

### Delegate Assembly Agenda

At this year's meeting, the Delegate Assembly will consider a proposed amendment to the MLA constitution, a motion, a regular resolution, and staff and committee reports on association activities. Also on the assembly's agenda is a one-hour open discussion of the role of faculty members in university-wide curricular matters, including online initiatives. Information on these agenda items can be accessed through the Delegate Assembly's page ([www.mla.org/delegate\\_assembly](http://www.mla.org/delegate_assembly)) at the MLA Web site.

Since the 1 October deadline for submitting motions and regular resolutions has passed, only emergency resolutions may be added to the assembly's agenda. Members may submit emergency resolutions to the chair of the Delegate Assembly Organizing Committee up to twenty-four hours before the start of the assembly meeting. The last opportunity for submitting an emergency resolution comes at the Open Hearing on Resolutions at the convention (session 280). Please see the second section in "Checklists for Submitting Resolutions" ([www.mla.org/submit\\_checklist](http://www.mla.org/submit_checklist)) for information on submission requirements.

The assembly meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, 5 January, in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Boston. 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.

### 2012 Election Results

**Second Vice President.** Roland Greene (Stanford Univ.) was elected second vice president of the association. He will serve in that office from 7 January 2013 through the close of the January 2014 convention and will automatically become first vice president in 2014, serving in that office through the close of the January 2015 convention, and president of the MLA in 2015, serving in that office through the close of the January 2016 convention.

**Executive Council.** Alicia M. de la Torre Falzon (Northern Virginia Community Coll.), Donald E. Hall (Lehigh Univ.), and Paula M. Krebs (Bridgewater State Univ.) were elected to the Executive Council for four-year terms (7 Jan. 2013 through the close of the Jan. 2017 convention).

**Delegate Assembly.** Seventeen special-interest delegates and thirty-four regional delegates were elected to the assembly for three-year terms (7 Jan. 2013 through the close of the Jan. 2016 convention). Their names appear in the announcement of election results at [www.mla.org/pdf/election\\_results\\_2012.pdf](http://www.mla.org/pdf/election_results_2012.pdf).

**Division and Discussion Group Executive Committees.** Ninety members were elected to serve on division executive committees, and fifty-five members were elected to serve on discussion group executive committees. Most terms are five years (7 Jan. 2013 through the close of the Jan. 2018 convention). The names of those elected appear in the announcement of election results at [www.mla.org/pdf/election\\_results\\_2012.pdf](http://www.mla.org/pdf/election_results_2012.pdf).

### Online Program Access

A searchable Program for the convention is available online at [www.mla.org/program](http://www.mla.org/program), and attendees may access a streamlined version for mobile devices at [mla13.org](http://mla13.org).

### Presidential Address

The Presidential Address will take place at 6:45 p.m. this evening in the Sheraton Boston (Constitution Ballroom, 2nd floor, Main Building). Executive Director Rosemary G. Feal will report on the association's 2012 activities, and President Michael Bérubé will deliver the Presidential Address. The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

### MLA Awards

*5 January, 6:45 p.m., Sheraton Boston (Constitution Ballroom, 2nd floor)*

The MLA Awards Ceremony is open to the public and will be followed by a reception, sponsored in part by Interfolio.

### Display and video of 2012 MLA-prize-winning publications

*Hynes Convention Center, Prefunction Hall D, level 2*

A display of the works that are 2012 MLA prizewinners, accompanied by a video featuring quotes and photographs from the authors and translators, will be located near the exhibit hall. Many of the prizewinning publishers are exhibiting and will have copies of their books for sale at their booths.

### MLA Commons

Get help starting your account on *MLA Commons* in the Hynes Convention Center, Prefunction Hall D, level 2.

*4–5 January: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.*

*6 January: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon*

Live presentations of the new platform will be held in the Exhibit Hall Theater at 10:30 a.m. on 4, 5, and 6 January.

### Mobile Program and Browsers

The streamlined Program at [mla13.org](http://mla13.org), designed for mobile devices, is best viewed with *Firefox*, *Chrome*, and *Safari*. To use the mobile Program on an Android device, download *Firefox* or *Chrome* from the app store on your device and select it as your browser when opening [mla13.org](http://mla13.org).



## Wi-Fi Access in the Westin

The MLA is providing free wireless Internet access in the meeting rooms and public areas on the 4th floor of the Westin Copley Place. To connect to the Internet, select GlobalSuiteMeeting and password MLA2013 (connectivity is not guaranteed).

