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Rosemary G. Feal's Convention Blog

During the convention, Executive Director Rosemary G. Feal will write a daily blog at www.mla.org/mla09blog. Each day's post will include a list of seven things on her agenda for that day and provide a link to her regularly updated Twitter stream (also available at twitter.com/MLAconvention), as well as an RSS feed. Readers are invited to comment on these blog entries.



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Delegate Assembly Agenda

The proposals that appear below were forwarded by the Delegate Assembly Organizing Committee to the Delegate Assembly for consideration during this year's assembly meeting. Also on the assembly's agenda is a proposal to revise the association's dues structure, a discussion of the resolutions process, and a one-hour open discussion of the effects of the economic recession on the academy (with strands on contingent labor and the endangered status of languages other than English). The assembly meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 29 December, in Grand Ballroom Salon G and H of the Philadelphia Marriott. 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.

Submitted by Grover Furr on behalf of the Radical Caucus in English and Modern Languages:

Whereas job security is under attack throughout higher education; and

A job with a living wage is an economic right of all employees; and

No rights can be secure without government and professional organizations taking action to establish and defend them;

Resolved, that all employees, teaching and non-teaching, in higher education deserve firm job security, or tenure in their positions;

and that the MLA urges colleges and universities to affirm the existing tenure system and to extend more robust job security to non-tenure-track faculty without reducing tenure-track lines, and to all other employees in higher education.

Submitted by Richard Ohmann on behalf of the Radical Caucus in English and Modern Languages:

Whereas, University of Colorado officials responded to outside pressure from conservative politicians and others, brought on by written comments Professor Ward Churchill had made after the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center;

Whereas, these officials then established a committee to investigate Professor Churchill's scholarship;

Whereas, the university then dismissed him from his tenured position;

Resolved, The MLA condemns the University of Colorado for violating Professor Churchill's constitutionally guaranteed freedom of speech, and urges that he be reinstated.

Convention Hotels

Most English sessions and exhibits: Philadelphia Marriott

Most foreign language sessions: Loews Philadelphia

Job Information Center and registration and information area:
Pennsylvania Convention Center

Important Reminder about Identification

You may need to have a government-issued photo ID when you check into your hotel. After 10:00 p.m. 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.

General Convention Information

Audiotaping 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 audiotaping 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 be submitted to the Executive Council no later than 15 October.

Badges

Plastic badge holders are available at the registration and information area in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Lost badges can be replaced for \$5 at the MLA registration area.

Business Centers

Loews Philadelphia

Business Center, 3rd floor

Hours: 6:30 a.m.–10:00 p.m., Mon.–Fri.;
8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sat.–Sun.

Philadelphia Marriott

Fed Ex Office, lobby level

Hours: 24 hours, Mon.–Sun.

Pennsylvania Convention Center

Business Center and Gift Shop, 2nd level, between Halls B and C

Hours: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Mon.–Fri.

Hours are subject to change.

Child Care

Faced with rising costs and limited interest from members, the MLA will not offer on-site child care at the 2009 convention. MLA

members in need of child care during the convention should make arrangements directly through one of the convention hotels.

The MLA has funds available to reimburse up to \$200 each to members who use a hotel-recommended service for child care 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 dues categories.

Members should submit a request for reimbursement, along with a receipt for child care from one of the hotel-recommended services. Requests should be sent no later than 9 January 2010 to Maribeth Kraus, Director of Convention Programs.

Convention Registration and Housing

All persons wishing to attend meetings or use convention services must register for the convention. Persons who plan to attend the convention may register by mail or through the MLA Web site (www.mla.org); the preregistration fee must be received before 9 December. Preregistration information was sent to all MLA members in September and was available at the MLA Web site in early September. Registrations may be accepted after 9 December through 23 December at the higher rate, but programs (for nonmembers) and badges will not be sent. Members attending the convention who have not preregistered may register during the convention at the registration area located in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2). The registration area will be open on 27 December from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m., on 28 and 29 December from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on 30 December from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Grand Hall is the only registration area.

Hotel Reservations. Members are reminded that hotel rooms at the special MLA rates are available only to persons who are registered for the convention. Each convention registrant can reserve a maximum of 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 registration and information area at the Philadelphia Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2). A representative of the MLA housing service, CMR, will be there to help such attendees find housing and to assist attendees with any hotel issues they may have.

