



MLA CONVENTION GUIDE

SEATTLE

MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA 5-8 JANUARY 2012

MLA Delegate Assembly

7 January, 1:00 p.m., 6B, WSCC

Check the *Convention Daily* for updates to the Delegate Assembly agenda.

Convention Locations

Washington State Convention Center (WSCC)

Most English language sessions
Exhibit Hall
Registration/Information

Conference Center

Job Information Center

Sheraton Seattle

Most foreign language and comparative literature sessions

Important Reminder about 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 may ask that you be accompanied by a hotel guest with a room key.



What to Do in Case of a Weather or Other Emergency

If a weather or other emergency in Seattle should delay or otherwise affect the scheduling of convention sessions, full information on such changes will be posted on the MLA Web site.

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 as early as possible. Registrants who booked their travel through MacNair Travel should call 877 410-8195; others should call their carrier directly. Requests for registration refunds must be postmarked by 6 January. Visit www.mla.org/cony-registration for more information.

If you are scheduled to speak or participate in a session, please notify the session organizer. You may also want to annotate your session listing in the online Program.

WiFi Access

The MLA is providing free wireless Internet access in the meeting rooms and public areas of the Sheraton Seattle and in the Washington State Convention Center (except in the exhibit hall). Follow these instructions to connect (connectivity is not guaranteed):

Sheraton Seattle. Select the network Sheraton Seattle Meeting Room

Washington State Convention Center. Select the network MLA 2012

The password for both locations is MLA2012

2012 Convention Daily

Refer to the *Convention Daily* for changes in meeting times and locations, participant updates, and other convention news. You can also browse the full Program at www.mla.org/program or access a streamlined version for mobile devices at mla12.org.

General Convention Information

MLA Awards Ceremony

7 January at 6:45 p.m. in the Sheraton Seattle (Metropolitan A, level 3)

The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Badges

Badges are required for admission to convention sessions, the exhibit hall, and the Job Information Center. Badge holders are available at the MLA registration and information center.

Badge Replacement: \$8

WSCC, South Lobby, level 4

Sheraton Seattle, Spruce, 2nd floor

Business Centers

Sheraton Seattle, FedEx Office Business Center, 2nd floor

Thurs.–Fri.: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Sat.–Sun.: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

WSCC, FedEx Office, level 1

Thurs.: 7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

Fri.: 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Sat.: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Sun.: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Convention Housing Service

WSCC, South Lobby, level 4

Convention Registration

WSCC, South Lobby, level 4

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

Please remember to wear your badge.

Council of Editors of Learned Journals

Informational consultation. 6 and 7 January, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (2A, WSCC)

Cultural Excursions

Excursions require advance registration. For excursion details visit www.mla.org/cultural_excursions.

Seattle Central Library. 6 January, 8:00 a.m. (no shuttle; 5 blocks from WSCC)

EMP Museum. 6 January, 1:45 p.m. (shuttle departs from WSCC at 1:45 p.m.)

Sustainable-Seafood Cooking Class and Wine Pairing. 7 January, 2:30 p.m. (shuttle departs from WSCC at 2:30 p.m.)

Oyster and Wine Tasting Reception. 7 January, 8:00 p.m. (no shuttle; 3 blocks from WSCC)

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.

There will be a desk in the convention registration and information center at the WSCC (South Lobby, level 4) and a satellite desk in the lobby of the Sheraton Seattle staffed with personnel who can provide assistance to convention attendees with disabilities. Attendees with disabilities who need to contact these desks by e-mail during convention hours should use ADAConventionCenter@mla.org for the desk at the convention center and ADASheraton@mla.org for the satellite desk at the Sheraton.

Electronic Literature Exhibit

WSCC, 609, level 6

Electronic Literature, curated by Dene Grigar, Lori Emerson, and Kathi Berens, brings together “born digital” works of electronic literature by current MLA members as well as artists whose poetry and fiction are viewed as seminal to the field. The exhibit will include genres such as hyperfiction, animated text, flash poetry, interactive poetry, and new media novels. Please visit <http://dtc-wsuv.org/mla2012/index.html> for more information on this exhibit.

