fraser Univ., Surrey

286. Jewish American Literature Goes Global
12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Beacon D, Sheraton

300. The Liberal Arts in American Life: A Panel of the American Academy Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences
1:45–3:00 p.m., Independence West, Sheraton
Speaker: Rolena Adorno, Yale Univ.

345. Why Teach Literature?
3:30–4:45 p.m., Constitution Ballroom, Sheraton

355. Germanic Philology and Linguistics
3:30–4:45 p.m., 308, Hynes
Presiding: Stephen Mark Carey, Univ. of Minnesota, Morris

368. Debt Theory
3:30–4:45 p.m., Fairfax B, Sheraton

5:15–6:30 p.m., Constitution Ballroom, Sheraton
Presiding: J. Stephen Murphy, New York, NY

390. Troubling Culture across Rhetorics
5:15–6:30 p.m., Gardner, Sheraton
Presiding: Nate Kreuter, Western Carolina Univ.

402. Textual Landscapes
5:15–6:30 p.m., 204, Hynes
Presiding: Jean-Jacques Thomas, Univ. at Buffalo, State Univ. of New York

415. Cash Bar Arranged by the Penn State University Department of English
Saturday, 5 January, 7:00–8:15 p.m., SideBar, Lobby level, Sheraton

Saturday, 5 January

444. The Kafka Factor in Post-Holocaust Film and Literature
8:30–9:45 a.m., 313, Hynes
Speaker: Ubaraj Katawal, Case Western Reserve Univ.

446. Language Program Evaluation: Goals and Accountability in Language, Culture, and Literary Studies
8:30–9:45 a.m., 207, Hynes
1. “Responding to Accountability Mandates in the Humanities: One Foreign Language Department’s Response,” Peter C. Pfeiffer, Georgetown Univ.
451. Scholarly Journals: New Challenges and Opportunities
8:30–9:45 a.m., Public Garden, Sheraton
Presiding: Jonathan Arac, Univ. of Pittsburgh

519. “Laughing to Keep from Crying”: Pain and Humor
12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Jefferson, Sheraton
Presiding: Janice E. McIntire-Strasburg, Saint Louis Univ.

532. Between the Postcolonial and the Global
12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., 208, Hynes
Speaker: Jennifer A. Wenzel, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor

534. Using Your Language Proficiency and Cultural Expertise in a Federal Government Career
1:30–3:30 p.m., 210, Hynes
Presiding: Erik Pohlmann, Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Speaker: Joyce Baker, National Lang. Service Corps

578. Private-Sector Careers and the Language and Literature PhD
3:30–4:45 p.m., 208, Hynes
Speaker: Matthew T. Grant, MarketingProfs

415. Cash Bar Arranged by the Penn State University Department of English
[new date and location]
7:00–8:15 p.m., SideBar, Lobby level, Sheraton

Sunday, 6 January

683. Poetry and Really Late Capitalism
8:30–9:45 a.m., 206, Hynes
1. “Late Capital, Early Revolution; or, Poetry's Real Movement,”
   Joshua Clover, Univ. of California, Davis

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Hampton, Sheraton
Speakers: Katina Rogers, Scholarly Communications Inst.; Joanna Swafford, Univ. of Virginia

762. Goethe “als Vermittler”: The Media of Mediation
12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., 313, Hynes
Presiding: Peter J. Schwartz, Boston Univ.