Registration Fees. Early registration fees from 1 September through 1 October are as follows: regular members, \$125; regular members outside the United States and Canada, \$50; graduate student members, \$40; emeritus members, \$40; non-tenure-track and unemployed members, \$50. Preregistration fees from 2 October through 9 December are as follows: regular members, \$150; regular members outside the United States and Canada, \$50; graduate student members, \$40; non-tenure-track and unemployed members, \$50; emeritus members, \$40; nonmembers, \$200; graduate student nonmembers, \$65; emeritus nonmembers, \$65. Registration fees after 9 December are as follows: regular members, \$175; regular members outside the United States and Canada, \$50; graduate student members, \$40; emeritus members, \$40; non-tenure-track and unemployed members, \$50; nonmembers, \$225; graduate student nonmembers, \$65; emeritus nonmembers, \$65.

Registration Refunds. Requests for refunds of registration fees must be made in writing, accompanied by unused convention badges, and postmarked no later than 26 December. Refunds requested after 26 December will not be granted unless there were extenuating circumstances that made it impossible for the registrant to attend the convention. A \$10 service fee will be deducted from all refunds.

Any disputes regarding convention fees should be put in writing and sent to the director of convention programs at the MLA office.

Council of Editors of Learned Journals (CELJ)

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 28 December from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on 29 December from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in 203B, Pennsylvania Convention Center.

CSE Seal Awards

The Committee on Scholarly Editions promotes excellence in scholarly editing by inspecting volumes in progress, offering advice on editorial matters, and awarding emblems to qualified volumes. The following works qualified for 2008–09; the committee's seal will be featured on the published editions.

The Poetry of Charles d'Orléans and His Circle: An Edition of His Personal Manuscript (BnF MS. fr. 25458). Edited by John Fox and Maryjo Arn; translated by R. Barton Palmer, with a contribution by Stephanie Gibbs Kamath. Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Medieval and Renaissance Texts and Studies.

The Water-Witch; or, The Skimmer of the Seas. Edited by Thomas Philbrick and Marianne Philbrick. AMS Press. The Writings of James Fenimore Cooper. Editor in chief, Lance Schachterle.

Herman Melville's Typee: A Fluid-Text Edition. Edited by John Bryant. University of Virginia Press.

Mark Twain Project Online. Edited by Robert Hirst et al. University of California Press.

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.

Hotels. Meeting rooms in the headquarters hotels are accessible by elevator, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. There will be desks in the convention registration and information area at the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2), as well as the Loews Philadelphia (Lobby level, adjacent to the front desk), and the Philadelphia Marriott (outside Grand Ballroom, Salon I, level 5), staffed with personnel who can provide

assistance to convention attendees with disabilities. There will also be a satellite desk in the lobby of the Philadelphia Marriott.

Shuttle Bus. A complimentary transportation service will be available throughout convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities. Arrangements should be made at the desk for persons with disabilities in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2) as well as the Loews Philadelphia (Lobby level, adjacent to the front desk) and the Philadelphia Marriott (outside Grand Ballroom, Salon I, level 5). Further details and phone numbers will be posted at the headquarters hotels.

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 font size). Speakers should indicate whether they want their papers and handouts returned. The deadline to request sign language interpreters and real-time captioning was 13 November. Members who did not meet the deadline should come to the MLA headquarters office in the Philadelphia Marriott (Conference Suite III, level 3), and we may be able to arrange for interpreters. We cannot guarantee that interpreters will be available.

Scooter Rentals. Scooters, for navigating the convention more easily, can be rented from Scootaround (888 441-7575) or through the MLA Web site (www.scootaround.com/rentals/m/mla/).

Karin Bagnall coordinates arrangements for persons with disabilities; she can be reached at the MLA convention office at kbagnall@mla.org; the TDD number is 646 576-5148.

