



Modern Language Association of America 3–6 January 2019

MLA CONVENTION GUIDE

Convention Locations

Hyatt Regency

Convention sessions
Exhibit hall and MLA PubCentral
MLA registration and welcome center
Graduate student lounge
Members' lounge
Press office
Friends of Bill W.
Quiet room
Lactation room

Sheraton Grand

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Fairmont Chicago

Career Center
Career Fair

Convention Daily

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 centers and other locations; the 3 January issue will appear on the MLA Web site before the convention.

MLA Convention App

Download the MLA 2019 app to create your own convention schedule and have easy access to session information, maps, and other convention details.

Program Online

A searchable program for the convention is available online (mla19.org/).

AHA and MLA

The American Historical Association will hold its annual meeting in Chicago from 3 to 6 January. To promote greater collaboration and communication among humanities scholars, the MLA and the AHA have agreed to recognize and honor each other's conference badges. To view the program for the AHA meeting, visit aha.confex.com/aha/2019/webprogram/start.html.

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.

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 travel grants, internships, political lobbying, and new projects like the *MLA Action Network* and regional career workshops. Show your support by making a donation today at outreach.mla.org/paving-the-way/

Twitter

Follow @MLAnews for updates throughout the convention, and tweet sessions using #mla19 and the session hashtag (e.g., #s389).

Wi-Fi Access

The MLA provides free wireless Internet access in the meeting rooms and public areas of the Hyatt Regency, Sheraton Grand, and Fairmont Chicago. Follow these instructions to connect (connectivity is not guaranteed):

Hyatt Regency. Network: MLA2019; password: mla2019wifi (case sensitive).

Sheraton Grand. Network: Sheraton Grand Meetings; password: z1g8nz.

Fairmont Chicago. Network: Fairmont_Meeting; password: MLA2019.

Weather or Other Emergency

If weather or an emergency in Chicago should delay or otherwise affect the scheduling of convention sessions, full information on such changes will be posted on the MLA Web site (www.mla.org/MLA-2019). If a local or personal emergency should cause you to have to delay or cancel your attendance at the convention, you should contact your hotel and airline carrier as early as possible. Visit www.mla.org/Registration-Hotels for information about registration refunds.

All refund requests must be submitted online by 17 December; requests accompanied by badges must be postmarked by 17 December. If you are scheduled to speak or participate in a session, please notify the session organizer, who should write to updates2019@mla.org to update the session listing.

Remember to wear your badge.



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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

American Writers Museum: An Evening Conversation

4 January, 4:00 p.m., American Writers Museum

A conversation with the museum's director, Cary Cranston, and three of its curators and designers about the creation of the museum. Light snacks will be provided. Registration is required.

MLA Awards Ceremony (Session 614)

5 January, 7:00 p.m., Sheraton Grand, Sheraton Ballroom IV–V, Ballroom level 4

The session is open to the public.

MLA Benefit for the Humanities

5 January, 7:45 p.m., Fairmont Chicago, Rouge, Lobby level

Attend the MLA Benefit for the Humanities and make it possible for us to expand MLA programs that support graduate students and adjunct faculty members. This year's benefit features a timely discussion on free speech with the First Amendment expert Geoffrey Stone and the media scholar Rachel Davis Mersey, as well as a special reading by the former United States Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey. RSVP at outreach.mla.org/benefit-2019.

Cultural Excursions

Preregistration is required. Visit the MLA membership desk (Hyatt Regency, Ballroom level, East Tower) for on-site cancellations and questions.

3 January

Art Institute of Chicago
Chicago Shakespeare Theater

4 January

American Writers Museum
Private Wine Tasting at the Chopping Block

5 January

Newberry Library

Delegate Assembly (Session 506A)

5 January, 12:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Grand Ballroom EF, Ballroom level, East Tower



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This meeting is open only to MLA members and accredited journalists. For agenda information, visit www.mla.org/DA-Agenda-2019.

Humanities in Five: A Contest (Session 553)

5 January, 3:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Crystal Ballroom C, Lobby level, West Tower

A contest of scholars from multiple fields presenting five-minute descriptions of their work in accessible language. Chicago journalists and communicators serve as judges.

Humanities without Walls 2019 National Humanities Summit on Automation: Cultural Potentials

3 January, 7:00 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Crystal Ballroom B, Ballroom level, West Tower

Humanities without Walls and the Chicago Humanities Festival convene a two-part summit exploring the impact of automation on work and labor from literary and cultural perspectives. Part 2 will be held 4 January, 3:30–5:00 p.m., at the AHA Annual Meeting, Palmer House Hilton, Monroe Room.

MLA Night Out

3 January, 7:30 p.m., Fairmont Chicago, Rouge, Lobby level

An evening event with live music, light snacks, and a cash bar. Ticket purchase required.

Presidential Address (Session 389)

4 January, 6:45 p.m., Sheraton Grand, Sheraton Ballroom IV–V, Ballroom level 4

The session is open to the public.

