

MLA CONVENTION GUIDE

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First Aid
Mamava Pod

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR BADGE AND MASK.



MLA23.org and Convention App

Log in to mla23.org or download the MLA 2023 app to see up-to-date session information—including location changes—and to create your convention schedule, attend online sessions, connect with other attendees, and have easy access to exhibitors, maps, and other convention details.

COVID-19 Testing Sites in San Francisco

Testing is available at sf.gov/find-out-about-your-covid-19-testing-options.

Graduate Student Volunteer Program

Keep an eye out for graduate student volunteers who are serving as welcome ambassadors for the convention. They're available to help you locate meeting rooms, provide session information, and answer questions about local attractions and restaurants.

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the territory on which we gather is the unceded ancestral land of the Ramaytush Ohlone, the original peoples of the San Francisco peninsula, and that the area comprising the City and County of San Francisco was originally inhabited by the Yelamu, an independent tribe of the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples. We honor and thank the Ramaytush Ohlone, the Yelamu, and all Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather. We take this opportunity to thank the original caretakers of this land who are still here.

Paving the Way

The MLA's Paving the Way campaign aims to support early career development, address academic workforce issues, and promote public advocacy for the humanities. Contributions to this campaign fund grants, internships, advocacy, and regional career workshops. Show your support by donating today at www.mla.org/Paving-the-Way.

Refreshments!

Get your tea or coffee fix at the MLA exhibit hall (Moscone West, Level 2) from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

5 January: outside the exhibit hall
6 and 7 January: inside the exhibit hall

Stay hydrated! Bring a water bottle and refill at the hydration stations at the Marriott (Lobby level and second floor) and Moscone West (Level 2).

Twitter

Follow @MLANews for updates throughout the convention, and tweet sessions using #mla23 and the session hashtag (e.g., #s632).

Wi-Fi Access

The MLA provides free wireless Internet access in the meeting rooms and public areas of the Marriott Marquis and in Moscone West. Follow these instructions to connect (connectivity is not guaranteed):

Marriott Marquis

Network: Marriott_CONFERENCE
Password: MLA2023

Moscone West

Network: Moscone_CONFERENCE
Password: MLA2023!

EMERGENCIES

Illness and Medical Emergencies

Procedures may vary from one location to another.

Marriott Marquis. Dial x6666 from any house phone and alert MLA headquarters (Pacific G, Level 4).

Moscone West. Dial 415 978-3511 and alert MLA headquarters (2000, Level 2).

Weather or Other Emergency

If weather or an emergency in San Francisco should delay or otherwise affect the scheduling of convention sessions, full information on such changes will be posted on the MLA website (www.mla.org/MLA-2023). If a local or personal emergency should cause you to have to delay or cancel your in-person attendance at the convention, you should contact your hotel and airline carrier as early as possible. Please refer to the hotel confirmation e-mail for your hotel's cancellation policy. If you are scheduled to speak or participate in a session, please notify the session organizer, who should write to updates2023@mla.org to update the session listing.



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Refer to mla23.org and the MLA 2023 app for up-to-date information.

MLA Awards Ceremony (Session 396)

6 January, 7:00 p.m.

Presidential Address (Session 632)

7 January, 7:00 p.m.

Presidential Plenary: What Is Literary Knowledge? (Session 134A)

5 January, 7:00 p.m.

A Presidential Panel on the Work of Writing under Political Repression: Institutions that Resist (Session 205A)

6 January, 10:15 a.m.–12:00 noon

Writers, scholars, artists, journalists, and teachers, among others, should have working conditions that include intellectual freedom as part of core freedom from persecution. This panel features representatives of three organizations that oppose state repression of members of these professions, as well as other activists and intellectuals.

A Presidential Panel on the Working Conditions of Writers, Artists, Scholars, and Critics (Session 595)

7 January, 3:30–4:45 p.m.

Precarity is a common condition for workers in literary academia and in all culture industries. Participants—all of whom have studied or worked in and across these worlds—use their experience to discuss struggles to build better conditions for creative work inside and outside academia.

The History of Black Writing at Forty and Beyond: Literary Recovery, Archives, and Digital Communities (Session 322)

6 January, 1:45–3:30 p.m.

At the forefront of efforts to recover and promote African American literature, the History of Black Writing has built an expansive archive of works of fiction. After forty years of existence, the project continues to redefine literary history through research, teaching, and public programming. Panelists discuss its transformation of the canon, archive building, and new initiatives in digital humanities.

The New Humanities (Session 440A)

7 January, 10:15 a.m.–12:00 noon

Administrators who have an impact on or are knowledgeable about curriculum discuss how to restructure the study of the humanities at the undergraduate level and promote humanities research in higher education more broadly.

Create Your Own Working Conditions: Transforming Boundaries (Session 520A)

7 January, 1:45–3:30 p.m.

Afanasy Nikitin, a fifteenth-century Russian scholarly traveler, carved out his own, extreme working conditions. His *Voyage beyond Three Seas, 1466–1472* examines encounters between South Asia, Astrakhan, Iran, and diasporic communities all around the Caspian and other waterways. Participants discuss this text, putting a diasporic Ukrainian scholar into conversation with a group of scholars working with transnational, theoretical, or comparative models.

Delegate Assembly (Session 520)

7 January, 12:30 p.m.

This meeting is open only to MLA members and accredited journalists. For agenda information, visit www.mla.org/DA-Agenda-2023.

Humanities in Five

7 January, 5:15 p.m.

Scholars from different fields present their research in five minutes, aiming to do justice to the complexity of the research and at the same time to make its significance clear to a nonspecialist audience.

Just-in-Time Sessions

Refer to mla23.org and the MLA 2023 app for late-breaking just-in-time sessions.

Cultural Excursions

Preregistration is required. Visit the MLA membership desk (Marriott Marquis, Lower B2 Level) for on-site cancellations and questions.