Exhibit Hall

Be sure to schedule time to visit the Exhibit Hall (Philadelphia Marriott, Franklin Hall, level 4). The hall is open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on 28 and 29 December, and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on 30 December. Connect with over 110 firms that represent a variety of materials and services of interest to teachers 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 2009 exhibitors, refer to page 1974 in the Program. The editor of the *MLA International Bibliography* will be in the MLA exhibit booth on 28 and 29 December from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. MLA staff members will be available in the MLA exhibit booth to demonstrate the features of the MLA Web site and to answer questions. Check this section of the *Convention News* for updated information on receptions and events that will be taking place at various exhibit booths throughout the hall. *Remember to wear your badge!*

Monday, 28 December

5:00–6:00 p.m., MLA booth (504)

Reception celebrating the 125th MLA Annual Convention and all titles released by the MLA in 2009

Tuesday, 29 December

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Duke University Press booths (615–619)

Cake and coffee reception to celebrate the tenth anniversary of *Pedagogy: Critical Approaches to Teaching Literature, Language, Composition, and Culture*

1:00 p.m., Random House booths (100–103)

Book signing by Elaine Showalter for her new book *A Jury of Her Peers*

4:00–5:00 p.m., W. W. Norton booths (704–708)

Wine and cheese reception in celebration of *The Literature of Australia: An Anthology*, Nicholas Jose (general editor), with a foreword by Thomas Keneally

Ongoing in the Exhibit Hall**Arc Manor booth (817)**

Take a chance on winning a \$300 Amazon gift certificate, books, and other prizes. Spin the prize wheel and see what happens.

Coffee Service

There will be a Starbucks coffee cart with snacks and beverages in the Exhibit Hall on 28, 29, and 30 December during exhibit hall hours.

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.

In the Philadelphia Marriott, Meeting Room 502 (level 5) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours. Meetings are scheduled for Sunday, 27 December, at 6:30 p.m.; Monday, 28 December, at 11:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 29 December, at 11:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, 30 December, at 9:30 a.m.

Future Conventions

There will be no convention in December 2010. In 2011 the convention will be held in Los Angeles from 6 to 9 January. In 2012 the convention will be held in Seattle from 5 to 8 January, and in 2013 the convention will be held in Boston from 3 to 6 January.

Graduate Student Lounge

Philadelphia Marriott (Conference Suite II, level 3).

Illness and Medical Emergencies

Procedures may vary from one hotel to another.

Philadelphia Marriott. Dial 51 for security from any house phone and describe the situation.

Loews Philadelphia. Pick up any house phone and describe the situation.

Pennsylvania Convention Center. Dial 4911 from any house phone and describe the situation.

Please note: whether you are seeking medical advice or have a medical emergency, the hotel will direct you to the closest hospital emergency ward.

Information Center

Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2). The information center will be open on 27 December from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m., on 28 and 29 December from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on 30 December from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Job Information Center

The Job Information Center is located in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Ballroom A, Ballroom level). The Job Information Center will be open on 27 December from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., on 28 December from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., on 29 December from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on 30 December from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Lost and Found

Members wishing to report personal items either lost or found should call extension 51 for security at the Philadelphia Marriott, pick up any house phone at the Loews Philadelphia, and dial 4911 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Lounges

Loews Philadelphia (Millennium Hall, 2nd floor) and the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2). A graduate student lounge will be located in the Philadelphia Marriott (Conference Suite II).

Mail and Messages

Although the hotels will make every effort to deliver mail and messages received during the convention, the MLA can assume no responsibility for failure in delivery. A message service in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Ballroom A, Ballroom level) 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 Where" listing (see "Who's Where" section) posted near the members' lounge in each hotel, then leave messages with the desk clerk at the appropriate hotel. Bulletin boards where convention attendees may post messages for their colleagues will also be provided in the lounges.

Membership in the MLA

For the convenience of those who would like to join the MLA, as well as for continuing members who would like to pay their 2010 dues, membership desks will be located in the registration center. Although new memberships are for the 2010 calendar year, individuals who join the association while registering for the convention are entitled to register at members' rates.

MLA Bibliography Fellows

We are pleased to announce that five *MLA Bibliography* Fellowship recipients have completed their three years of service, 2006–09, and will be recognized during the Presidential Address.

