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# **Registration and Housing**

All persons wishing to attend meetings or use convention services must register for the convention.

Please check the *Convention Daily*, available on-site and online, for updates to session information and more.

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### Membership in the MLA

Individuals who join the association while registering for the convention are entitled to register at members' rates. For the convenience of those who would like to join the MLA, as well as for continuing members who would like to renew, membership desks will be located in the registration and welcome center.

#### Fees

All registration fees are in US dollars.

Early registration fees from 7 September through 2 October are as follows: regular members, \$185; regular members outside the United States and Canada, \$90; graduate student members, \$55; emeriti members, \$90; unemployed members and members employed part-time, \$60.

Registration fees from 3 October through 7 December are as follows: regular members, \$215; regular members outside the United States and Canada, \$90; graduate student members, \$55; emeriti members, \$90; unemployed members and members employed part-time, \$60; nonmembers, \$280; student nonmembers, \$80.

Registration fees after 7 December are as follows: regular members, \$255; regular members outside the United States and Canada, \$105; graduate student members, \$67; emeriti members, \$105; unemployed members and members employed parttime, \$75; nonmembers, \$310; student nonmembers, \$95. Registrations will be accepted throughout December, but programs (for nonmembers) and badges may not be sent.

#### **On-Site Registration**

Attendees who have not registered may register during the convention at the registration area in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2). The registration area

will be open on 5 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 6 and 7 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 8 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

### Registration Refunds

Requests for refunds of registration fees must be made in writing, accompanied by unused convention badges, sent to the head of convention programs at the MLA office, and postmarked no later than 6 January 2017. Refunds requested after 6 January 2017 will not be granted. A \$20 service fee will be deducted from all refunds.

#### Hotels

Hotel rooms at the special MLA rates are available only to persons who are registered for the convention. Each convention registrant can reserve one hotel room. Housing forms will not be processed if they include the names of persons in the profession who have not paid their registration fees for the convention. (Spouses, friends, and family members who wish to share a room with a registrant and who are also engaged in the study of language and literature must register and pay their registration fees for the convention.) Convention registrants who arrive in Philadelphia without hotel arrangements may go to the housing desk at the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2). A representative of CMR, the MLA housing service, will be there to help such attendees find housing and to assist attendees with any hotel issues they may have.

#### **Identification**

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

### Transportation to and in Philadelphia

MLA convention hotels are located near the convention venues (Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown).

Airport Transportation. Philadelphia is served by Philadelphia International Airport. One-way fare for taxi service to Center City Philadelphia is \$28.50 (including airport access fee). A \$1 per passenger fee will be charged for additional passengers over age twelve. SEPTA serves the airport for easy and economical travel to downtown Philadelphia (\$8 one way to Center City).

Amtrak. Amtrak trains enter and leave Philadelphia at 30th Street Station, 2955 Market Street, about fifteen blocks from the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Nearby MLA hotels can be reached by SEPTA or taxi.

Indego. Indego is a bike-share program in Philadelphia; bicycle stations are located throughout the city. There is a station on 12th Street between the Philadelphia Marriott and the Pennsylvania Convention Center, and there are stations near many of the MLA hotels.

#### **Program Online**

A searchable program for the convention is available online. A streamlined version for mobile devices will be available during the convention.

#### **Policies**

# **Audio- and Videotaping at Sessions**

Neither audiotaping nor videotaping of sessions is normally permitted. Occasional exceptions may be made for members of the media taping short segments designed to convey the convention atmosphere. Such arrangements must be made through the press office and require the consent of all speakers at a session. When taping is approved, a representative of the media staff will accompany the

reporter and crew. The session organizer will announce to the audience that audio- or videotaping will take place during a part of the session. Only background taping is allowed, not the taping of an entire session. Requests to film the convention as part of a creative or documentary project must have been submitted to the Executive Council by 14 October.

## **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 center in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Lost badges can be replaced for \$15 at the MLA registration and welcome center.

## **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.

#### **Guest Passes**

All MLA members and members of the profession that the MLA serves must 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; the pass is valid only to hear a paper given by that speaker at a single session. The speaker must request the pass at the MLA registration and welcome center on the day of the session, before the center closes. The speaker must provide his or her name, session details (session number, room, date, and time), and the guest's name. Passes may not be requested by guests of speakers or by MLA members who have not registered for the convention.

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, Pennsylvania Convention Center (Ballroom AB, level 2).