5 January

American Bookbinders Museum Tour
City Lights Outdoor History Tour
Contemporary Jewish Museum Tour

6 January

City Lights Outdoor History Tour
Contemporary Jewish Museum Tour

7 January

American Bookbinders Museum Tour
City Lights Outdoor History Tour



CAREERS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The MLA provides support to members at all stages in their careers. Explore a variety of sessions and events at the 2023 MLA convention designed to help you build your network and enhance your career. Refer to mla23.org and the MLA 2023 app for up-to-date information.

MLA Professional Development Hub

Marriott Marquis (Golden Gate A, B2 Level)

5 January: 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
6–7 January: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Career Mentoring Service

Sign up for one-on-one sessions to discuss job-search and career options on a wide spectrum of careers inside and outside the professoriat.

MLA Professional Development Workshops, Sessions, and Events

Scores of sessions are focused on professional development. Some highlights are listed below; to view a more expansive list, refer to mla23.org and the MLA 2023 app.

Beyond the Professoriat: Career Pathways for Job Seekers in Languages (Session 6)

5 January: 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Discussing careers in fields outside the academy, speakers address the challenges of navigating a complex job market; transferable skills from graduate school training; administrative positions in higher education, government, nonprofit, and for-profit organizations; industry and financial services; K–12 teaching; and opportunities in the language industry.

Career Pathways for PhDs in English: A Preconvention Conversation (Session 7)

5 January: 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Representatives from the humanities ecosystem and different types of institutions discuss career paths for PhDs and mentoring strategies for today's complex job search.

Infrastructures of Professional Development (Session 126)

5 January: 5:15–6:30 p.m.

This roundtable includes leaders who have developed technical, pedagogical, administrative, and organizational structures with potential to serve as sites for professional development. Brief comments will be followed by an open forum on how the MLA can learn from and collaborate with



these leaders and others to grow and enhance professional development offerings in service to members across the career arc.

Language and Literature Program Innovation Room (Session 164)

6 January: 8:30–11:30 a.m.

Showcase presenters share models of curriculum reform, including new programs, credentials, courses, and initiatives in areas such as experiential learning, digital humanities, public humanities, and career diversity. The event, a poster-style session with each presenter at an individual station, allows audience members to drop by any time while the Innovation Room is in session and spend as much time as desired exploring the showcase.

Discussion Group on Continuing Conversations about Caregiving and the Academy (Session 232)

6 January: 10:15–11:30 a.m.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made clear the burdens placed on caregivers as they attempt to advance research and maintain academic responsibilities. This group discusses how the academy can better support those with additional domestic obligations as they navigate the balance between personal and professional lives and the demands of academic work. This session is also offered in a virtual format.

Discussion Group on Leading When Leadership Does Not Look Like You (Session 277)

6 January: 12:00 noon–1:15 p.m.

This discussion group focuses on women and people of color in leadership positions at academic institutions. What kinds of unique challenges might they encounter? How might these challenges be met? Where might one find culture- or gender-specific mentoring and guidance in these roles?

Discussion Group on Setting Midcareer Priorities (Session 386)

6 January: 5:15–6:30 p.m.

The path to tenure is long and arduous, but it has a clear end with a definite marker of achievement. The post-tenure path can wiggle and branch, and many faculty members lose focus or direction. This discussion is a space for midcareer faculty members to share stories and advice and then to set a goal or two.

Getting Funded in the Humanities: An NEH Workshop

6 January, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Staff members from the National Endowment for the Humanities highlight recent awards and outline current funding opportunities.

ON-SITE RESOURCES

Accessibility

The MLA is committed to making arrangements that allow all members of the association to participate in the convention.

Accessibility Desks (Access@mla.org)

Marriott Marquis, North Registration, Lower B2 Level and Lobby Level; Moscone West, Lobby, Level 1

These desks will be staffed with personnel who can assist convention attendees.

Accessible Transportation

The SFMTA provides a comprehensive list of accessible transportation services (www.sfmta.com/accessibility-all). In addition, convention registrants who need accessible transportation during the convention are eligible to be reimbursed up to \$150 for rides taken between official MLA locations during convention hours (5–8 January 2023). Reserve a ride through Uber to request wheelchair-accessible rides (WAV) or drivers who provide special assistance (Assist). Receipts must include the travel date, time, and cost as well as the pickup and drop-off locations. Send your reimbursement request and receipts by 22 January to Stacey Courtney (scourtney@mla.org).

All-Access Restrooms

In addition to wheelchair-accessible multi-stall restrooms at both venues, single-occupant, wheelchair-accessible restrooms are available in the Marriott Marquis on Levels 4 and 5.

American Sign Language Interpretation and CART

Sign language interpretation and real-time captioning at the convention are scheduled based on requests received by 12 November. Visit the accessibility desks or write to access@mla.org during the convention for a list of sessions where ASL interpretation or CART will be provided. If resources are available, the convention office will make every effort to accommodate late requests. Visit the MLA headquarters offices (Marriott Marquis, Pacific G, Level 4, and Moscone West, 2000, Level 2) for on-site requests.

Convention sessions that take place online will be set for automated captioning (viewable at the bottom of your screen) or automated transcription (viewable at the side of your screen). You may adjust these settings as desired on your own screen (click the CC box at the bottom of your screen for your options).

Childcare Reimbursement

MLA members who are registered for the convention and use childcare services are eligible for reimbursement (up to \$400). Members should submit a request for reimbursement, along with supporting documentation such as a receipt from a childcare service, no later than 28 January to Karin Bagnall (kbagnall@mla.org).

Friends of Bill W.

Sierra K in the Marriott Marquis (Level 5) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours.