5 January: 12 noon–7:00 p.m.

6 January: 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

7 January: 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

MLA Exhibit Booth

The editor of the *MLA International Bibliography* and other MLA staff members will be available in the MLA exhibit booth to answer questions and demonstrate the features of the MLA Web site. Check the *Convention Daily* for specific details.

Exhibit Hall

WSCC, South Lobby, 4B, level 4

6 and 7 January: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

8 January: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Check the *Convention Daily* for updated information on receptions and events that will be taking place at various exhibit booths throughout the hall. *Remember to wear your badge!*

Exhibit Hall Coupon Book

Before visiting the exhibit hall, pick up the 2012 Exhibit Hall Coupon Book to take advantage of special discounts and promotions. Coupon books are available outside the exhibit hall, at the MLA information desk, at the badge replacement desk, and at MLA headquarters offices.

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.

Sheraton Seattle, Medina, 3rd floor

Future Conventions

2013: Boston, 3–6 January

2014: Chicago, 9–12 January

Government Careers

Informational consultation. 6 January, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. (2A, WSCC) and 4:00–6:00 p.m. (2B, WSCC)

Workshop. 7 January, 1:30–3:30 p.m. (2B, WSCC)

Headquarters Offices

WSCC, 601, level 6

Sheraton Seattle, Fremont, 3rd floor

Program organizers are asked to refer meeting room questions to one of the headquarters offices, not to the hotel or convention center management.

Illness and Medical Emergencies

Procedures may vary from one location to another.

Sheraton Seattle. Dial 3333 from any house phone.

WSCC. Dial 5127 from any house phone.

MLA Information Center

WSCC, South Lobby, level 4

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

Job Information Center

Conference Center, WSCC, 3rd floor

5 January: 12:00 noon–8:00 p.m.

6 January: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

7 January: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

8 January: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

For prearranged interviews, consult the interviewer's sign-in file to find out where your interview is scheduled.

Lost and Found

At the Sheraton Seattle speak to the front desk staff; at the WSCC contact an MLA staff member at the information desk (South Lobby, level 4).

Lounges

Members' Lounge. WSCC (West Lobby, level 6)

Graduate Student Lounge. WSCC (210, level 2)

Mail and Messages

A message service 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 Here” listing.

Membership in the MLA

A membership desk will be located in the registration center. MLA membership runs from 15 January through 14 January of the subsequent year. Individuals who join the association while registering for the convention are entitled to register at members' rates.

NEH Information

Workshop. 6 January, 1:30–3:30 p.m. (3B, WSCC)

NITLE and Texas A&M University

The National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education (NITLE) and the Texas A&M Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture are sponsoring a preconvention workshop, “Getting Started in Digital Humanities with DHCommons,” with Rebecca Davis (NITLE) and Ryan Cordell (Saint Norbert Coll.) presiding. The three-hour workshop welcomes language and literature scholars who wish to learn about, pursue, or join digital humanities projects for research or teaching. The workshop will serve as the launch of the DHCommons, a new registry designed to match such scholars with existing digital initiatives and established digital-humanities scholars. Scholars must have applied in advance for the workshop at www.dhcommons.org/mla2012. Enrollment was limited.

Passes

To Sessions. 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 and must be obtained on the day of the session.

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.

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 Exhibit Registration booth (WSCC, South Lobby, outside 4B, level 4).

Presidential Address

6 January, 6:45 p.m., *Sheraton Seattle* (Metropolitan A, level 3)

The session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Presidential Forum

6 January, 10:15 a.m., *Sheraton Seattle* (Metropolitan A, level 3)

Press Office

Sheraton Seattle, Madrona, 2nd floor

Programs

Copies of the Program can be purchased for \$12 at the MLA information center.

Seattle Information and Restaurant Reservations

Stop by the Visitor Information Center desk inside the lobby of the WSCC.

Shuttle Bus Service

A free shuttle service will operate between the WSCC and designated locations. There will be a shuttle service available throughout the convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities.