# MLA's Policies against Discrimination and Harassment

The MLA prohibits discrimination in employment, including discrimination in the form of harassment, against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity or expression, marital status, genetic predisposition or carrier status, military status, or any other characteristic protected by law. Sexual harassment (such as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature) is a specific type of discriminatory harassment and is prohibited. The MLA has policies in place to ensure that any violations involving MLA employees will be handled in an appropriate manner. If you believe you have been subjected to unlawful discrimination by an MLA employee, please contact Arlene Barnard, Terrence Callaghan, or Kathleen Fitzpatrick.

The MLA reminds participants in the convention that federal law prohibits discrimination in employment, including discrimination in the form of harassment, against any person. Please ensure that all individuals in your organization who are participating in the MLA's convention as your representatives are made aware of and understand that they must comply with applicable law.

#### Reading in Absentia

To encourage discussion and dialogue among panelists and attendees at convention sessions, reading in absentia (whether by *Skype*, videoconferencing, audio delivery, or presentation by surrogates) is not normally permit-

ted. Presenters who are unable to attend the convention because of unforeseen emergencies may include a link to their papers in the online Program.

# **Smoking**

Smoking is prohibited in most public places in Philadelphia.

#### **On-Site Resources**

#### Childcare

MLA members who are registered for the convention and use childcare services provided by one of the convention hotels or another service are eligible for reimbursement. The MLA has increased the funds available for reimbursement by more than 30%, up to \$400 each to registered members who use childcare 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 categories.

Members should submit a request for reimbursement, along with supporting documentation such as a receipt from a childcare service, no later than 27 January 2017 to Karin Bagnall, Head of Convention Programs, Modern Language Association, 85 Broad Street, suite 500, New York, NY 10004-2434.

Nursing Mothers. Space is available in the Philadelphia Marriott (302, level 3) during meeting hours for those who require it. There is also a Personal Services pod (a single and lockable unit) on level 2 of the convention center near the Arch Street bridge.

#### Convention Guide and Convention Daily

The *Convention Guide*, containing city and hotel maps and providing general information pertinent throughout the convention, will be available as a PDF on the MLA Web site and as a handout at the convention. 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 center; the 5 January issue will appear on the MLA Web site before the convention.

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. Stacey Courtney coordinates arrangements for persons with disabilities.

Desks for Attendees with Disabilities. There will be a desk in the MLA registration and welcome center at the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2) and a desk at the Philadelphia Marriott (outside Grand Ballroom, Salon I, level 5) staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees with disabilities.

*Meeting Rooms*. Meeting rooms at the convention are accessible by elevator, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs.

Hotel Rooms. To reserve hotel rooms that are specifically equipped for persons with permanent or temporary disabilities, participants must have checked the appropriate boxes on the convention registration and housing reservation forms or contacted Stacey Courtney in the MLA convention office by 18 November.

Transportation. A complimentary transportation service will be available throughout convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities. Arrangements may be made at the desks for persons with disabilities or by calling Kushner and Associates (310 562-0606).

Sessions. Speakers are asked to bring five copies of their papers, even in draft form, for the use of members who wish to follow the written text. Speakers who use handouts should prepare some copies in a large-print format

(14- to 16-point type size). Speakers should indicate whether they want their papers and handouts returned. Sign language interpreters and real-time captioning are available on request. The deadline to arrange for an interpreter is 18 November, though the convention office will make every effort to accommodate late requests. To arrange for either of these services, write or call Stacey Courtney in the MLA convention office.

Scooter Rentals. For navigating the convention more easily, scooters can be rented from Scootaround (888 441-7575 or http://locations.scootaround.com/MLA).

## Friends of Bill W.

Room 502 in the Philadelphia Marriott (level 5) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours. Meetings will be held 6 January, 7:00–8:15 p.m.; 7 January, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 7:00–8:15 p.m.; and 8 January, 7:30–8:20 a.m.

## **Headquarters Offices**

Headquarters offices will be located in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (109A, level 1) and the Philadelphia Marriott (Conference Suite III, level 3). Members of the MLA convention staff will be available in the office to handle problems that might arise with meeting rooms or meeting facilities. Program organizers are asked to refer questions on such matters to the headquarters office, not to the venue management. More general questions will be answered by staff members at the MLA registration and welcome center. The offices will be open on 5 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., on 6 and 7 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on 8 January from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

# Lounges

An area furnished with comfortable chairs and tables where members may congregate

for discussion or relaxation will be provided in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Ballroom prefunction, Ballroom level). A graduate student lounge will be located in the Philadelphia Marriott (Conference Suite II, level 3).