Lactation Rooms

Laurel in the Marriott Marquis (B2 Level) and a Mamava pod in Moscone West (Level 2) are available during meeting hours for those who require them. Download the Mamava app to locate and access available Mamava pods.

Meeting Rooms

Meeting rooms at the convention are accessible by elevator, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. Each meeting room has been set with empty spaces for wheelchair and scooter users. Please do not move chairs into these spaces. Please keep these areas and the aisles clear; space should be left around the doors and aisles to allow access.

Navigating between Venues

Moscone West is across the street and about one block from the Marriott Marquis on Fourth Street. Exit the Marriott Marquis on Fourth Street and turn left. Cross Mission Street and continue less than half a block to the Minna Street crossing. Cross to the other side of Fourth Street and turn left. The Moscone West entrance will be on your right, after Minna Street.

Quiet Room

We invite convention attendees to drop in to Sierra D in the Marriott Marquis (Level 5), a quiet space removed from traffic and noise. We ask that visitors to this room arrive fragrance-free and keep any discussion to a minimum and at a low volume.

Scooter Rental

Attendees can rent scooters in advance from Scootaround (888 441-7575 or scootaround.com/en/2023-mla-annual-convention).

Service Animals

There is a mulch area at the corner of Fourth and Howard Streets, near the carousel, that can be used for pet relief. The nearest green space is Yerba Buena Gardens.

Sessions

Speakers are encouraged to upload their presentations to *CORE*, the MLA's open-access repository, and 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.

Business Center

Marriott Marquis, FedEx Office Business Center, B2 Level (one level below lobby)

Printing Services

5–6 January, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

7 January, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Parcel Office

5–7 January, 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

8 January, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Headquarters Offices

Marriott Marquis (Pacific G, Level 4)
Moscone West (2000, Level 2)

Session organizers are asked to refer questions about meeting rooms or meeting facilities to the MLA headquarters offices, not to the venue management.

Housing Desk

Near the MLA registration and welcome center in the Marriott Marquis (Lower B2 Level)

Internet Access by Hotel Guests

Guests who booked their rooms through the MLA housing service will receive free Internet access in their rooms. Access details will be provided at check-in. Guests may have to accept an access charge temporarily, but it will be deleted before checkout if they booked their rooms through the MLA. Guests who booked with the hotel directly will have to pay the access fee.

Lost and Found

Marriott Marquis. Visit the MLA headquarters office, Pacific G, Level 4

Moscone West. Visit the MLA headquarters office, 2000, Level 2

Graduate Student Lounge

Marriott Marquis, Juniper, B2 Level

Membership Desk

MLA registration and welcome center, Marriott Marquis (North Registration, Lower B2 Level)

Press Office

Marriott Marquis, Pacific H, Level 4

Print Copies of the Program

A limited quantity of copies of the Program will be available for purchase for \$30 at the registration and welcome centers.

Registration and Welcome Centers

Marriott Marquis (North Registration, Lower B2 Level) and Moscone West (Lobby, Level 1)

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

Visit the registration and welcome centers for badge pickup, on-site registration, other convention-related materials, and answers to general questions about the convention and the association.

San Francisco Information and Restaurant Suggestions

If you are looking for restaurant or bar suggestions or you have a favorite restaurant or must-do activity to recommend, please post your questions and suggestions to the MLA 2023 Convention group on *MLA Commons*. Provide as much information as you can, especially distance from the convention venue, price range, URL, and what you like about a place. All convention registrants are automatically added to this group when they sign up for the *Commons*.

Speaker Ready Room

Marriott Marquis, Pacific D, Level 4

Transportation in San Francisco

Public Transportation

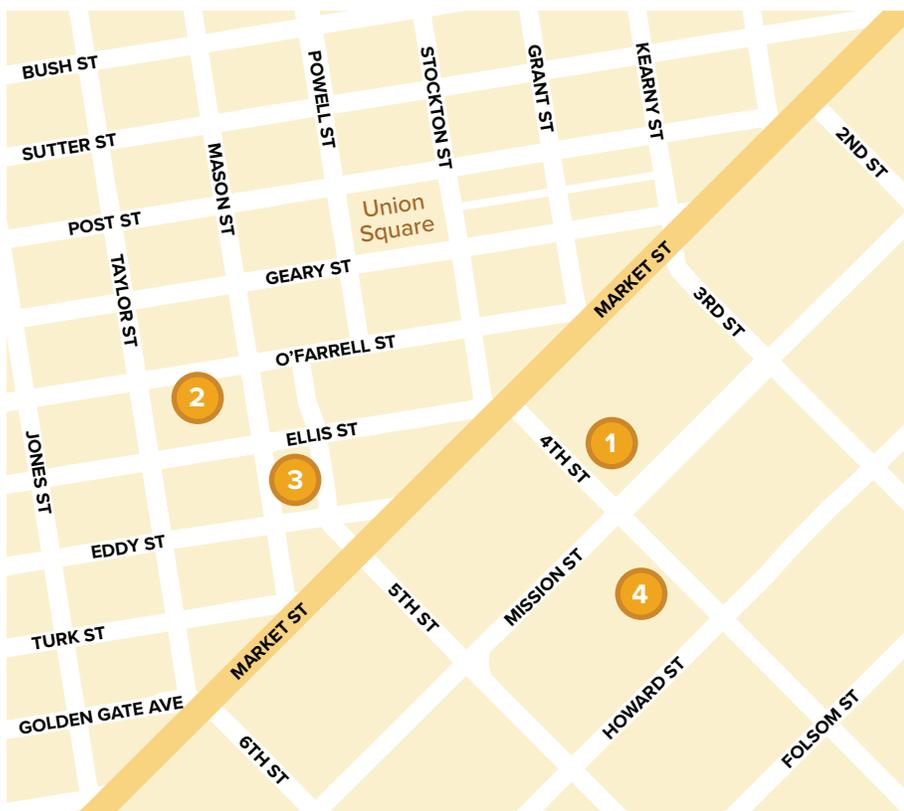
MLA hotels can be reached by San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), taxi, or ride-shares like Uber and Lyft.