Mildred L. Jackson, associate dean for collections, University of Alabama

Dawn Lawson, East Asian studies librarian, New York University

Shirley O. Lua, associate professor, De La Salle University

Susan Oliver, lecturer, University of Salford

Maria C. Willstedt, assistant professor, Florida State University

National Endowment for the Humanities

Staff members from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will be available to provide materials and information about the endowment on 28 December from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on 29 December from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in 203B, Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Jason C. Rhody and John D. Cox, senior program officers at the NEH, will highlight recent awards and outline current funding opportunities during "Getting Funded in the Humanities: An NEH Workshop" on 28 December, from 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. in the Philadelphia Marriott (Liberty Ballroom Salon A). In addition to emphasizing grant programs that support individual and collaborative research and education, the workshop will include information on new developments such as the NEH's Office on Digital Humanities Initiative. A question-and-answer period will follow.

Parking

Current rates at the downtown hotels vary from approximately \$12 to \$27 per day. Parking in garages near the hotels is approximately \$39 per day.

Passes

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.

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.

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, Philadelphia Marriott (by the Franklin Hall, 4th level).

Press Office

The press office responds to questions and provides information to reporters from the national press who are covering higher education. The office is located in the Philadelphia Marriott (301, 3rd floor).

Restaurant Reservations and Information

The Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau will provide a restaurant reservations and information desk near the registration and information area located in the Pennsylvania Convention Center (Grand Hall, level 2).

Shuttle Bus Service

Because of the proximity of the headquarters hotels, there will be a shuttle service only for attendees with disabilities.

Smoking

Philadelphia has a nonsmoking policy in all buildings and restaurants. Smoking is allowed in bars where food is not served.

Speaker Ready Rooms

Space in the Loews Philadelphia (P2, 3rd floor) and the Philadelphia Marriott (Meeting Room 413, level 4) has been reserved to allow speakers to run through their audiovisual presentations before their sessions. Those who have computer presentations should have completed a Presenter's Computer Information form to arrange for a pretest appointment. If you have not done so, please contact Karin Bagnall (kbagnall@mla.org).

Telephones

With the increased use of cell phones, there are a limited number of public phones available in the hotels. Calls may not be made from telephones in meeting rooms, and the use of telephones in any convention office is limited to members of the MLA staff.

Transportation to and in Philadelphia

MLA convention hotels are located in Center City Philadelphia.

By plane: Philadelphia International Airport is served by all major domestic carriers, with flights to more than 100 cities, including 30 international destinations. The SEPTA Airport Rail Line R-1 connects the airport with Center City and includes stops at 30th Street Station (Amtrak), Suburban Station, and Market East Station (Convention Center, Marriott, and Loews). It operates daily every half hour; the one-way fare is \$7. Call 215 580-7800 for specific travel instructions and sales locations. Calls are answered from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekends. Additional information is available at www.septa.org. Lady Liberty Transportation Company offers an airport shuttle between the Philadelphia Airport and Center City. Shuttles run every fifteen minutes between 5:30 a.m. and 12:00 midnight. No reservations are required. Dial #27 from the free transportation counter telephones located in the baggage claim area. The one-way fare is \$10. One-way cab fare to or from Center City is \$28.50. For Philadelphia International Airport information, stop at one of the information booths in the airport terminals, call 215 937-6937 or 800 PHL-GATE (800 745-4283), or go to www.phl.org.

By train: Philadelphia is served by Amtrak (800 USA-RAIL; www.amtrak.com), which operates rail service along the Northeast Corridor. Visitors have access to intercity trains operating over the corridor, including high-speed Metroliners and Acela Express service between Boston and Washington, DC. Intercity service is also provided to many points south and west. Amtrak's 30th Street Station is two miles from the Pennsylvania Convention Center and Center City hotels. The one-way taxi fare is \$5-\$8. The train ride to Market East Station (Convention Center, Marriott, and Loews) is complimentary for those who show their Amtrak ticket to the ticket agent.

By bus: Intercity bus service is excellent, with daily arrivals from all parts of the country. The Greyhound Terminal (215 931-4075) is located at 20th and Filbert Streets.