# MLA Registration and Welcome Center

General questions about the convention and the association will be answered at the MLA registration and welcome center in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2). The *Convention Guide* and the *Convention Daily* will be available free at the registration and welcome center. The center will be open on 5 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 6 and 7 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 8 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

# Press Office

The press office is located in the Philadelphia Marriott (301, level 3).

#### Restaurant Reservations

For assistance with restaurant reservations and other Philadelphia information, visit the Philadelphia information desk in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2) or their online information page. The desk is open on 5 January from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on 6 and 7 January from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Speaker Ready Rooms

Space in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (107A, level 1) and Philadelphia Marriott (413, level 4) has been reserved to allow speakers to run through their audiovisual presentations before their sessions. Those who have computer presentations are strongly encouraged to test their presentations in the speaker ready room during convention hours. Please contact Deirdre Henry (dhenry@mla.org) with audiovisual questions. Requests for audiovisual equipment were due 1 April; we regret that we are unable to accommodate late requests.

#### **Twitter**

We encourage attendees to tweet sessions using the convention hashtag (#mla17) and session hashtags (e.g., #S422).

# "Who's Here" Directory

The "Who's Here" directory will be posted in the members' lounge in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Ballroom prefunction, Ballroom level). The directory will include the names and convention addresses of persons who make hotel reservations through the housing bureau or send their local addresses to the MLA office before 12 December. Only the names of hotels listed on the convention housing form or local addresses are listed. Members are advised to check their own "Who's Here" listings for accuracy and to make any necessary revisions. The information used to compile the list comes from the housing service, not from the MLA. Those who wish not to be listed in the "Who's Here" directory can make that request on the convention registration form.

#### Wi-Fi Access

The MLA is providing free wireless Internet access in the meeting rooms and public areas of the Pennsylvania Convention Center and Philadelphia Marriott.

## **Job Information Center**

The MLA Job Information Center (Pennsylvania Convention Center, 204, level 2) will be open on 5 January from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on 6 and 7 January from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 8 January from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

A list of available positions will be posted, and a counseling service for job candidates will be available in the interview area on 6 and 7 January. An interviewers' sign-in file will be maintained. Space will be available for interviews, but candidates and interviewers

are urged to arrange interviews in advance. Job candidates are reminded that almost no unscheduled interviews take place at the convention. Therefore, members are advised not to attend the convention for the sole purpose of seeking employment if they do not have scheduled interviews.

#### For Prearranged Interviews

Consult the interviewers' sign-in file in the Job Information Center (Pennsylvania Convention Center, 204, level 2) if you do not know whether your interview is scheduled for a hotel room or the interview area or if you need to find out the hotel room number for your interview. Allow yourself ample time to obtain this information.

If your interview is scheduled for the interview area, ask a Job Information Center staff member for the table number.

If the interview is scheduled in a hotel room or if the interviewer has not signed in, consult the "Who's Here" directory near the Job Information Center. Once you know where the interviewer is staying, you can call the hotel information desk and be connected with the interviewer's hotel room. (For reasons of safety, hotel staff members will not give guests' room numbers to callers.) If the interviewer is not in, use the hotel's message facilities. A message left in a hotel mailbox will be flashed on the guest's room telephone. If the person is not listed in the "Who's Here" directory, check the Program Participants section of the convention program to see whether that interviewer is speaking at or chairing a session and can be reached at a specific time and place or ask a Job Information Center staff member for help.

## **Exhibits**

The exhibit hall (Pennsylvania Convention Center, Ballroom AB, Ballroom level) is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on 6 and

7 January and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 8 January. Discover the latest publications and products, take advantage of special discounts and promotions, catch up with editors, and enjoy book signings and receptions. Visit nearly one hundred exhibit booths representing a variety of materials and services of interest to teachers, scholars, and students of language and literature. Admission to the exhibit area is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying appropriate passes. To view a list of the 2017 exhibitors, go to page 880 or visit https://www.mla.org/Convention/ MLA-2017/MLA-Exhibit-Hall.

#### MLA PubCentral

Visit MLA PubCentral in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2) for everything related to MLA publications. Shop for MLA products—including the new edition of the MLA Handbook—at the booth, explore the MLA International Bibliography, update your MLA Commons profile and learn about the Commons Open Repository Exchange (CORE), and browse the winners of MLA's publication prizes all in one central location. Visit this section later in the fall for more details.