San Francisco's transportation system includes Muni buses, metro lines, historic streetcars, and cable cars. Muni buses also serve as a connection to various modes of regional transportation, including Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Caltrain, and the San Francisco Bay Ferry. Commuters pay for trips using Clipper, an all-in-one mobile transit card.

Bicycle

Bay Wheels is an app-based bike-sharing option in San Francisco powered by Lyft.

MLA VENUES AND HOTELS



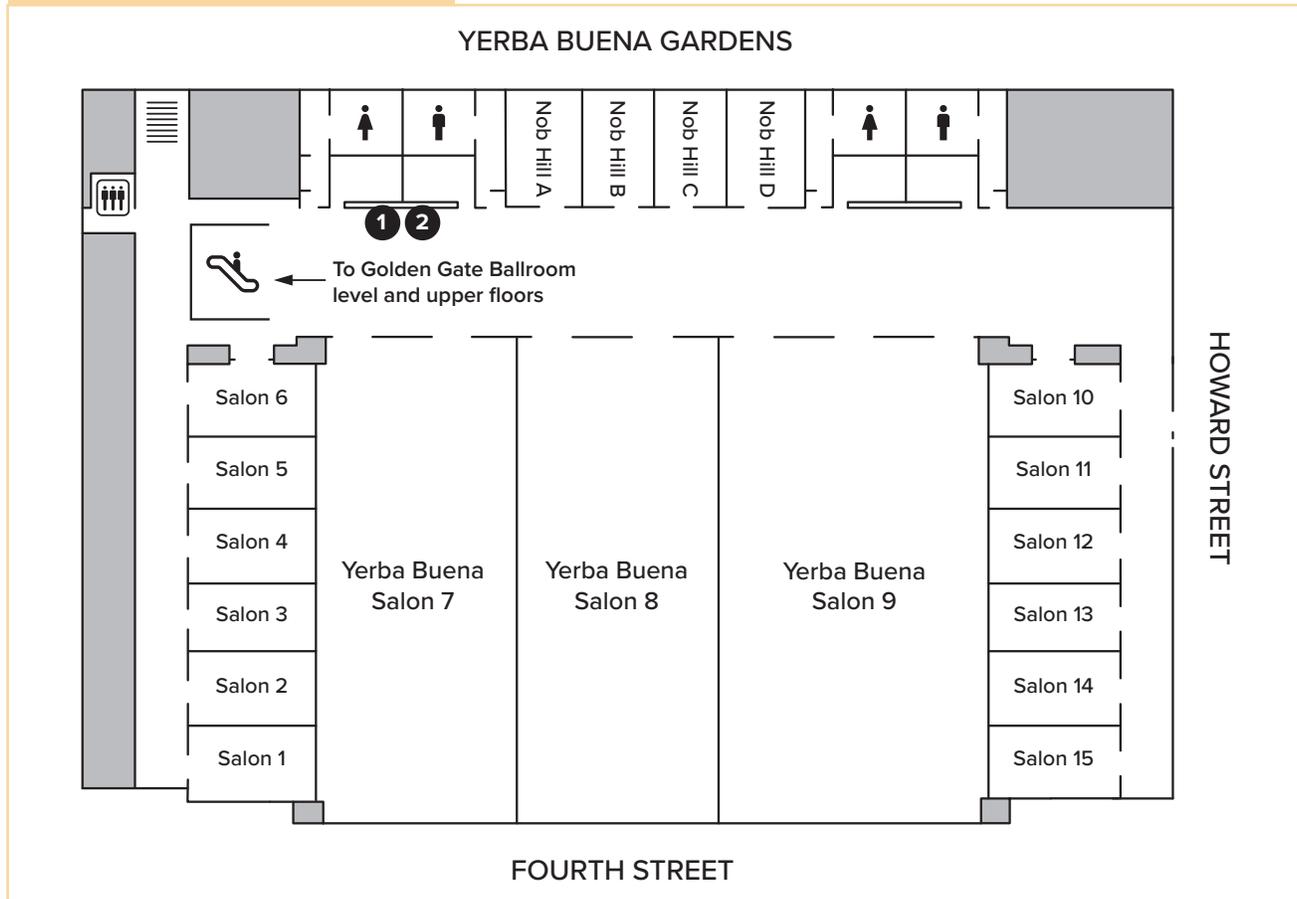
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780 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
- 2 Hilton San Francisco Union Square**
333 O'Farrell Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
- 3 Parc 55 San Francisco**
55 Cyril Magnin Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
- 4 Moscone West**
747 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

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SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT MARQUIS

LOWER B2 LEVEL (YERBA BUENA)



KEY

MLA SERVICE AREAS

- 1 MLA registration and welcome center (North Registration, Lower B2 Level)
- 2 Accessibility desks (Lobby Level and Lower B2 Level)
- 3 MLA headquarters office (Pacific G, Level 4)
- 4 Speaker ready room (Pacific D, Level 4)
- 5 Press office (Pacific H, Level 4)
- 6 Professional Development Hub (Golden Gate A, B2 Level)
- 7 Graduate student lounge (Juniper, B2 Level)
- 8 Friends of Bill W. (Sierra K, Level 5)
- 9 Lactation room (Laurel, B2 Level)
- 10 Quiet room (Sierra D, Level 5)