Transit: Philadelphia has an excellent transit system. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) offers commuter rail service between the city and the suburbs. Suburban Station and Market East Station are in the heart of the business, shopping, and hotel districts. Also, the 30th Street Station provides a quick connection with Amtrak. Each of these stations connects the entire rail system with the city's Airport Rail Line. SEPTA also operates a large fleet of buses, subways, and streetcars throughout the city and suburbs with highly concentrated service in the Center City area. Two subway lines—Market-Frankford (east-west) and Broad Street (north-south)—crisscross the city. Cash fare on most routes is \$2 (exact change required). Discounted tokens and passes are available. Call 215 580-7800 for specific travel instructions and sales locations. Calls are answered from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekends.

“Who’s Where” Directory

The “Who’s Where” directory will be posted in the members’ lounges in the Loews Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Convention Center and near the Job Information Center in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. 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 10 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 Where” 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.

2011 Convention Program

Starting with the 2010–11 academic year, the MLA convention will no longer be held in December. The 2011 convention will be held in Los Angeles from 6 to 9 January.

Forms for special-session proposals for the 2011 convention in Los Angeles will be available at the MLA Web site. The procedures for organizing a meeting for the MLA convention and the calendar of deadlines for 2010 appear on the MLA Web site (www.mla.org). Off-prints of the procedures, the calendar, and special session FAQs are available at the information center and the headquarters offices.

Those who wish to have calls for papers for special sessions or for division, discussion group, or allied and affiliate organization meetings published online are reminded that the deadline is 5 January 2010. Calls for papers must be submitted electronically on the MLA Web site.

2009 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, special notices, copy that was omitted from 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 members in the Philadelphia Marriott (Conference Suite 111, 3rd floor) or the Loews (Hospitality Suite 413, 4th floor).

Sunday, 27 December 3:30 p.m.

17. Found in Translation: Translators on Translating 3:30–4:45 p.m., Commonwealth Hall A1, Loews

Additional speaker: Jennifer Kronovet, Acad. of American Poets

Sunday, 27 December 5:15 p.m.

57. The Idea of the Indian in the Renaissance 5:15–6:30 p.m., 203-A, Pennsylvania Convention Center

“Indians of the East or West’ in Early British American Literature,” Jim Egan, Brown Univ.

Sunday, 27 December 7:00 p.m.

82. Le littéraire avant la littérature 7:00–8:15 p.m., Washington A, Loews

Presiding: Ellen McClure, Univ. of Illinois, Chicago

Additional speaker: Jean-Vincent Blanchard, Swarthmore Coll.

Sunday, 27 December 8:45 p.m.

100. Discipline and Disruption: Ethnic Literature in the Twenty-First-Century Academy 8:45–10:00 p.m., 405, Philadelphia Marriott

Additional speaker: Rychetta Watkins, Rhodes Coll.

Monday, 28 December 8:30 a.m.

121. Minority Identities, Intersectionality, and the Graduate Student Experience 8:30–9:45 a.m., 310, Philadelphia Marriott

Presiding: Monica F. Jacobe, Catholic Univ. of America

**Monday, 28 December
10:15 a.m.**

158. Literature and Journalism

10:15–11:30 a.m., 411–412, Philadelphia Marriott

Additional speaker: Rob Nixon, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison

This session has been changed to a roundtable format.

**Monday, 28 December
12:00 noon**

202. Reading Nabokov's *The Original of Laura*

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., 304, Philadelphia Marriott

Additional speaker: Gene Barabtarlo, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia

**Monday, 28 December
1:45 p.m.**

229. Developing a New Generation of Translators

1:45–3:00 p.m., Commonwealth Hall C, Loews

Additional speaker: Edwin Gentzler, Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst

256. Today's Students, Today's Teachers: Economics

1:45–3:00 p.m., 405, Philadelphia Marriott

Additional speaker: Kent Cartwright, Univ. of Maryland, College Park

**Monday, 28 December
5:15 p.m.**

**Cash Bar Arranged by the Departments of English,
University of Missouri, Columbia, and University of
Nebraska, Lincoln**

5:15–6:30 p.m., Grand Ballroom Salon L, Philadelphia Marriott

317. Cole Swensen: A Bilingual Poetry Reading

5:15–6:30 p.m., Congress B, Loews

This session has been canceled.