Presidential Plenary (Session 211)

4 January, 10:15 a.m., Hyatt Regency, Grand Ballroom A, Ballroom level, East Tower

Readers (and Fans) Write Back to Books (Session 133)

3 January, 5:15 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Crystal Ballroom A, Lobby level, West Tower

Special Events

This year's events include a screening of the film *A River Called Titas* (1973), by the Bengali filmmaker Ritwik Ghatak (3 January, 3:00–6:00 p.m., Columbus KL, Hyatt Regency); a creative conversation with the Cuban American writer, journalist, and translator Achy Obejas (5 January, 12:00 noon–1:15 p.m., Michigan B, Sheraton Grand); and a screening of the documentary *Peter Abrahams: A Fascinating Journey*, followed by a discussion with the film's director, Earl Moxam (5 January, 5:15–6:30 p.m., Grand Suite 5, Hyatt Regency).

MLA Style Workshops (Sessions 253 and 437)

4 January, 12:00 noon, Hyatt Regency, Toronto, West Tower
5 January, 10:15 a.m., Hyatt Regency, Toronto, West Tower

MLA staff editors lead a workshop on using the method for citing sources explained in the eighth edition of the *MLA Handbook*. The workshop is suitable for librarians and teachers as well as for students.



CAREERS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The MLA provides support to members at all stages in their careers. Explore over one hundred sessions and a variety of events at the 2019 MLA convention designed to help you build your network and enhance your career.

MLA Career Center

Fairmont Chicago, International Ballroom, level 2

3 January: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

4–5 January: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Interviews

A list of available positions will be posted and 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.

For prearranged interviews, consult the interviewer's sign-in file to find out where your interview is scheduled. If your interview is scheduled for the interview area, ask an MLA Career Center staff member for the table number.

Job Counseling

4 and 5 January

Sign up for twenty-five-minute one-on-one sessions to discuss job-search and career options.

Possible Futures Career Fair

4 January: 1:00–4:30 p.m. (Fairmont Chicago)

Career Fair. Meet a range of employers, from private companies to nonprofits to federal government agencies, who are interested in speaking with prospective applicants from MLA fields (Imperial Ballroom, level B2).

Exploring Senior Leadership Positions. Seasoned consultants explain the search procedure for senior academic leaders, analyzing the process from the perspective of candidates, search committees, and hiring authorities (Regal, level B2).

Programs Showcase. Share and discover innovative programs and curricula and discuss best practices (Imperial Ballroom, level B2).

Consultancy Sessions

Experienced consultants from the ADE and the ADFL will be available in the MLA Career Center for one-on-one consultancy sessions to discuss questions connected with managing departments or programs.



Edward Savaria, Jr.

Career Center Lounge

A space for job seekers to sit and relax is available in the MLA Career Center during the hours the center is open. Check the *Convention Daily* for more information, including pop-up activities.

Connected Academics

This initiative aims to serve the professional needs of those who pursue advanced degrees in the humanities and offers new possibilities for integrating the values of humanistic study into society. For more information and suggested sessions, visit connect.mla.hcommons.org/mla-convention-activities/.

Would you like to connect with other attendees who share your interests? Join us on 5 January for the cash bar and networking event arranged by Connected Academics (621), 7:15–8:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Columbus CD.

Council of Editors of Learned Journals

Chat with an Editor. 4 January, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, and 5 January, 9:00–11:00 a.m., Hyatt Regency (Columbus EF, Ballroom level, East Tower)

Please visit www.celj.org for more information.

Funding in the Humanities

426: Funding Opportunities in the Humanities from Foundations and Nonprofits. 5 January, 8:30–9:45 a.m., Hyatt Regency, Michigan 2

542: Getting Funded in the Humanities: An NEH Workshop. 5 January, 3:00–5:00 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Columbus IJ

Getting Published

99: How to Get Published. 3 January, 3:30–4:45 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Columbus AB

354: Book Development Workshop: From Pitching an Idea to Finding a Publisher. 4 January, 3:30–4:45 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Crystal Ballroom A

577: The Present and Future of Scholarly Publishing: The Faculty Editor's View. 5 January, 3:30–4:45 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Grand Suite 3

Government Careers

Use Your Research and Communication Skills as an Intelligence Analyst in the Federal Government. 3 January, 3:30–5:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Gold Coast

Humanities Commons and CORE

140: Build Your Online Presence, Share Your Scholarship, and Collaborate on MLA Commons and Humanities Commons. 3 January, 5:15–6:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency, Michigan 1C



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ON-SITE RESOURCES

Business Centers

Hyatt Regency. Business Center, Exhibit Hall level, East Tower

3–4 January, 6:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
5–6 January, 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Sheraton Grand. FedEx Office Business Center, Lobby level

3–4 January, 7:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
5–6 January, 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Fairmont Chicago. FedEx Office Business Center, B1 level

3–4 January, 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
5 January, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
(closed Sunday)

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 funds available to reimburse up to \$400 each to registered members who use childcare services 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 28 January 2019 to Karin Bagnall, Head of Convention Programs, Modern Language Association, 85 Broad Street, suite 500, New York, NY 10004-2434.

Lactation Rooms

Space is available in the Hyatt Regency (Mothers' Room, off the women's restroom near the fitness center, Skyway level, West Tower) and in the Sheraton Grand (Pullman, Lobby level 3) during meeting hours.

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.

Desks for Attendees with Disabilities (ADAdesk@mia.org)

Hyatt Regency. Ballroom level, East Tower
Sheraton Grand. Lobby level 3
Fairmont Chicago. Career Center, International Ballroom, level 2

These desks will be staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees with disabilities, including making arrangements for accessible transportation.