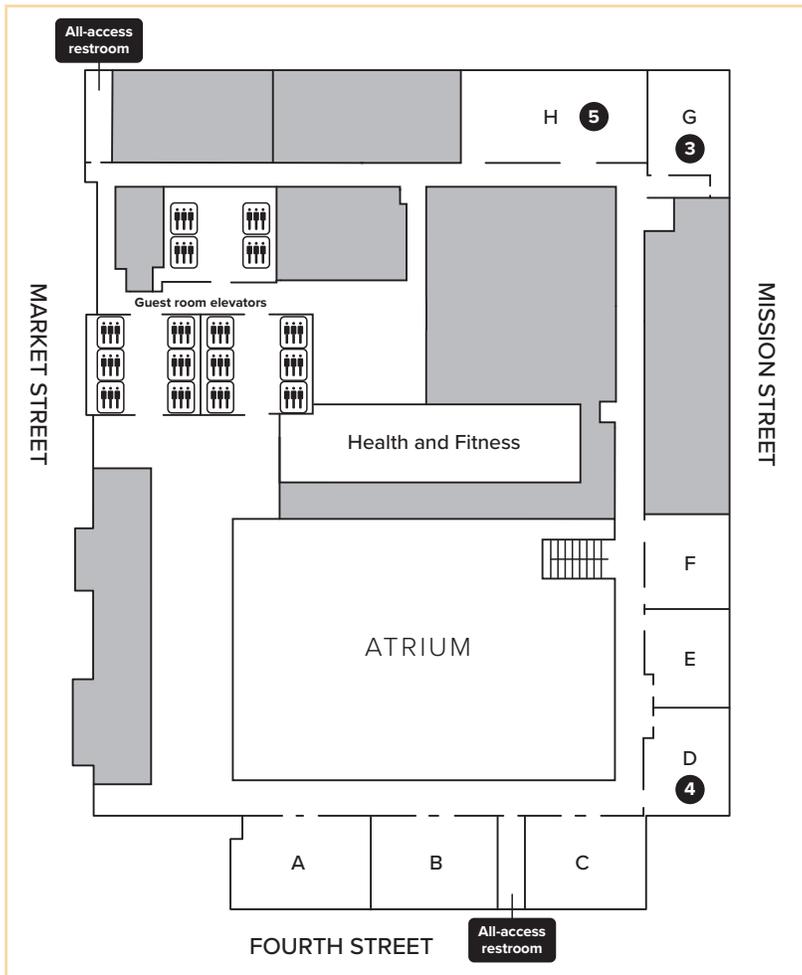
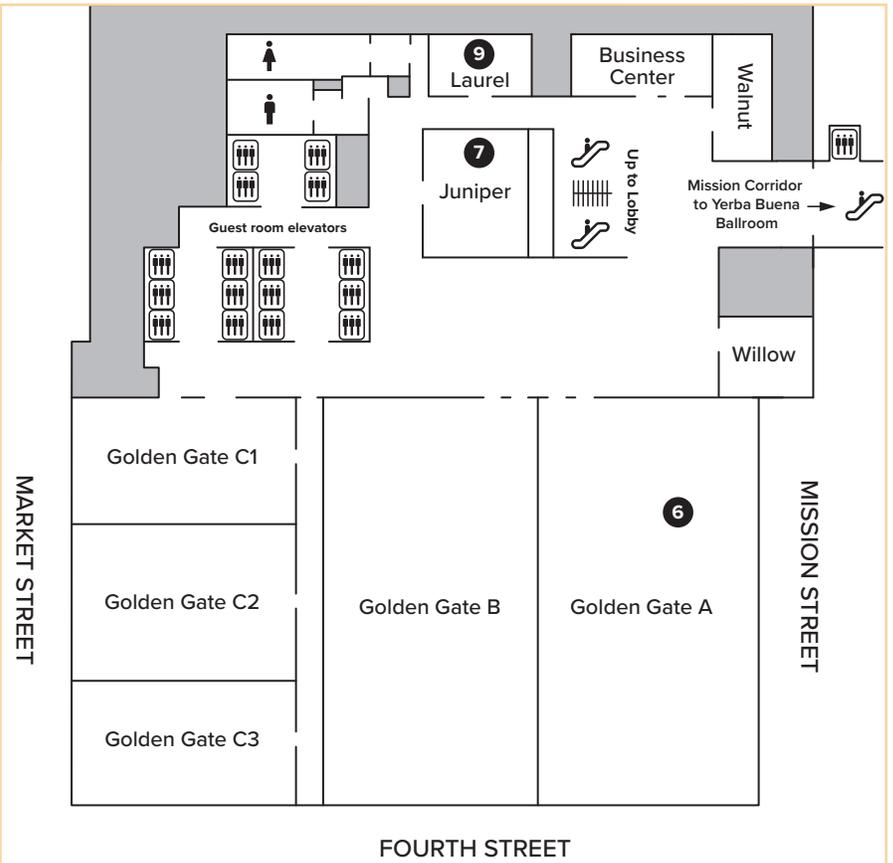
MEETING ROOMS

- Golden Gate B, C1–C3; B2 Level
- Nob Hill A–D; Lower B2 Level
- Pacific A–C, E, F; Level 4
- Sierra A–C, E, F, H–I; Level 5
- Walnut, B2 Level
- Willow, B2 Level
- Yerba Buena Salons 1–15; Lower B2 level

ELEVATOR TO LOWER B2 LEVEL

Take any guest elevator from the lobby down to the Golden Gate Ballroom B2 Level and follow signs to the Mission Corridor or Yerba Buena. At the end of the corridor, before the escalator, there is an elevator on the left that goes between the B2 Level and the Lower B2 Level.

