

News from the MLA

MLA News Digest

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New Membership Rules Will Simplify Joining and Renewing

The MLA is moving from a calendar-year model to a new, rolling membership model. This means that MLA memberships will now be valid for 365 days from the date of purchase, regardless of when you join! In addition, you can renew at any time of year and still enjoy twelve full months of membership. Current members will keep their 15 January membership anniversary. If you have questions, please contact the [membership office](#) or read our [FAQ about the change](#).



Browse the Winter *MLA Newsletter*

The Winter 2016 *MLA Newsletter* is available on the [Web site](#). Read about the upcoming launch of *Humanities Commons*, get data from the 2015–16 *Job Information List*, and more.

Rethinking Teaching, Service, and Research

A [new cluster of essays](#) in *Profession* examines teaching, service, and research in the academy. Contributions by Sidonie Smith, Vanessa L. Ryan, David R. Shumway, and Leonard Cassuto are available online.



Submit an Essay for a *PMLA* Special Topic

Publications Spotlight



Teaching Film

Edited by
Lucy Fischer and Patrice Petro



Teaching Film

Get tips to [help students](#) conceptualize the interdisciplinary field of film studies.

The MLA on Facebook



Adjunct Photo Essay

A [series of photos](#) sheds light on the challenges that many contingent faculty members face.

The *PMLA* Editorial Board is accepting essays on the topic Cultures of Reading. Essays on the social dimensions of reading can be submitted until 7 November. Learn more on the [PMLA Web page](#).

Survey: Help Establish Best Practices for Fair Use

The MLA and Authors Alliance are creating a guide to best practices for fair use. You can assist fellow authors by sharing your experiences in this [brief survey](#).

Replacement Convention Programs

A few copies of the convention program (September *PMLA*) were missing pages. If your copy was affected, you may request a replacement by contacting membership@mla.org.



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