All-Access Restrooms

Single-occupant, wheelchair-accessible restrooms are available in the Hyatt Regency (Lobby level, East Tower, near the Plaza Ballroom) and in the Sheraton Grand (Meeting Room level 2, at the west end of the foyer).

Service Animals

There is a designated pet relief area near the Sheraton Grand at Illinois Street and McClurg Court as well as nongreen spaces with trees along the Chicago Riverwalk. The green space closest to the Hyatt Regency is along the Chicago Riverwalk, down a stairwell at Columbus and Upper Wacker Drives.

Friends of Bill W.

Ogden in the Hyatt Regency (third floor, West Tower) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours.

Headquarters Offices

Hyatt Regency. Comiskey, Concourse level, West Tower

Sheraton Grand. Edgewater, Lobby level 3

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

Housing Desk

Near the MLA registration and welcome center (Hyatt Regency, Ballroom level, East Tower)

Convention registrants who need assistance with their hotel arrangements may go to the housing desk, where a representative of CMR, the MLA housing service, will be available to help.

Internet Access by Hotel Guests

Guests who booked their rooms through the MLA housing service will receive free Internet access. Request instructions for free internet access 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

Hyatt Regency. Visit the MLA headquarters office, Comiskey, Concourse level, West Tower

Sheraton Grand. Visit the MLA headquarters office, Edgewater, Lobby level 3

Lounges

Members' Lounges

Hyatt Regency. Regency C, Ballroom level, West Tower

Sheraton Grand. Promenade, Meeting Room level 2

Graduate Student Lounge

Hyatt Regency. Dusable, third floor, West Tower

Membership Desk

MLA registration and welcome center (Hyatt Regency, Ballroom level, East Tower)

Press Office

Hyatt Regency, Wrigley, Concourse level, West Tower

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.

Quiet Room

Quiet rooms will be located in the Hyatt Regency (Horner, third floor, West Tower) and



Sheraton Grand (Lakeview, Lobby level 3). We invite convention attendees to drop in to these quiet spaces removed from traffic and noise. We ask that visitors to these rooms arrive fragrance-free and keep any discussion to a minimum and at a low volume.

MLA Registration and Welcome Centers

Hyatt Regency (Ballroom level, East Tower) and Sheraton Grand (Lobby level 3)

3 January: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
4 and 5 January: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
6 January: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

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

Restaurant Suggestions Available on *MLA Commons*

Please post your restaurant suggestions to the MLA 2019 Convention group on *MLA Commons*. Provide 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*.

Scooter Rental

For navigating the convention more easily, scooters can be rented in advance from Scoot-around (888 441-7575 or locations.scootaround.com/MLA).

Shuttle Service

Because of the proximity of the convention hotels, there will be transportation available only for attendees with disabilities.

Speaker Ready Rooms

Hyatt Regency. Grand Suite 1, Ballroom level, East Tower

Sheraton Grand. Columbus, Lobby level 3

Transportation in Chicago

Public Transportation

MLA hotels can be reached by Chicago's mass transit system or taxi. For accessible taxi service call 855 928-1010.

Bicycle

Divy is a bike-share program in Chicago; bicycle stations are located throughout the city. There is a station at Stetson Avenue and South Water Street, near the Hyatt Regency and the Fairmont, and one on McClurg Court and Illinois Street, near the Sheraton Grand.

"Who's Here" Directory

Hyatt Regency. Regency C, Ballroom level, West Tower (members' lounge)

Sheraton Grand. Promenade, Meeting Room level 2 (members' lounge)

EMERGENCIES

Illness and Medical Emergencies

Call 911 and alert MLA headquarters.

Hyatt Regency. Comiskey, Concourse level, West Tower

Sheraton Grand. Edgewater, Lobby level 3

EXHIBIT HALL



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Exhibits

Hyatt Regency, Exhibit level, East Tower

4–5 January: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
6 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. Check the *Convention Daily*, the MLA 2019 convention app, and the MLA Annual Convention *Twitter* feed (@MLAnews) for up-to-date information on exhibit booth activities.

Professional Head Shots

Come to the exhibit hall for your complimentary professional head shot. The photographer will be available Friday, 4 January, and Saturday, 5 January, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visit the Bedford / St. Martin's / Macmillan Learning exhibit booth (300 and 301) to sign up.

MLA PubCentral

Hyatt Regency, Exhibit level, East Tower

4 and 5 January: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
6 January: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Visit MLA PubCentral for everything related to MLA publications. Shop for MLA titles, explore

the *MLA International Bibliography* (and spin the MLABIB prize wheel to win free gifts), find out more about the MLA Archives Project, learn about the *MLA Style Center* at the MLA Style Desk, update your *MLA Commons* profile, and browse the winners of the MLA's publications prizes, all in one central location.

This year we will debut the MLA Gift Shop, where we will sell unique MLA-branded merchandise. We will also debut the much anticipated MLA cookbook, which contains recipes contributed by MLA members!