Booth Happenings. Shop for MLA products and receive a 30% discount on all MLA titles ordered at the booth. Check the Convention Daily and the MLA Annual Convention Twitter feed for up-to-date information.

Display and Video of 2016 MLA-Prize-Winning Books. A display of the books that are 2016 MLA prize winners and a video featuring material from the winners will be located in MLA PubCentral. Many of the prizewinning publishers are exhibiting and will have copies of these books for sale at their booths. The winners will receive their awards at the MLA Awards Ceremony.

MLA Commons. MLA Commons is designed to facilitate active member-to-member communication, to support the work of MLA

groups, and much more. Staff members will be available to demonstrate the platform's function and to assist with account activation in MLA PubCentral.

MLA International Bibliography. The *MLA International Bibliography* provides a subject index for books and articles published on modern languages, literatures, folklore, and linguistics. Bibliography staff members will be on hand in MLA PubCentral to answer questions, provide demonstrations, and help with searches.

# **Event Highlights**

#### **MLA Awards Ceremony**

The awards ceremony will take place at 8:15 p.m. on 7 January in the Philadelphia Marriott (Liberty Ballroom). Kwame Anthony Appiah, New York Univ., MLA President, will announce the newly elected honorary fellows. Remarks by Anna Deveare Smith, recipient of the Phyllis Franklin Award for Public Advocacy of the Humanities, will follow. Diana Taylor, New York Univ., MLA First Vice President, will present the William Riley Parker Prize; James Russell Lowell Prize; MLA Prize for a First Book; Mina P. Shaughnessy Prize; MLA Prize for Independent Scholars; Howard R. Marraro Prize; Katherine Singer Kovacs Prize; Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Comparative Literary Studies; Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for French and Francophone Studies; Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Germanic Languages and Literatures; Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for a Translation of a Literary Work; Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Publication Award for a Manuscript in Italian Literary Studies; MLA Prize for a Bibliography, Archive, or Digital Project; William Sanders Scarborough Prize; Fenia and Yaakov Leviant Memorial Prize in Yiddish Studies; MLA Prize in Native American Literatures, Cultures, and Languages; and Matei Calinescu Prize. Rosemary G. Feal,

MLA, will present the MLA International Bibliography Fellowship Awards. Feal will announce the recipients of the seal of approval from the Committee on Scholarly Editions and present the American Literature Society's Hubbell Medal for Lifetime Achievement in American Literary Studies. Karen A. Stolley, Emory Univ., ADFL President, will present the ADFL Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession to Ofelia Zepeda, Univ. of Arizona. Stacey Lee Donohue, Central Oregon Community Coll., ADE President, will present the ADE Francis Andrew March Award to Sandra Sellers Hanson, LaGuardia Community Coll., City Univ. of New York. The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

#### Presidential Address

The Presidential Address will take place at 6:45 p.m. on 6 January in the Philadelphia Marriott (Liberty Ballroom, level 2). Executive Director Rosemary G. Feal will report on the association's 2016 activities, and President Kwame Anthony Appiah will deliver the Presidential Address. The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

#### **Presidential Plenary**

The Presidential Plenary will take place at 10:15 a.m. on 6 January in the Philadelphia Marriott (Liberty Ballroom, level 2).

#### MLA Style Workshop

On 7 January from 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (202A, level 2), an experienced teacher and an editor from the MLA will lead a workshop on teaching and using the new method for citing sources explained in the eighth edition of the *MLA Handbook*. The workshop will address the needs of writers, librarians, and teachers who work with students at all levels.

### **Delegate Assembly**

Established in 1971 as an elected body representing the membership at large, the Delegate Assembly, composed of over 270 delegates, debates issues of concern to the membership and advises the Executive Council on the association's policies, direction, goals, and structure.

An open hearing of the Delegate Assembly, at which MLA members may present their views, will be held at 12:00 noon on 6 January in the Philadelphia Marriott (Grand Ballroom Salon D, level 5). This meeting is open only to MLA members. Please remember to wear your badge. Members who wish to submit emergency resolutions to the Delegate Assembly Organizing Committee should attend the open hearing on resolutions on 6 January at 10:15 a.m. in the Philadelphia Marriott (Grand Ballroom Salon D, level 5). This meeting is open only to MLA members. Please remember to wear your badge. The deadline for submitting emergency resolutions to the presider is 11:00 a.m.

Formal deliberations of the assembly, at which any MLA member can speak (subject to strict time limits), are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on 7 January in the Philadelphia Marriott (Grand Ballroom Salon GH, level 5). This meeting is open only to MLA members. Please remember to wear your badge.