## Internet Access by Hotel Guests

Guests who booked their rooms through the MLA housing service will receive free Internet access by following these instructions. You may have to accept an access charge temporarily, but it will be deleted before check-out if you booked through the MLA. Guests who booked with the hotel directly will have to pay the access fee.

*Colonnade.* Connect to the "ibahn" network and enter your last name and room number.

*Copley Square.* Connect to the network, open your browser, and enter the password "frosty."

*Fairmont Copley.* Open your browser and select the Registered Guest option by entering your last name and room number. The Internet will be accessible for twenty-four hours, after which log-in must be repeated.

*Hilton Back Bay.* Open your browser and enter the promo code AP2K when the Hilton site appears.

*Lenox.* Connect to the Lenox Hotel wireless network and open your browser. When the Lenox Web page appears, click Connect and agree to the terms. No user name or password is needed.

*Mandarin Oriental.* Wired and wireless connections are available. The wireless network is MANDARINORIENTAL. Open your browser, and when the MOBOS Superclick page appears, enter the access code 68e79bf8 and accept the terms. Ignore last name and room number.

*Marriott Copley.* Open your browser. When the Marriott page appears, click Connect to Internet on the left side of the screen, accept the terms, and enter your room number and last name. Click Submit and choose the connection speed. If the connection fails and two or more names are registered to the room, try a roommate's name. Omit hyphens from names.

*Park Plaza.* Open your browser and enter the code Groupvip0113 (capitalized as shown) when the log-in page appears.

*Sheraton.* Connect to the Sheraton Wi-Fi network and open your browser. When the Sheraton Boston Web page appears, follow the instructions and enter your last name and room number.

*Taj.* Connect to the AT&T Wi-Fi network and enter the user name (your last name) and password (your room number).

*Westin Copley.* Open your browser, enter your room number and name, and agree to the terms.

## Guest Passes

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 to hear a paper given by that speaker. These passes must be requested at the MLA information center by the speaker

on the day of the session. Passes may not be requested by guests of speakers, MLA members who have not registered for the convention, or by speakers for guests for any reason other than to see that person speak in a particular session. If you need a pass for an evening session, you must obtain it before the information center closes.

## Twitter and Flickr Display

Tweets with the hashtag #mla13 and MLA convention photos posted on Flickr will appear on a screen in the Hynes registration area, and the Twitter feed will also be featured on the MLA home page throughout the convention. We encourage attendees to tweet sessions using the convention hashtag (#mla13) and session hashtags (e.g., #S408) and to tag their convention photos with mla13 on Flickr.

## Boston Visitor Information

Be sure to stop by the Boston Visitor Information Center (Plaza level, Hynes Convention Center) for help with restaurant reservations and more.

## 2014 Presidential Theme: Vulnerable Times

Vulnerable Times addresses the vulnerability of life, the planet, and our disciplines, as well as the acts of imagination and forms of resistance that promote social change—in our time and throughout history. Please consider this theme an invitation to think about how the arts and the humanities (and the textual, historical, theoretical, and activist work that we do in the framework of the MLA) can contribute to social, political, and scientific analyses of the vulnerabilities we share collectively and those that are socially imposed on particular individuals and groups. We invite forum proposals, roundtables, division and discussion group programs, and special sessions that engage with this theme.

## Exhibit Hall

**Remember to wear your badge!**

### Hynes Convention Center, Hall D, level 2

4 and 5 January: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

6 January: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Pick up a copy of the exhibit hall floor plan for an updated listing of exhibitors, or visit [www.mla.org/list\\_of\\_2013\\_exhibit](http://www.mla.org/list_of_2013_exhibit). Admission to the exhibit hall is restricted to persons wearing badges or carrying appropriate passes.

## MLA exhibit booth happenings (booth 406)

### Friday, 4 January

3:30–4:30 p.m. Wine and cheese reception celebrating the 128th MLA Annual Convention and all titles released by the MLA in 2012.

### Saturday, 5 January

3:30–4:30 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the 90th anniversary of the *MLA International Bibliography* and the new *MLA Commons* with some cake.

## Other exhibit hall receptions and events

### Friday, 4 January

- 10:00–11:00 a.m. *Random House booths (308, 310)*. Book signing by Kristen Iversen (*Full Body Burden*).
- 1:15–1:45 p.m. *Cambria Press booth (316)*. Nobel Laureate Gao Xingjian will be signing copies of his most recent book, *Gao Xingjian: Aesthetics and Creation*.
- 1:30–2:30 p.m. *Random House booths (308, 310)*. Book signing by J. Jack Halberstam (*Gaga Feminism*).
- 3:30–4:30 p.m. *Random House booths (308, 310)*. Book signings by Stephanie Reents (*The Kissing List*) and Anouk Markovits (*I Am Forbidden*) following their presentation in the exhibit hall theater.
- 4:30–5:30 p.m. *Princeton University Press booth (508)*. Reception celebrating the *Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics: Fourth Edition*. Wine and cheese will be served.