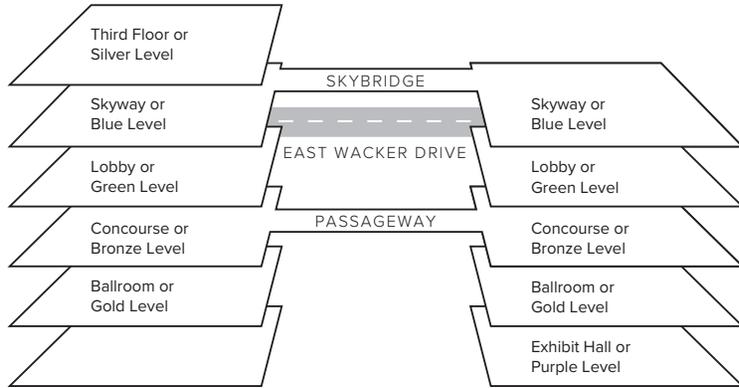
All MLA titles ordered at the exhibit booth will be discounted 30%, with free shipping available to domestic addresses. Five new MLA titles will be released at the convention in Chicago, and all will be available for purchase. And if you buy more than \$30 in MLA titles, you will receive a free copy of *MLA Members Cook!* (a \$10 value).

Finally, please join us for a wine and cheese reception to celebrate the MLA's new titles and the publication of the *MLA International Bibliography with Full Text*. This reception is open to all attendees and will take place on Friday, 4 January, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

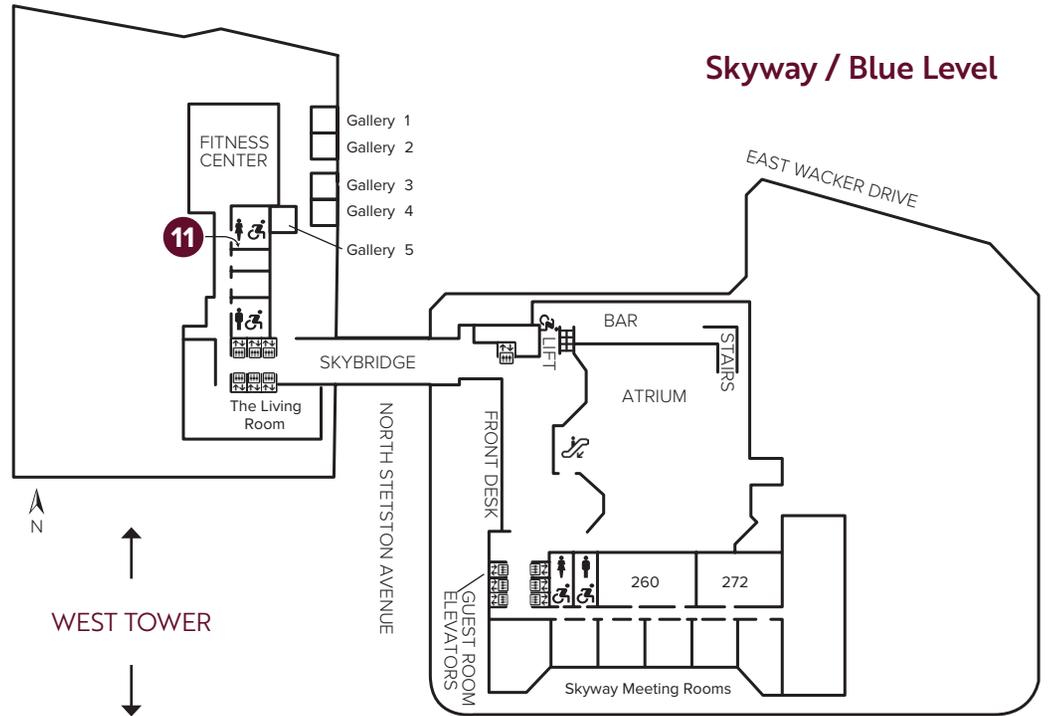
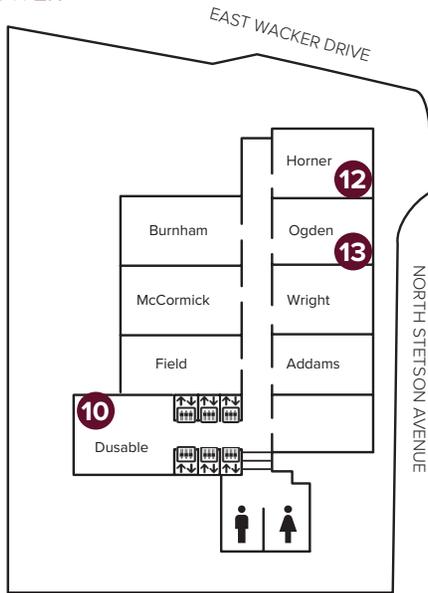
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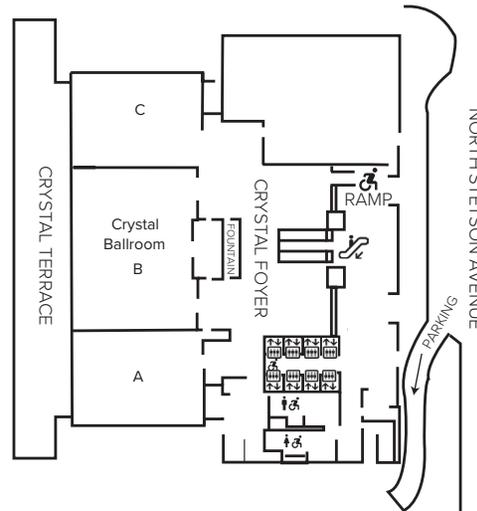
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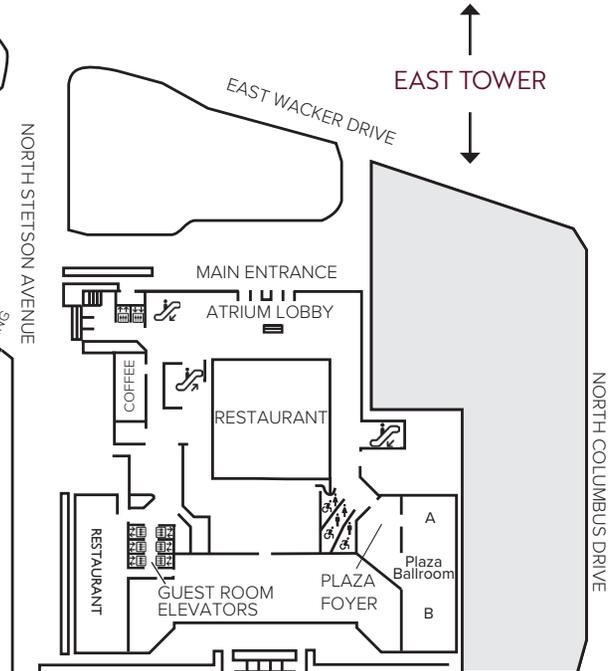
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Lobby / Green Level



