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.

2012 Election Results

Second Vice President. Roland Greene (Stanford Univ.) was elected second vice president of the association. He will serve in that office from 7 January 2013 through the close of the January 2014 convention and will automatically become first vice president in 2014, serving in that office through the close of the January 2015 convention, and president of the MLA in 2015, serving in that office through the close of the January 2016 convention.

Executive Council. Alicia M. de la Torre Falzon (Northern Virginia Community Coll.), Donald E. Hall (Lehigh Univ.), and Paula M. Krebs (Bridgewater State Univ.) were elected to the Executive Council for four-year terms (7 Jan. 2013 through the close of the Jan. 2017 convention).


Division and Discussion Group Executive Committees. Ninety members were elected to serve on division executive committees, and fifty-five members were elected to serve on discussion group executive committees. Most terms are five years (7 Jan. 2013 through the close of the Jan. 2018 convention). The names of those elected appear in the announcement of election results at www.mla.org/pdf/election_results_2012.pdf.

Presidential Address

The Presidential Address will take place at 6:45 p.m. this evening in the Sheraton Boston (Constitution Ballroom, 2nd floor, Main Building). Executive Director Rosemary G. Feal will report on the association’s 2012 activities, and President Michael Bérubé will deliver the Presidential Address. The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

MLA Awards

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 publications

Hynes Convention Center, Prefunction Hall D, level 2

A display of the works that are 2012 MLA prizewinners, accompanied by a video featuring quotes and photographs from the authors and translators, 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.

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.

Mobile Program and Browsers

The streamlined Program at mla13.org, designed for mobile devices, is best viewed with Firefox, Chrome, and Safari. To use the mobile Program on an Android device, download Firefox or Chrome from the app store on your device and select it as your browser when opening mla13.org.

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.

The Convention Daily is published three times during the convention and is available free at the information centers and the headquarters offices. One more issue will appear, on Saturday, 5 January.
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).

Internet Access by Hotel Guests

Guests who booked their rooms through the MLA housing service will receive free Internet access by following these instructions. 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 with the hotel directly will have to pay the access fee.

Colonnade. Connect to the “ibahn” network and enter your last name and room number.

Copley Square. Connect to the network, open your browser, and enter the password “frosty.”

Fairmont Copley. Open your browser and select the Registered Guest option by entering your last name and room number. The Internet will be accessible for twenty-four hours, after which log-in must be repeated.

Hilton Back Bay. Open your browser and enter the promo code AP2K when the Hilton site appears.

Lenox. Connect to the Lenox Hotel wireless network and open your browser. When the Lenox Web page appears, click Connect and agree to the terms. No user name or password is needed.

Mandarin Oriental. Wired and wireless connections are available. The wireless network is MANDARINORIENTAL. Open your browser, and when the MOBOS Superclick page appears, enter the access code 68e79bf8 and accept the terms. Ignore last name and room number.

Marriott Copley. Open your browser. When the Marriott page appears, click Connect to Internet on the left side of the screen, accept the terms, and enter your room number and last name. Click Submit and choose the connection speed. If the connection fails and two or more names are registered to the room, try a roommate’s name. Omit hyphens from names.

Park Plaza. Open your browser and enter the code Groupvip0113 (capitalized as shown) when the log-in page appears.

Sheraton. Connect to the Sheraton Wi-Fi network and open your browser. When the Sheraton Boston Web page appears, follow the instructions and enter your last name and room number.

Taj. Connect to the AT&T Wi-Fi network and enter the user name (your last name) and password (your room number).

Westin Copley. Open your browser, enter your room number and name, and agree to the terms.

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. If you need a pass for an evening session, you must obtain it before the information center closes.

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.

Boston Visitor Information

Be sure to stop by the Boston Visitor Information Center (Plaza level, Hynes Convention Center) for help with restaurant reservations and more.

2014 Presidential Theme: Vulnerable Times

Vulnerable Times addresses the vulnerability of life, the planet, and our disciplines, as well as the acts of imagination and forms of resistance that promote social change—in our time and throughout history. Please consider this theme an invitation to think about how the arts and the humanities (and the textual, historical, theoretical, and activist work that we do in the framework of the MLA) can contribute to social, political, and scientific analyses of the vulnerabilities we share collectively and those that are socially imposed on particular individuals and groups. We invite forum proposals, roundtables, division and discussion group programs, and special sessions that engage with this theme.

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.

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 Kristten 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*.

4:30 p.m. Chronicle of Higher Education booth (312). Reception with Joshua A. Boldt and Liz McMillen, editor of the *Chronicle*. Preview a new Web site for adjunct professors.

**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

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**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

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**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

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**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).

Friday, 4 January

202. Spectacles of Gender and Desire in Silver Age Spain
   8:30–9:45 a.m., 307, Hynes
   2. “Trains, Surveillance, and Seduction in Silver Age Spanish Gay Fiction,” Jeffrey Zamostny, Univ. of West Georgia

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

377. Henry James, Mark Twain, and Globalization
   5:15–6:30 p.m., Riverway, Sheraton
   Presiding: John Bird, Winthrop Univ.

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

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
   [new date and location]
   Saturday, 5 January, 7:00–8:15 p.m., SideBar, Lobby level, Sheraton

418. A Reading by Soledad Puértolas
   7:00–8:15 p.m., 209, Hynes
   This session has been canceled.

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

516. Pirandello and the Female Subject
   12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., 305, Hynes

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.

521. Medieval Drama in Honor of Robert Potter
   12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Liberty B, Sheraton
   Speaker: Jody Enders, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara

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

700. May 4 Voices: Teaching about the 1970 Kent State Shootings through Oral History and Drama
[new location]
10:15–11:30 a.m., Back Bay C, Sheraton

731. What Is Post-AIDS Literature?
[new location]
12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Back Bay C, Sheraton

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.