## Exhibit Hall Theater

Reserve time in your 2013 convention schedule to attend these exciting presentations. For updates to the schedule, check the next *Convention Daily* or visit [www.mla.org/exhibit\\_theater\\_2013](http://www.mla.org/exhibit_theater_2013).

### Friday, 4 January

- 9:30–10:20 a.m.  
 MLA International Bibliography on EBSCOhost  
 Presented by *EBSCO Publishing*, booth 119
- 10:30–11:20 a.m.  
*The New MLA Commons Platform: A Live Presentation*  
 Presented by *MLA Commons*, booth 406
- 11:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.  
*The New MLA Job Information List—Interfolio ByCommittee Service: Demonstration*  
 Presented by the *MLA Job Information Service*, booth 406, and *Interfolio*, booth 224
- 1:30–2:20 p.m.  
*Career Advice*  
 Presented by *Inside Higher Ed*, booth 304
- 2:30–3:20 p.m.  
*A Conversation with Crown/Hogarth Authors Stephanie Reents and Anouk Markovits*  
 Presented by *Random House*, booths 308 and 310
- 3:30–4:20 p.m.  
*Introducing the Adjunct Project 2.0*  
 Presented by Joshua Boldt and the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, booth 312

### Saturday, 5 January

- 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. *Explorica booth (530)*. Celebrate (with a cookie!) Explorica's first year at the MLA convention and learn more about educational travel.
- 4:00 p.m. *Bedford/St. Martin's booths (400, 402, 404)*. Reception celebrating thirty years of publishing literature anthologies and textbooks.
- 4:00–5:00 p.m. *Performant Software Solutions booth (717)*. Reception for NINES' launch of *Juxta Commons*.
- 4:30 p.m. *LSU Press booth (527)*. Reception celebrating the release of *Poe and the Remapping of Antebellum Print Culture*.
- 4:30 p.m. *Chronicle of Higher Education booth (312)*. Reception with Joshua A. Boldt and Liz McMillen, editor of the *Chronicle*. Preview a new Web site for adjunct professors.

## Ongoing in the Exhibit Hall

### Refreshment Stand

- 4 and 5 January, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
 6 January, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

### Saturday, 5 January 2013

- 9:30–10:20 a.m.  
*MLA International Bibliography Search Tips from the Experts*  
 Presented by *MLA International Bibliography*, booth 406
- 10:30–11:20 a.m.  
*The New MLA Commons Platform: Getting Started*  
 Presented by *MLA Commons*, booth 406
- 11:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.  
*Facilitating Classroom Discussion using WordPress*  
 Presented by *WordPress*, booth 115
- 12:30–1:20 p.m.  
*The MLA International Bibliography and Other Literary Resources from ProQuest*  
 Presented by *ProQuest*, booth 118
- 2:30–3:20 p.m.  
*The New MLA Job Information List—Interfolio ByCommittee Service: Demonstration*  
 Presented by the *MLA Job Information Service*, booth 406, and *Interfolio*, booth 224

### Sunday, 6 January 2013

- 10:30–11:20 a.m.  
*The New MLA Commons Platform: Planning Sessions for the 2014 MLA Convention*  
 Presented by *MLA Commons*, booth 406

## 2013 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, and other corrections. The list does not announce speaker cancellations. Changes in times and locations of meetings must be approved by the headquarters staff in the Hynes Convention Center (200, level 2) or the Sheraton Boston (Conference, 3rd floor).

### Friday, 4 January

#### 202. Spectacles of Gender and Desire in Silver Age Spain

8:30–9:45 a.m., 307, Hynes

2. "Trains, Surveillance, and Seduction in Silver Age Spanish Gay Fiction," Jeffrey Zamostny, Univ. of West Georgia

#### 211. Literary Criticism in East Asia

8:30–9:45 a.m., 209, Hynes

Presiding: Erin Schlumpf, Simon Fraser Univ., Surrey

#### 286. Jewish American Literature Goes Global

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Beacon D, Sheraton

3. "Into the World and Back Again: Philip Roth's *American Pastoral* and the Situation of the Jewish Writer in a Global Context," Andy Connolly, Pace Univ., New York

#### 300. The Liberal Arts in American Life: A Panel of the American Academy Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences

1:45–3:00 p.m., Independence West, Sheraton

Speaker: Rolena Adorno, Yale Univ.