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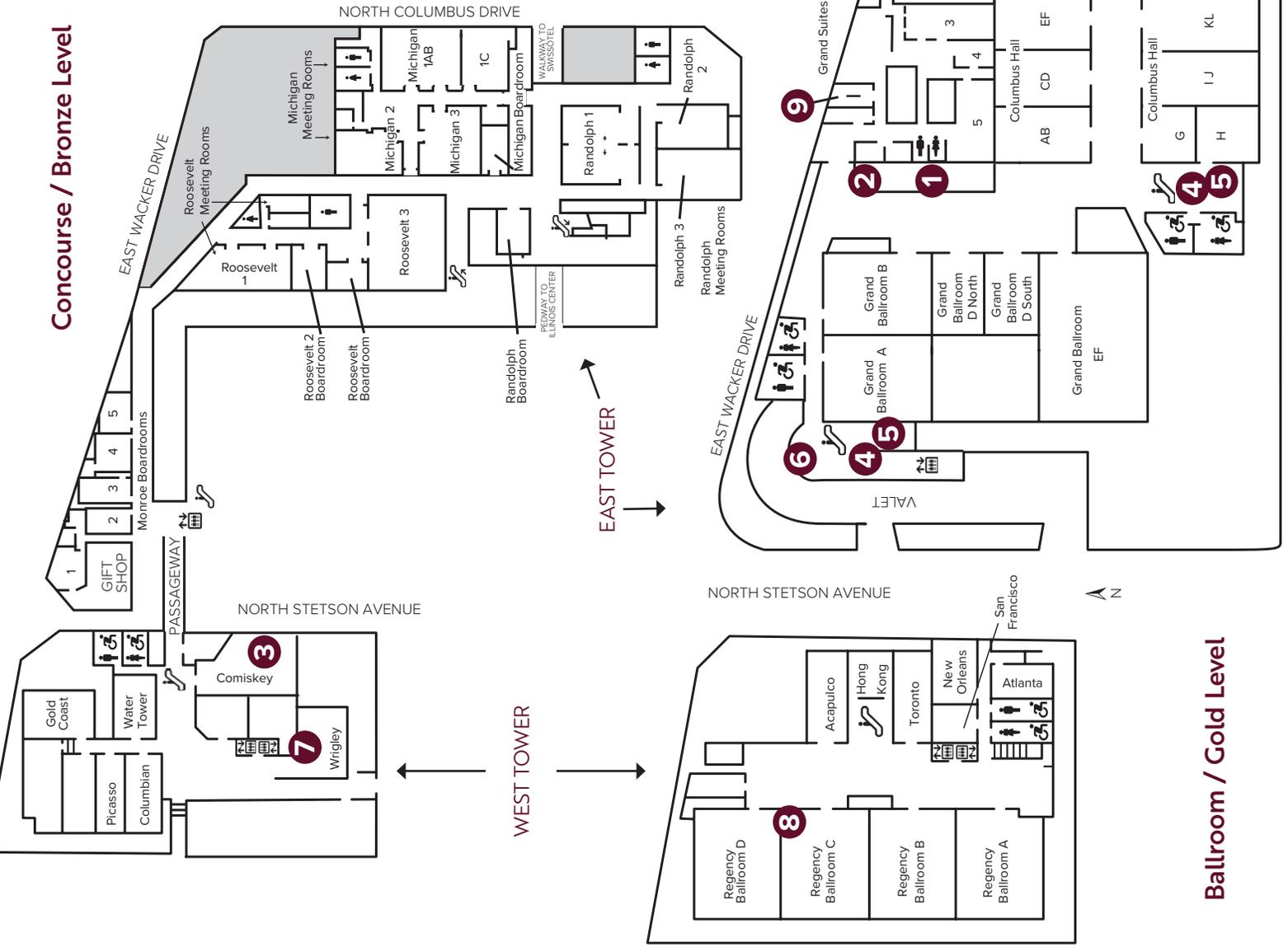
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MLA Service Areas

- 1 MLA registration and welcome center: Ballroom level (ET)
- 2 Desk for attendees with disabilities: Ballroom level (ET)
- 3 MLA headquarters: Comiskey, Concourse level (WT)



