MLA Delegate Assembly
7 January, 1:00 p.m., 6B, WSCC
Check the Convention Daily for updates to the Delegate Assembly agenda.

Convention Locations
Washington State Convention Center (WSCC)
- Most English language sessions
- Exhibit Hall
- Registration/Information

Conference Center
- Job Information Center

Sheraton Seattle
- Most foreign language and comparative literature sessions

Important Reminder about Identification
You may need to have a government-issued photo ID when you check in to your hotel. Security personnel may ask to see a hotel room key or may ask that you be accompanied by a hotel guest with a room key.

What to Do in Case of a Weather or Other Emergency
If a weather or other emergency in Seattle should delay or otherwise affect the scheduling of convention sessions, full information on such changes will be posted on the MLA Web site.

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 6 January. Visit www.mla.org/conv_refunds 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.

WiFi Access
The MLA is providing free wireless Internet access in the meeting rooms and public areas of the Sheraton Seattle and in the Washington State Convention Center (except in the exhibit hall). Follow these instructions to connect (connectivity is not guaranteed):
Sheraton Seattle. Select the network Sheraton Seattle Meeting Room
Washington State Convention Center. Select the network MLA 2012
The password for both locations is MLA2012

2012 Convention Daily
Refer to the Convention Daily for changes in meeting times and locations, participant updates, and other convention news. You can also browse the full Program at www.mla.org/program or access a streamlined version for mobile devices at mla12.org.

General Convention Information
MLA Awards Ceremony
7 January at 6:45 p.m. in the Sheraton Seattle (Metropolitan A, level 3)
The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

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 information center.

Badge Replacement: $8
WSCC, South Lobby, level 4
Sheraton Seattle, Spruce, 2nd floor

Business Centers
Sheraton Seattle, FedEx Office Business Center, 2nd floor
- Thurs.—Fri.: 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
- Sat.—Sun.: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

WSCC, FedEx Office, level 1
- Thurs.: 7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.
- Fri.: 7:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.
- Sat.: 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Sun.: 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Convention Housing Service
WSCC, South Lobby, level 4

Convention Registration
WSCC, South Lobby, level 4
- 5 January: 8:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
- 6–7 January: 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- 8 January: 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
Council of Editors of Learned Journals

Informational consultation. 6 and 7 January, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (2A, WSCC)

Cultural Excursions

Excursions require advance registration. For excursion details visit www.mla.org/cultural_excursions.

Seattle Central Library. 6 January, 8:00 a.m. (no shuttle; 5 blocks from WSCC)
EMP Museum. 6 January, 1:45 p.m. (shuttle departs from WSCC at 1:45 p.m.)
Sustainable-Seafood Cooking Class and Wine Pairing. 7 January, 2:30 p.m. (no shuttle departs from WSCC at 2:30 p.m.)
Oyster and Wine Tasting Reception. 7 January, 8:00 p.m. (no shuttle; 3 blocks from WSCC)

Disabilities, Facilities and Services for Persons with Disabilities

The MLA is committed to making arrangements that allow all members of the association to participate in the convention. There will be a desk in the convention registration and information center at the WSCC (South Lobby, level 4) and a satellite desk in the lobby of the Sheraton Seattle staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees with disabilities. Attendees with disabilities who need to contact these desks by e-mail during convention hours should use ADAConventionCenter@mla.org for the desk at the convention center and ADASheraton@mla.org for the satellite desk at the Sheraton.

Electronic Literature Exhibit

WSCC, 609, level 6
Electronic Literature, curated by Dene Grigar, Lori Emerson, and Kathi Berens, brings together “born digital” works of electronic literature by current MLA members as well as artists whose poetry and fiction are viewed as seminal to the field. The exhibit will include genres such as hyperfiction, animated text, flash poetry, interactive poetry, and new media novels. Please visit http://dlc-wsuw.org/mla2012/index.html for more information on this exhibit.

5 January: 12 noon–7:00 p.m.
6 January: 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
7 January: 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

MLA Exhibit Booth

The editor of the MLA International Bibliography and other MLA staff members will be available in the MLA exhibit booth to answer questions and demonstrate the features of the MLA Web site. Check the Convention Daily for specific details.