#### 345. Why Teach Literature?

3:30–4:45 p.m., Constitution Ballroom, Sheraton

3. "Why Teach? Why Literature?" Helen Hennessy Vendler, Harvard Univ.

#### 355. Germanic Philology and Linguistics

3:30–4:45 p.m., 308, Hynes

Presiding: Stephen Mark Carey, Univ. of Minnesota, Morris

#### 368. Debt Theory

3:30–4:45 p.m., Fairfax B, Sheraton

4. "Messianic Temporality and the Financialized Globe," Marcia K. Klotz, Portland State Univ.

#### 377. Henry James, Mark Twain, and Globalization

5:15–6:30 p.m., Riverway, Sheraton

Presiding: John Bird, Winthrop Univ.

#### 384. What Is a Journal? Toward a Theory of Periodical Studies

5:15–6:30 p.m., Public Garden, Sheraton

Presiding: J. Stephen Murphy, New York, NY

#### 390. Troubling Culture across Rhetorics

5:15–6:30 p.m., Gardner, Sheraton

Presiding: Nate Kreuter, Western Carolina Univ.

#### 402. Textual Landscapes

5:15–6:30 p.m., 204, Hynes

Presiding: Jean-Jacques Thomas, Univ. at Buffalo, State Univ. of New York

#### 415. Cash Bar Arranged by the Penn State University Department of English

[new date and location]

Saturday, 5 January, 7:00–8:15 p.m., SideBar, Lobby level, Sheraton

#### 418. A Reading by Soledad Puértolas

7:00–8:15 p.m., 209, Hynes

This session has been canceled.

### Saturday, 5 January

#### 444. The Kafka Factor in Post-Holocaust Film and Literature

8:30–9:45 a.m., 313, Hynes

Speaker: Ubaraj Katawal, Case Western Reserve Univ.

#### 446. Language Program Evaluation: Goals and Accountability in Language, Culture, and Literary Studies

8:30–9:45 a.m., 207, Hynes

1. "Responding to Accountability Mandates in the Humanities: One Foreign Language Department's Response," Peter C. Pfeiffer, Georgetown Univ.

#### 451. Scholarly Journals: New Challenges and Opportunities

8:30–9:45 a.m., Public Garden, Sheraton

Presiding: Jonathan Arac, Univ. of Pittsburgh

#### 516. Pirandello and the Female Subject

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., 305, Hynes

3. "The Actress and Her Truth: Pirandello's Model of Feminine Aesthetic Subjectivity," Michael Subialka, Bilkent Univ.

#### 519. "Laughing to Keep from Crying": Pain and Humor

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Jefferson, Sheraton

Presiding: Janice E. McIntire-Strasburg, Saint Louis Univ.

#### 521. Medieval Drama in Honor of Robert Potter

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Liberty B, Sheraton

Speaker: Jody Enders, Univ. of California, Santa Barbara

#### 532. Between the Postcolonial and the Global

12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., 208, Hynes

Speaker: Jennifer A. Wenzel, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor

#### 534. Using Your Language Proficiency and Cultural Expertise in a Federal Government Career

1:30–3:30 p.m., 210, Hynes

Presiding: Erik Pohlmann, Office of the Director of National Intelligence

Speaker: Joyce Baker, National Lang. Service Corps

#### 578. Private-Sector Careers and the Language and Literature PhD

3:30–4:45 p.m., 208, Hynes

Speaker: Matthew T. Grant, MarketingProfs



**415. Cash Bar Arranged by the Penn State University Department of English**

**[new date and location]**

*7:00–8:15 p.m., SideBar, Lobby level, Sheraton*

Sunday, 6 January

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**683. Poetry and Really Late Capitalism**

*8:30–9:45 a.m., 206, Hynes*

1. "Late Capital, Early Revolution; or, Poetry's Real Movement,"  
Joshua Clover, Univ. of California, Davis

**700. *May 4 Voices*: Teaching about the 1970 Kent State Shootings through Oral History and Drama**

**[new location]**

*10:15–11:30 a.m., Back Bay C, Sheraton*

**731. What Is Post-AIDS Literature?**

**[new location]**

*12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Back Bay C, Sheraton*

**749. Rebooting Graduate Training: Collaboration, Computing, and the New Thesis**

*12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Hampton, Sheraton*

*Speakers:* Katina Rogers, Scholarly Communications Inst.; Joanna Swafford, Univ. of Virginia

**762. Goethe "als Vermittler": The Media of Mediation**

*12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., 313, Hynes*

*Presiding:* Peter J. Schwartz, Boston Univ.