B2 LEVEL (GOLDEN GATE)



LEVEL 4 (PACIFIC)

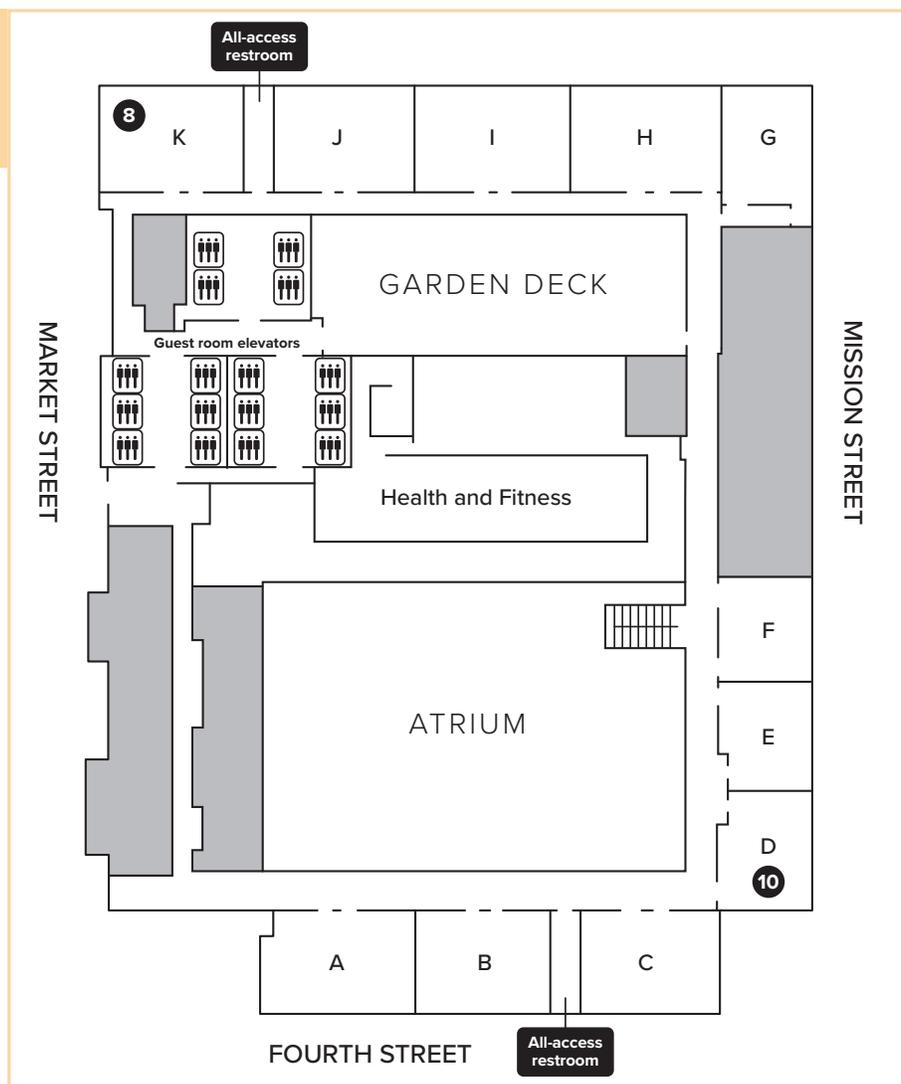


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SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT MARQUIS

LEVEL 5 (SIERRA)



COVID-19 Safety Protocols

The MLA is dedicated to ensuring to the best of our ability the health and safety of convention participants. To that end, we ask that all convention attendees, exhibitors, and visitors attest to our COVID-19 safety protocols:

- I am fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with a WHO-approved vaccine.
- I will follow restrictions and recommendations for both the city of San Francisco and my point of origin, including any testing requirements for individuals traveling to the city of San Francisco from outside the region.
- I will follow any safety guidelines or restrictions implemented by the MLA or the meeting venues during the convention.
- I will abide by all guidance and recommendations from the MLA, the city of San Francisco, the venue, and the CDC regarding the wearing of masks in public spaces that are in effect at the time of the convention. The MLA requires that masks be worn at the convention while indoors.
- Subject to MLA and venue guidelines, I will socially distance while in the MLA event space.
- I agree not to attend the convention if I experience any COVID-19 symptoms (including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, headache, or nausea or vomiting) or learn that I have tested positive for COVID-19. If I begin experiencing such symptoms or learn that I have tested positive for COVID-19 while attending the convention, I will leave the meeting immediately. I also agree not to attend the convention if I learn that I have recently come into close contact (defined as being within six feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or longer, over a 24-hour period) with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19. If I learn of such close contact while attending the convention, I agree to leave the meeting immediately.
- I agree to cooperate with any contact tracing efforts in the event I test positive for or am exposed to COVID-19 while attending the convention.

We will continue to monitor information and guidance from national and local authorities and will regularly update you on any amendments we may need to make. Thank you for your help in keeping your fellow attendees and the members of the venue staff safe.

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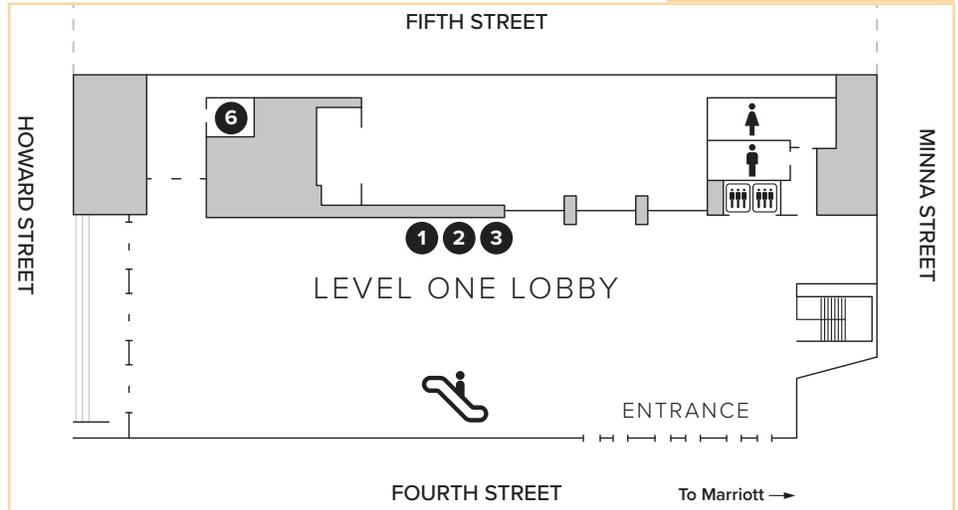
- 1 Registration and welcome center (Lobby, Level 1)
- 2 Accessibility desk (Lobby, Level 1)
- 3 Exhibitor desk (Lobby, Level 1)
- 4 Exhibit hall (Level 2)
- 5 MLA headquarters office (2000, Level 2)
- 6 First aid (Level 1)
- 7 Mamava pod (Level 2)