**Monday, 28 December
7:15 p.m.**

329. Performing Politics in the Lusophone World

7:15–8:30 p.m., Tubman, Loews

"Fome de destruição: Performance de body art e nihilismo radical em dois romances de Santiago Nazarian," Irene Depetris Chauvin, Cornell Univ.

**Tuesday, 29 December
8:30 a.m.**

360. Psychoanalysis and Geography

8:30–9:45 a.m., 305–306, Philadelphia Marriott

2. "The Virtue of Blushing: Turning Anxiety into Shame in Haneke's *Caché*," Frances L. Restuccia, Boston Coll.

387. Americanism and Anti-Americanism in Italian Culture in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries

8:30–9:45 a.m., Commonwealth Hall A1, Loews

4. "L'orizzonte aperto dell'America per non morire: Sulle tracce di Pavese," Rossana Barbera, Center for Italian Studies, Baltimore; Annelise Brody, Washington Univ.

**Tuesday, 29 December
10:15 a.m.**

420. Digital Scholarship and African American Traditions

10:15–11:30 a.m., 307, Philadelphia Marriott

Additional speaker: Maryemma Graham, Univ. of Kansas

**Tuesday, 29 December
12:00 noon**

Luncheon Arranged by the Conference on Christianity and Literature

12:00 noon, Capitol Grille, 1338 Chestnut St.

For reservations, send \$40 to Jim Wildeman, Dept. of English, Covenant Coll., Lookout Mountain, GA 30750-9901.

Tuesday, 29 December 1:45 p.m.

486. Theater after Beckett*1:45–3:00 p.m., Grand Ballroom Salon J, Philadelphia Marriott*

“Beckett in Crisis,” Nicholas Allen, National Univ. of Ireland, Galway

“Lost Ones and Haunting Ghosts: Beckett and Shepard,” Katherine Weiss, East Tennessee State Univ.

498. Hawthorne and Creative Nonfiction*1:45–3:00 p.m., Independence Salon II, Philadelphia Marriott**Presiding:* Jason Charles Courtmanche, Univ. of Connecticut, Storrs

“From Facts to Fancies: The World, the Way, and the Wonder,” Samuel Chase Coale, Wheaton Coll., MA

Tuesday, 29 December 5:15 p.m.

Cash Bar Arranged by the Department of English Language and Literature, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*5:15–6:30 p.m., 408, Philadelphia Marriott***Cash Bar Arranged by the Department of English, University of Toronto***5:15–6:30 p.m., Grand Ballroom Salon L, Philadelphia Marriott*

Tuesday, 29 December 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Arranged by the International Virginia Woolf Society*6:00 p.m., 4722 Larchmont Ave.*For reservations and transportation details, contact Georgia Johnston (johnstgk@slu.edu) by 22 Dec.

Tuesday, 29 December 7:15 p.m.

555. Rancière’s Nineteenth Century*7:15–8:30 p.m., Commonwealth Hall D, Loews*

“Rancière’s Copernican Revolution,” Gabriel Rockhill, Villanova Univ.

Wednesday, 30 December 8:30 a.m.

633. Disenchantment*8:30–9:45 a.m., Congress A, Loews*“Genres of Disenchantment in Bayle’s *Pensées divers sur la comète*,” Claire B. Goldstein, Miami Univ., Oxford**639. The Graphic Novel as Comic Book***8:30–9:45 a.m., 305–306, Philadelphia Marriott*“Secret Origins of Graphic Narrative: *Action Comics I*,” Brad Ricca, Case Western Reserve Univ.

Wednesday, 30 December 12:00 noon

693. On Planned Things*12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Commonwealth Hall B, Loews**Presiding:* Andrew Pendakis, Universität Bonn

“Swiss Connection; or, From Planning to Design and Back Again: Reconstruction and the Postwar Rhetoric of the Ergonomic,” Justin Sully, McMaster Univ.

“Planning Contra Intervention,” Timothy Kaposy, George Mason Univ.

700. Margaret Atwood’s Most Recent Work*12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., 407, Philadelphia Marriott**Additional speaker:* Karen F. Stein, Univ. of Rhode Island**701. (Re)Constituting Women and Family***12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Washington A, Loews*

“El retorno de Lillith en Cristina Escofet e Isabel Allende,” Zoila Clark, Florida Memorial Univ.