Concourse / Bronze Level



Ballroom / Gold Level

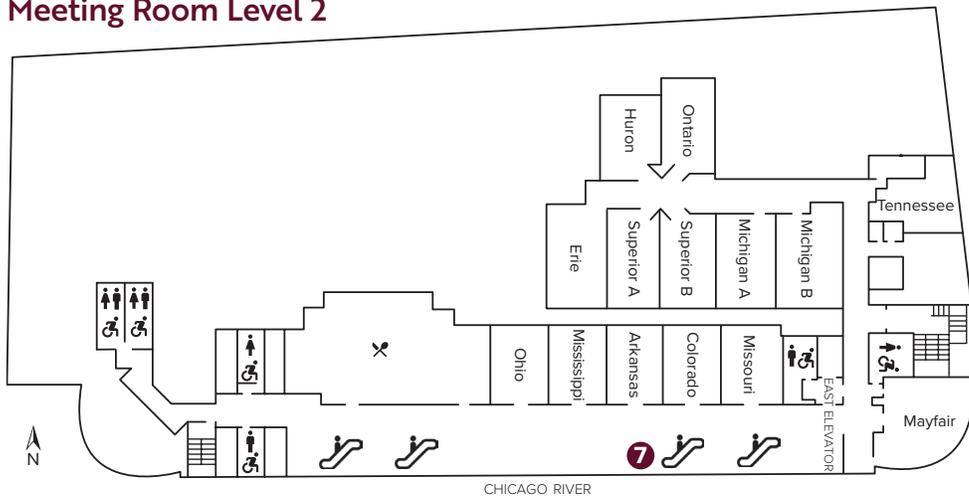
- 4** Exhibit hall: Riverside Exhibit Hall, Exhibit Hall level (ET)
 - 5** MLA PubCentral: Riverside Exhibit Hall, Exhibit Hall level (ET)
 - 6** Exhibitor information desk: Ballroom level (ET)
 - 7** Press office: Wrigley, Concourse level (WT)
 - 8** Members' lounge and "Who's Here" directory: Regency C, Ballroom level (WT)
 - 9** Speaker ready room: Grand Suite 1, Ballroom level (ET)
 - 10** Graduate student lounge: Dusable, third floor (WT)
 - 11** Lactation room: Women's Room on Skyway by Fitness Center (WT)
 - 12** Quiet room: Horner, third floor (WT)
 - 13** Friends of Bill W.: Ogden, third floor (WT)
- WT = West Tower; ET = East Tower
- Ballroom Level Meeting Rooms**
 Acapulco (WT), Atlanta (WT), Columbus Hall A-L (ET), Grand Ballroom A-F (ET), Grand Suites 3-5 (ET), Hong Kong (WT), New Orleans (WT), Regency Ballroom A, B, and D (WT), San Francisco (WT), Toronto (WT)
- Concourse Level Meeting Rooms**
 Columbian (WT), Gold Coast (WT), Michigan 1-3 (ET), Michigan Boardroom (ET), Monroe Boardrooms 1-5 (ET), Picasso (WT), Randolph 1-3 (ET), Randolph Boardroom (ET), Roosevelt 1-3 (ET), Roosevelt Boardroom (ET), and Water Tower (WT)
- Lobby Level Meeting Rooms**
 Crystal Ballroom A, B, and C (WT), Plaza Ballroom A and B (ET)
- Skyway Level Meeting Rooms**
 Gallery 1-5 (WT), Skyway 260 and 272 (ET)
- Third Floor Meeting Rooms (WT)**
 Addams, Burnham, Field, McCormick, Wright
- Room Notes**
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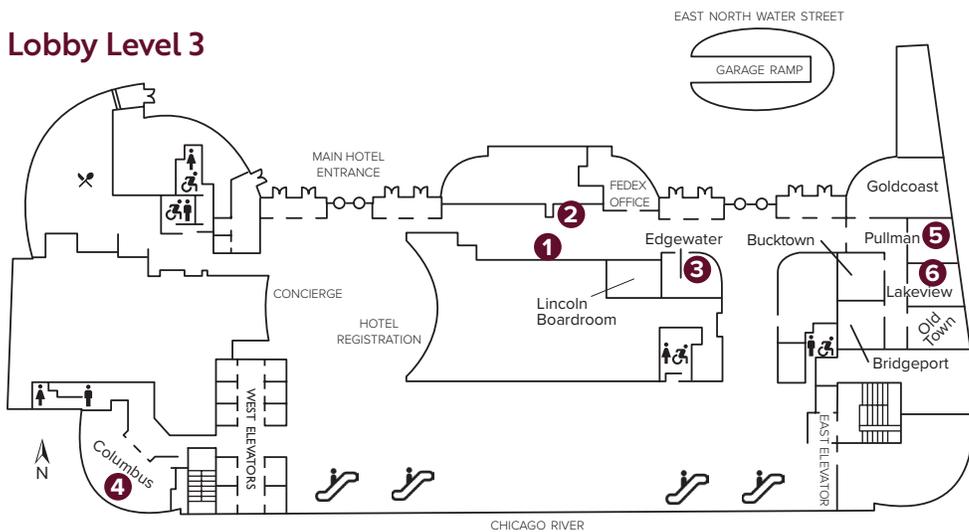
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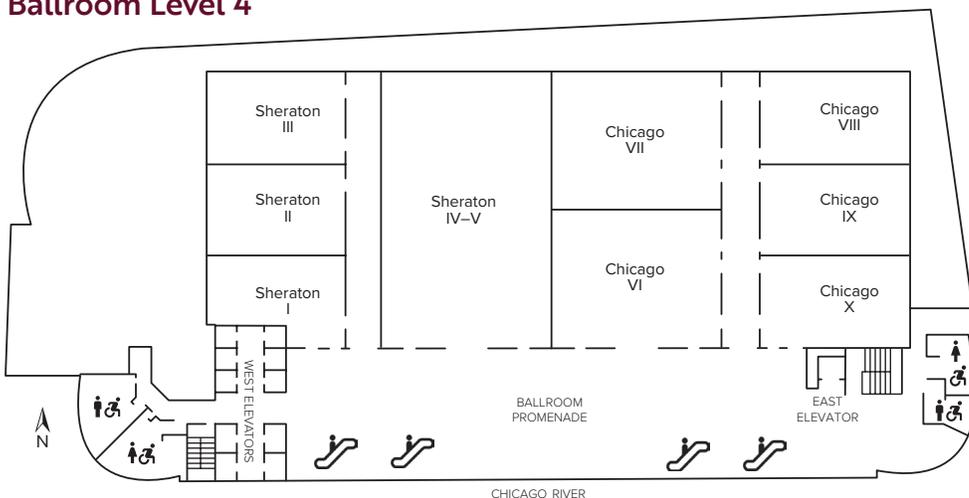
Meeting Room Level 2