MEETING ROOMS

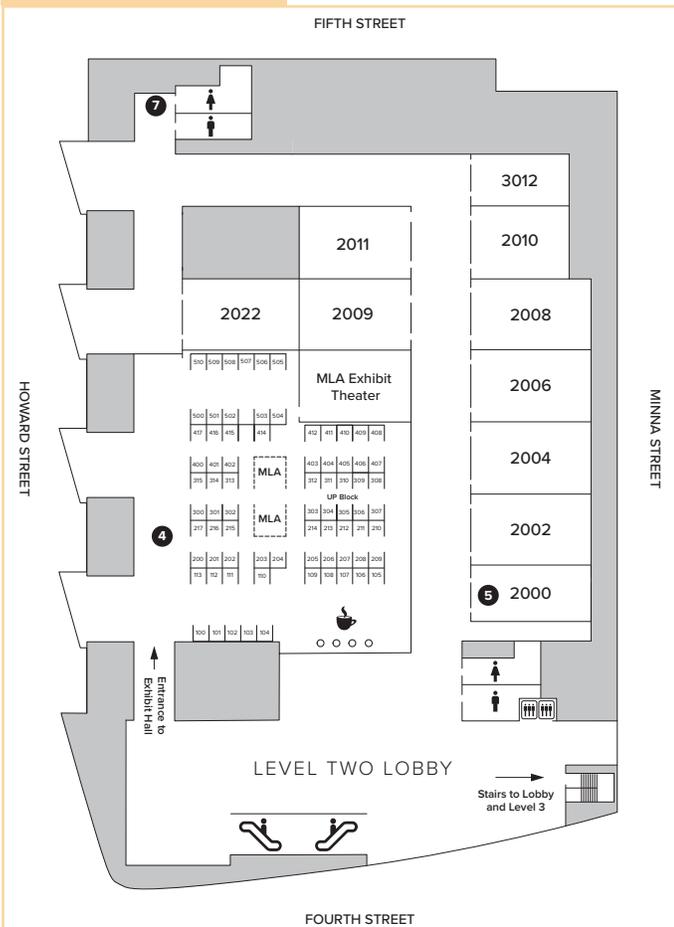
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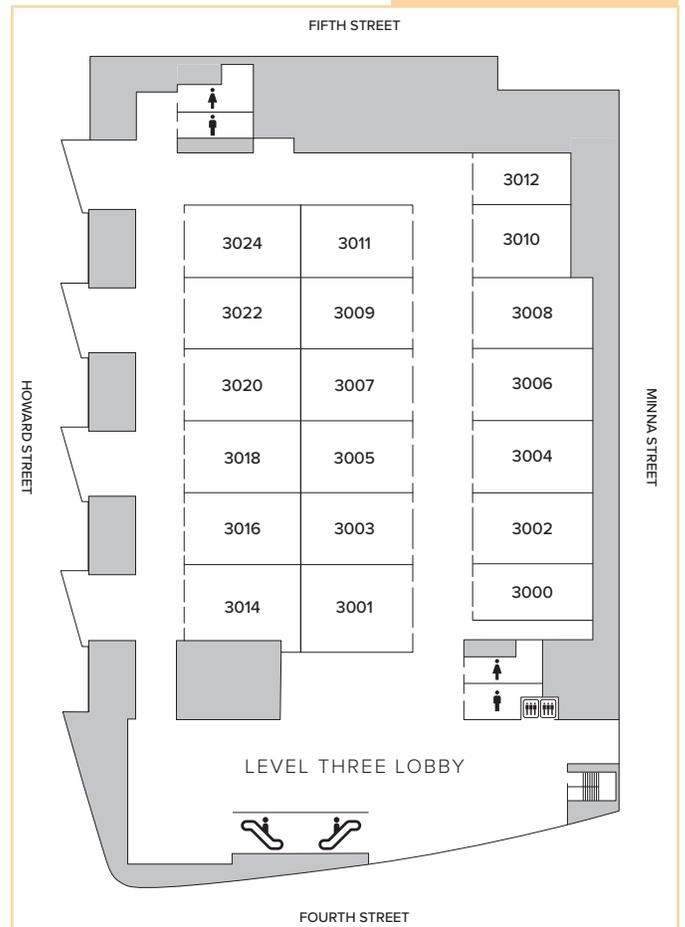
LEVEL 1



LEVEL 2



LEVEL 3



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POLICIES

Appropriate Conduct at the MLA Annual Convention

The largest scholarly meeting in the humanities, the MLA Annual Convention brings together thousands of members to discuss new research, participate in workshops, and build their professional networks. The MLA is committed to providing an inclusive and harassment-free environment for everyone, regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, physical appearance, ethnicity, religion, or other group identity.

Attendees should be aware of the MLA's policies on discrimination and harassment and on professional ethics.