Exhibit Hall

WSCC, South Lobby, 4B, level 4
6 and 7 January: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
8 January: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Check the Convention Daily for updated information on receptions and events that will be taking place at various exhibit booths throughout the hall. Remember to wear your badge!

Exhibit Hall Coupon Book

Before visiting the exhibit hall, pick up the 2012 Exhibit Hall Coupon Book to take advantage of special discounts and promotions. Coupon books are available outside the exhibit hall, at the MLA information desk, at the badge replacement desk, and at MLA headquarters offices.

Fragrance

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

Friends of Bill W.
Sharon Seattle, Medina, 3rd floor

Future Conventions

2013: Boston, 3–6 January
2014: Chicago, 9–12 January

Government Careers

Informational consultation. 6 January, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (2A, WSCC) and 4:00–6:00 p.m. (2B, WSCC)
Workshop. 7 January, 1:30–3:30 p.m. (2B, WSCC)

Headquarters Offices

WSCC, 601, level 6
Sharon Seattle, Fremont, 3rd floor
Program organizers are asked to refer meeting room questions to one of the headquarters offices, not to the hotel or convention center management.

Illness and Medical Emergencies

Procedures may vary from one location to another.
Sharon Seattle. Dial 3333 from any house phone.
WSCC. Dial 5127 from any house phone.

MLA Information Center

WSCC, South Lobby, level 4
5 January: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
6–7 January: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
8 January: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Job Information Center

Conference Center, WSCC, 3rd floor
5 January: 12:00 noon–8:00 p.m.
6 January: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
7 January: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
8 January: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
For prearranged interviews, consult the interviewer’s sign-in file to find out where your interview is scheduled.

Lost and Found

At the Sheraton Seattle speak to the front desk staff; at the WSCC contact an MLA staff member at the information desk (South Lobby, level 4).

Lounges

Members’ Lounge. WSCC (West Lobby, level 6)
Graduate Student Lounge. WSCC (210, level 2)

Mail and Messages

A message service is provided in conjunction with the Job Information Center to facilitate exchange of messages between job candidates and interviewers. For other kinds of messages, determine the recipient’s hotel by referring to the “Who’s Here” listing.

Membership in the MLA

A membership desk will be located in the registration center. MLA membership runs from 15 January through 14 January of the subsequent year. Individuals who join the association while registering for the convention are entitled to register at members’ rates.

NEH Information

Workshop. 6 January, 1:30–3:30 p.m. (3B, WSCC)

NITLE and Texas A&M University

The National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education (NITLE) and the Texas A&M Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture are sponsoring a preconvention workshop, “Getting Started in Digital Humanities with DHCommons,” with Rebecca Davis (NITLE) and Ryan Cordell (Saint Norbett Coll.) presiding. The three-hour workshop welcomes language and literature scholars who wish to learn about, pursue, or join digital humanities projects for research or teaching. The workshop will serve as the launch of the DHCommons, a new registry designed to match such scholars with existing digital initiatives and established digital-humanities scholars. Scholars must have applied in advance for the workshop at www.dhcommons.org/mla2012. Enrollment was limited.
Passes

To Sessions. A convention speaker may obtain a pass for a family member or friend who has no professional interest in language or literature to hear a paper given by that speaker. These passes are available to speakers at the MLA information center and must be obtained on the day of the session.

All MLA members and members of the profession that the MLA serves are required to register in order to participate in or attend meetings. Please note that if you need a pass for an evening session you must obtain it before the information center closes.

To Exhibit Hall. MLA convention registrants may obtain free passes to the exhibit hall for guests they accompany in the hall. Persons who are not registered for the convention and who are not accompanied by registrants may purchase a one-day pass to the exhibit hall for $10. These passes are available at the Exhibit Registration booth (WSCC, South Lobby, outside 4B, level 4).

Presidential Address

6 January, 6:45 p.m., Sheraton Seattle (Metropolitan A, level 3)
The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Presidential Forum

6 January, 10:15 a.m., Sheraton Seattle (Metropolitan A, level 3)

Press Office

Sheraton Seattle, Madrona, 2nd floor

Programs

Copies of the Program can be purchased for $12 at the MLA information center.