Lobby Level 3



Ballroom Level 4



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MLA Service Areas

- 1 MLA registration and welcome center: built-in registration area, Lobby level 3
- 2 Desk for attendees with disabilities: directly across from built-in registration area, Lobby level 3
- 3 Headquarters office: Edgewater, Lobby level 3
- 4 Speaker ready room: Columbus, Lobby level 3
- 5 Lactation room: Pullman, Lobby level 3
- 6 Quiet room: Lakeview, Lobby level 3
- 7 Members' lounge and "Who's Here" directory: Level 2 Foyer/Prefunction area

Meeting Room Level 2 Meeting Rooms

Arkansas, Colorado, Erie, Huron, Mayfair, Michigan A and B, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Ontario, Superior A and B, Tennessee

Lobby Level 3 Meeting Rooms

Bridgeport, Bucktown, Goldcoast, Lincoln Boardroom, Old Town

Ballroom Level 4 Meeting Rooms

Chicago VI-X, Sheraton I-V

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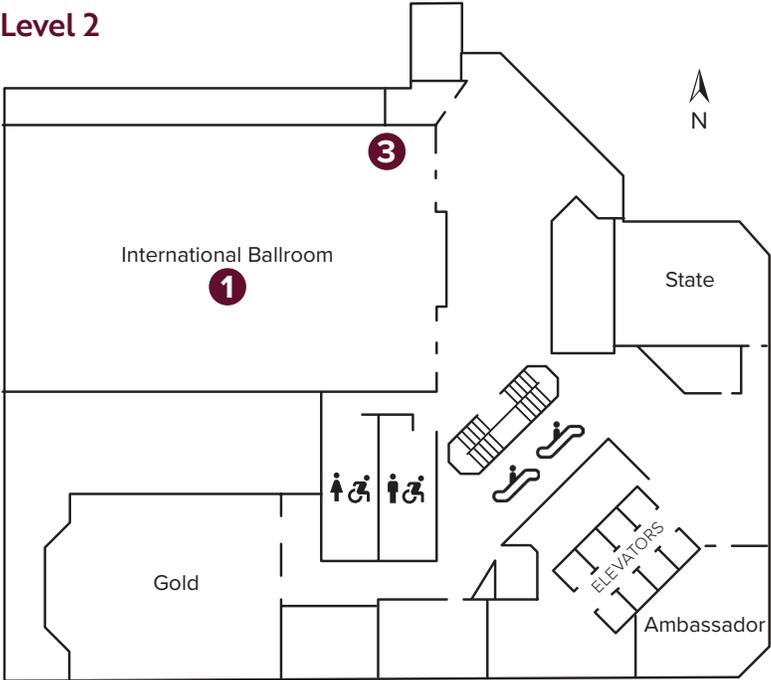
Gold Coast is in the Hyatt, and Goldcoast is in the Sheraton.

Michigan 1-3 and Michigan Boardroom are in the Hyatt, and Michigan A and B are in the Sheraton.