Procedures for submitting resolutions, which are general statements of membership sentiment, are described in article 11.C.3 of the MLA constitution and in "Preparing Resolutions for the Delegate Assembly" and "Checklists for Submitting Resolutions," on the MLA Web site.

#### **Professional Development**

#### **Connected Academics**

An MLA initiative that aims to serve the professional needs of those who pursue advanced degrees in the humanities and offer new possibilities for integrating the values of humanistic study into society.

*Job Counseling.* 6 and 7 January, Job Information Center, Pennsylvania Convention Center, 204, level 2. Sign up for twenty-five-minute one-on-one sessions to discuss job search and career options.

- 2. Careers for Humanists: A Job Search Workshop. 5 January, 8:30–11:30 a.m., Pennsylvania Convention Center, 201A
- 73. Careers beyond the Professoriat for Humanities PhDs: The Employer Perspective. 5 January, 1:45–3:00 p.m., Pennsylvania Convention Center, 202A
- 328. Connected Academics: Networking and LinkedIn for Language and Literature PhDs. 6 January, 1:45–3:00 p.m., Pennsylvania Convention Center, 202A
- 400. Connected Academics: A Showcase of PhD Career Diversity. 6 January, 5:15–6:30 p.m., Philadelphia Marriott, Grand Ballroom Salon B
- 498. Finding a Broader Audience; or, Academics Are Writers, Too. 7 January, 10:15–11:30 a.m., Pennsylvania Convention Center, 202A
- 563. Reinventing the PhD: Celebrating Change, Rethinking Resistance. 7 January, 1:45–3:00 p.m., Pennsylvania Convention Center, 202A
- 604. Connected Academics: Transferable Skills and Résumés for Language and Literature *PhDs.* 7 January, 3:30–4:45 p.m., Pennsylvania Convention Center, 202A
- 674. Cash Bar Arranged by the MLA Connected Academics Project. 7 January, 7:00–8:15 p.m., Philadelphia Marriott, Franklin 11
- 699. Candid Conversations: Mentorship in the Humanities. 8 January, 8:30–9:45 a.m., Pennsylvania Convention Center, 202A
- 757. Connected Academics and Graduate Deans. 8 January, 12:00 noon-1:15 p.m., Pennsylvania Convention Center, 202A

### Council of Editors of Learned Journals

Officers and experienced editors who are members of the Council of Editors of Learned Journals (CELJ) will be available for consultation and advice for other editors and scholars who have questions about what to expect in journal submission, peer review, and publishing processes. Beginning scholars (graduate students and entry-level professors) are particularly welcome.

Editors from CELJ will be available to provide informal information and private consultations on 6 January from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on 7 January from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (203A, level 2). Those interested in meeting with a CELJ editor at the MLA convention should write to Graham MacPhee at gmacphee@wcupa.edu.

# Funding in the Humanities Workshops

On 6 January from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (202A, level 2), participants from the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the European Research Council discuss various funding opportunities for scholars of literature.

On 6 January from 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (202A, level 2), a workshop, primarily geared toward graduate students and junior faculty members, introduces some of the major research grants, travel-to-collections grants, and residential and nonresidential fellowships that are relevant to the work of MLA members. The workshop aims not to disseminate information about available resources but to address the practical aspects of applying for grants.

## **Government Careers**

On 5 January from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (203A,

level 2), representatives from federal government agencies will offer a workshop highlighting federal careers that require expertise in languages and culture—translator, interpreter, instructor, intelligence analyst, language analyst, foreign language program manager, foreign service officer, and law enforcement officer. A question-and-answer period concludes the session.

# **NEH Information**

On 6 January from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (203A, level 2), representatives from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will offer a workshop highlighting recent awards and outlining current funding opportunities. In addition to emphasizing grant programs that support individual and collaborative research and educational opportunities, this workshop includes information on new developments at the NEH, including The Common Good.

#### **Future Conventions**

#### Calls for Papers

Go to the "Calls for Papers" page to submit (November 2016–28 February 2017) or review (November 2016–31 March 2017) calls for papers for the 2018 MLA convention in New York.

#### Locations

The 133rd MLA Annual Convention will take place in New York City from 4 to 7 January 2018. The 134th Annual Convention will take place in Chicago from 3 to 6 January 2019.

# **Organizing Sessions**

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2018 convention in New York will be available on the MLA Web site in March 2017.