Behaviors that are unacceptable at the MLA convention include

- harassment or intimidation based on gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, physical appearance, ethnicity, religion, or other group identity
- sexual harassment or intimidation, including unwelcome sexual attention, stalking (physical or virtual), or unsolicited physical contact
- shouting down or threatening speakers

Speakers are asked to frame discussions as openly and inclusively as possible and to be aware of how language or images may be perceived by others. Attendees may exercise their option to leave a session or a conversation. Exhibitors must follow all MLA exhibits rules, regulations, and policies.

All attendees are expected to follow these guidelines in all convention venues, including online venues, and at convention social events. Attendees asked to stop a hostile or harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. Please report any physical assault or threats to the local police department.

Continue reading the MLA's guidelines for appropriate conduct at the MLA Annual Convention at www.mla.org/Appropriate-Conduct.

Photography and Recording of Sessions

The MLA will be photographing and recording a number of sessions taking place during the convention, so attendees' audio, video, or written participation in the convention may be recorded, and attendees may be photographed as part of this event. Session recordings will be available to convention registrants through the online convention platform. The MLA's recordings and

photographs from the convention will also be used to share the work of members and the atmosphere of the convention with a broader public. It is a violation of MLA policy for individuals to record either audio or video of presentations or sessions. Occasional exceptions may be made for members of the media taping short segments designed to convey the convention atmosphere. Such arrangements must be made in advance through the director of outreach and require the consent of all speakers at a session. When taping is approved, a representative of the media staff must be present during the session. 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 use brief recorded elements as part of a creative or documentary project should be sent to press@mla.org.

Badges

Badges are required for admission to convention sessions, the exhibit hall, and the MLA Professional Development Hub. Badge holders are available at the MLA registration and welcome centers, where attendees can also replace lost badges for \$25.

Canceling Sessions

MLA sessions should only be canceled if nearly all the participants are unable to attend the convention. In such a situation, please write to updates2023@mla.org immediately so that convention attendees can be informed of the cancellation. Organizers should also inform all the session participants of the cancellation.

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 to Sessions

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; the pass is valid only to hear a presentation given by that speaker at a single session. The speaker must request the pass at an MLA registration and welcome center

on the day of the session, before the centers close. The guest must accompany the speaker to obtain the pass, must be vaccinated, and must agree to the MLA COVID-19 health and safety protocols (www.mla.org/COVID-19). Passes may not be requested by guests of speakers or by MLA members who have not registered for the convention.

Guest Passes to the 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 obtain a one-day pass to the exhibit hall. All guests must be vaccinated and must agree to the MLA COVID-19 health and safety protocols (www.mla.org/COVID-19). Passes are available at the exhibitor desk (Moscone West, Lobby, Level 1).

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 that you be accompanied by a hotel guest with a room key, especially between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

The MLA's Policies against Discrimination and Harassment

The MLA reminds participants in the convention that federal, state, and local laws prohibit 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 all applicable federal, state, and local laws. Read the MLA's full policies at www.mla.org/Discrimination-Harassment-Policies.

From the MLA's Statement on Professional Ethics

As a community valuing free inquiry, we must be able to rely on the integrity and the good judgment of our members. For this reason, we should not exploit or discriminate against others on grounds such as race, ethnicity, national origin, religious creed, age, gender, sexual preference, or disability; sexually harass students, colleagues, or staff members; use language that is prejudicial or gratuitously derogatory; make capricious or arbitrary decisions affecting working conditions, professional status, or academic

freedom; misuse confidential information; plagiarize the work of others; practice deceit or fraud on the academic community or the public.

Reading in Absentia

Sessions at the 2023 convention will take place either in person or online. To encourage discussion and dialogue among panelists and attendees at convention sessions, reading in absentia (whether by videoconferencing, audio delivery, or presentation by surrogates) is not normally permitted at sessions taking place in person. Presenters who are unable to attend the convention because of unforeseen emergencies may circulate their papers in advance through private or public groups on *MLA Commons* or upload them to *CORE*, the MLA's open-access repository.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in most public places in San Francisco.

2024 CONVENTION

Calls for Papers

To post or review calls for papers for the 2024 MLA convention in Philadelphia (4–7 January 2024), visit www.mla.org/conv_papers.

Organizing Sessions

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2024 convention in Philadelphia will be available on the MLA website in March 2023 for submission by 1 April.

EXHIBIT HALL AND PUBCENTRAL

The exhibit hall is open to all convention registrants with a badge and to visitors with an official exhibit hall pass. Visit the exhibitor desk (Moscone West, Lobby, Level 1) for passes and all exhibit hall questions. Visit all the online exhibits at mla23.org and the MLA 2023 app under Exhibitors.

Exhibits

Moscone West, Level 2

6–7 January: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
8 January: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Refer to the back page of this *Convention Guide* for a list of exhibitors and their locations.

Exhibit Hall Passes

Registrants may obtain free passes for guests they accompany through the hall. Unaccompanied visitors may obtain a one-day pass to the hall. All guests must be vaccinated and agree to the MLA's COVID-19 health and safety protocols (www.mla.org/COVID-19).

Navigating between Venues

Moscone West is across the street and about one block from the Marriott Marquis on Fourth Street. Exit Moscone West on Fourth Street and turn left. The Marriott will be on your right, after Mission Street.

Receptions and Events

Check mla23.org, the MLA 2023 app, and the MLA convention *Twitter* feed (@MLAnews) for up-to-date information on exhibit activities.

Refreshment Stand

5–7 January: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Visit the refreshment stand to satisfy your coffee, tea, and food cravings. Stay hydrated and fed while perusing books and connecting with friends.

MLA PubCentral

Moscone West, Exhibit Hall, Level 2

6–7 January: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
8 January: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Visit MLA PubCentral for everything related to MLA publications. Score discounts on the latest MLA titles, grab free *MLA International Bibliography* swag, and learn about content updates to *MLA Handbook Plus*.

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Reception!

6 January, 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Join us for a wine and cheese reception to celebrate one hundred years of the *MLA International Bibliography*!



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