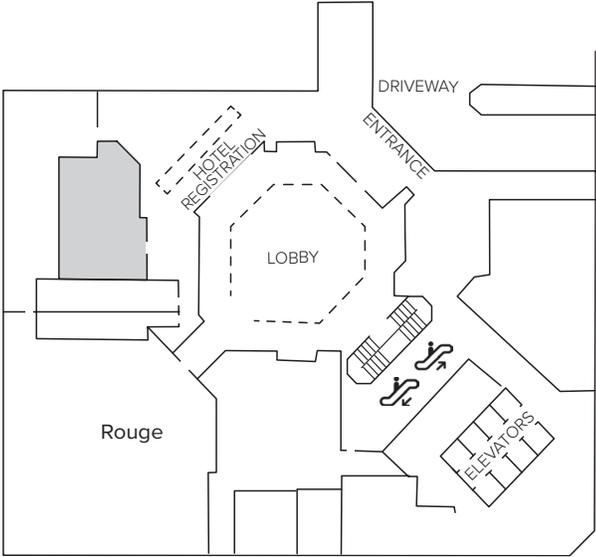


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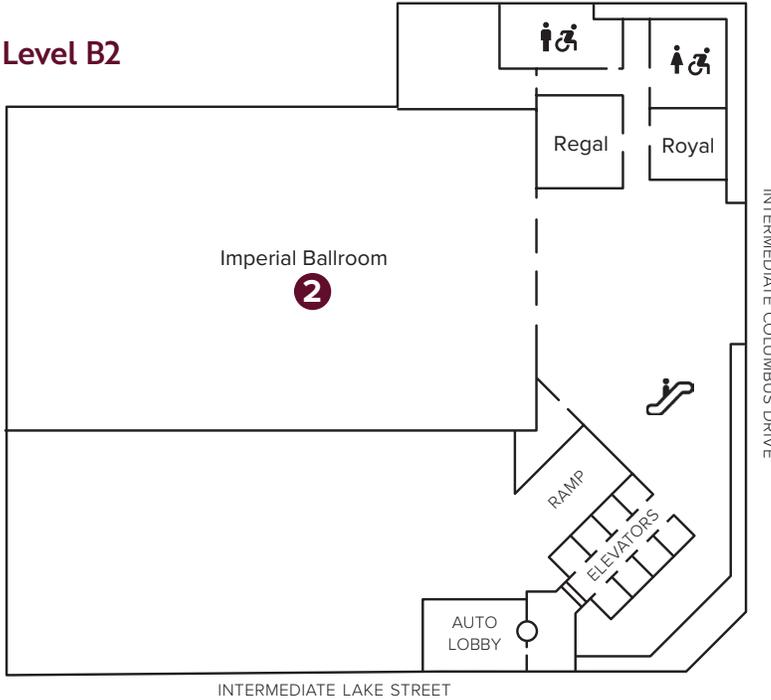
Level 2



Lobby Level



Level B2



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MLA Service Areas

- ① MLA Career Center, International Ballroom, level 2
- ② Possible Futures Career Fair, Imperial Ballroom, level B2
- ③ Career Center Lounge, International Ballroom, level 2

Level 2 Meeting Rooms
Ambassador, Gold, International Ballroom, State

Lobby Level Meeting Room
Rouge

Level B2 Meeting Rooms
Imperial Ballroom, Regal, Royal



POLICIES

Appropriate Conduct at the MLA Annual Convention

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

Audio- and Videotaping

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 12 October.

Badges

Badges are required for admission to convention sessions, the exhibit hall, and the MLA Career Center. Badge holders are available at the MLA registration and welcome centers, where attendees can also purchase replacement badges for \$20.

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 updates2019@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 to hear a presentation 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 center closes. Passes may not be requested by guests of speakers or by MLA members who have not registered for the convention.

Guest Passes to 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 purchase a one-day pass to the exhibit hall for \$10. These passes are available at the exhibitor information booth (Hyatt Regency, Ballroom level, East Tower).

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 is committed to hosting a convention that is inclusive and welcoming for all. With that goal in mind, we want to highlight the MLA's equal employment opportunity (EEO) policies and policies against discrimination and harassment. We urge employers to take every possible step to create a comfortable and equitable environment for job candidates. More information about conducting interviews at the convention, including "Dos and Don'ts for MLA Convention Interviews," is available in the Career Resources section of the Web site.

The MLA is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to complying with all federal,

state, and local EEO laws. The MLA prohibits discrimination in employment, including discrimination in the form of harassment, against any person, including employees and applicants for employment, on the basis of race or color, religion or creed, alienage or citizenship status, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, marital status, familial status, domestic partnership status, genetic information or predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, criminal history, or any other characteristic protected by law. This policy applies to all the MLA activities, including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, compensation, assignment, training, promotion, performance evaluation, discipline, and discharge.

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. The MLA also complies with all federal, state, and local laws regarding the prevention of sexual harassment in the workplace. If you believe you have been subjected to unlawful discrimination by an MLA employee, please contact Arlene Barnard, Terrence Callaghan, Daniel Connor, or Angela Gibson.

The MLA provides reasonable accommodation consistent with the law to otherwise qualified employees and applicants with needs related to their religious observance or practices; pregnancy, childbirth, or related conditions; or status as a victim of domestic violence, sex offenses, or stalking. What constitutes a reasonable accommodation depends on the circumstances and thus is addressed by the MLA on a case-by-case basis.

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.



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; or practice deceit or fraud on the academic community or the public.

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 permitted. 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 Chicago.

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Calls for Papers

To post or review calls for papers for the 2020 MLA convention in Seattle (9–12 January 2020), visit www.mla.org/conv_papers.

Organizing Sessions

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2020 convention in Seattle will be available on the MLA Web site in March 2019 for submission by 1 April.

Seattle Information

Near the MLA registration and welcome center (Hyatt Regency, Ballroom level, East Tower)

Learn more about visiting Seattle for the 2020 convention.

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151 East Upper Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601
312 565-1234

2

Sheraton Grand Chicago

301 East North Water Street, Chicago, IL 60611
312 464-1000

3

Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park

200 North Columbus Drive, Chicago, IL 60601
312 565-8000

4

Swissôtel Chicago

323 East Upper Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60601
312 565-0565



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- Complimentary professional head shots (4 and 5 January, 9:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.)
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