Seattle Information and Restaurant Reservations

Stop by the Visitor Information Center desk inside the lobby of the WSCC.

Shuttle Bus Service

A free shuttle service will operate between the WSCC and designated locations. There will be a shuttle service available throughout the convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities.

5 January: 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
6–7 January: 7:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
8 January: 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in most buildings in Seattle.

Speaker Ready Rooms

WSCC, 603, level 6
Sheraton Seattle, Everett, 3rd floor

Transportation in Seattle

Metro Bus System. King County Metro Transit operates throughout Seattle; for information on routes and fares, visit metro.kingcounty.gov. In the downtown zone, Metro buses are free between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

“Who’s Here” Directory

Conference Center, WSCC, 3rd floor (near the Job Information Center)
WSCC, West Lobby, level 6 (Members’ Lounge)

2013 Convention Sessions

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2013 convention in Boston will be available on the MLA Web site (www.mla.org).

2013 Calls for Papers

Calls for papers may be submitted online at www.mla.org/cfp_main or reviewed online at www.mla.org/conv_papers for the 2013 MLA convention in Boston (3–6 January 2013).

Hotels for the 2012 MLA Annual Convention

Sheraton Seattle 1400 6th Avenue 98101
206 621-9000

Crowne Plaza Seattle 2 1113 6th Avenue 98101
206 464-1980

Fairmont Olympic Hotel 3 411 University Street 98101
206 621-1700

Grand Hyatt Seattle 4 721 Pine Street 98101
206 774-1234

Seattle Hilton 5 1301 6th Avenue 98101
206 624-0500

Hotel Monaco Seattle 6 1101 4th Avenue 98101
206 621-1770

Hotel Vintage Park 7 1100 5th Avenue 98101
206 624-8000

Hyatt at Olive 8 1635 8th Avenue 98101
206 695-1234

Mayflower Park Hotel 9 405 Olive Way 98101
206 623-8700

Red Lion Hotel on 5th Avenue 10 1415 5th Avenue 98101
206 223-6600

Renaissance Seattle 11 515 Madison Street 98104
206 583-0300

Westin Seattle 12 1900 5th Avenue 98101
206 728-1000

W Seattle 13 1112 4th Avenue 98101
206 264-6000

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Service Areas
1. MLA headquarters office (Fremont, 3rd floor)
2. Speaker ready room (Everett, 3rd floor)
3. Desk for persons with disabilities (Lobby, 1st floor)
4. Press room (Madrona, 2nd floor)
5. Friends of Bill W. (Medina, 3rd floor)
6. Badge Replacement (Spruce, 2nd floor)

Meeting Rooms
- Aspen, 2nd floor
- Ballard, 3rd floor
- Boren, 4th floor, Union Street Tower
- Cedar, 2nd floor
- Columbia, 4th floor, Union Street Tower
- Grand A–D, 2nd floor
- Greenwood, 3rd floor
- Issaquah, 3rd floor
- Jefferson, 4th floor, Union Street Tower
- Kirkland, 3rd floor
- Leschi, 3rd floor
- Metropolitan A–B, 3rd floor
- Ravenna A–C, 3rd floor
- Redwood, 2nd floor
- Seneca, 4th floor, Union Street Tower
- University, 4th floor, Union Street Tower
- Virginia, 4th floor, Union Street Tower
- Willow A–B, 2nd floor
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Service Areas
1. MLA headquarters office (601, level 6)
2. MLA registration and information (South lobby, level 4)
3. Members' lounge and “Who’s Here” (West lobby, level 6)
4. Speaker ready room (603, level 6)
5. Exhibit hall (4B, level 4)
6. Desk for persons with disabilities (South lobby, level 4)
7. Graduate student lounge (210, level 2)

Meeting Rooms
201–14, level 2
2A–B, level 2
303–10, level 3
3A–B, level 3
604–20, level 6
6A–B, level 6
Please remember to wear your badge.
Level 4

Level 5

Exhibition Hall 4B (below)

Exhibition Hall 4A (below)
Please remember to wear your badge.
3rd Floor

Service Areas

1. Job Information Service (3rd floor)
2. Interview area (3rd floor)