5 January: 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

6–7 January: 7:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

8 January: 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in most buildings in Seattle.

Speaker Ready Rooms

WSCC, 603, level 6

Sheraton Seattle, Everett, 3rd floor

Transportation in Seattle

Metro Bus System. King County Metro Transit operates throughout Seattle; for information on routes and fares, visit metro.kingcounty.gov. In the downtown zone, Metro buses are free between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

“Who’s Here” Directory

Conference Center, WSCC, 3rd floor (near the Job Information Center)

WSCC, West Lobby, level 6 (Members’ Lounge)

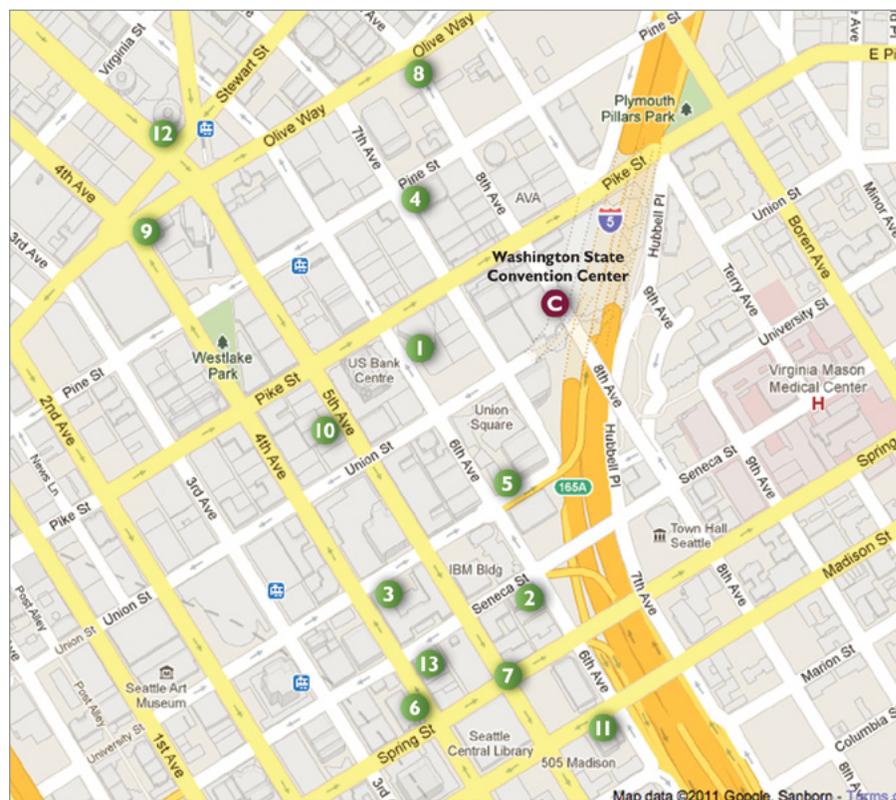
2013 Convention Sessions

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2013 convention in Boston will be available on the MLA Web site (www.mla.org).

2013 Calls for Papers

Calls for papers may be submitted online at www.mla.org/cfp_main or reviewed online at www.mla.org/conv_papers for the 2013 MLA convention in Boston (3–6 January 2013).

Hotels for the 2012 MLA Annual Convention



1 Sheraton Seattle

1400 6th Avenue 98101
206 621-9000

2 Crowne Plaza Seattle

1113 6th Avenue 98101
206 464-1980

3 Fairmont Olympic Hotel

411 University Street 98101
206 621-1700

4 Grand Hyatt Seattle

721 Pine Street 98101
206 774-1234

5 Seattle Hilton

1301 6th Avenue 98101
206 624-0500

6 Hotel Monaco Seattle

1101 4th Avenue 98101
206 621-1770

7 Hotel Vintage Park

1100 5th Avenue 98101
206 624-8000

8 Hyatt at Olive 8

1635 8th Avenue 98101
206 695-1234

Mayflower Park

Hotel
405 Olive Way 98101
206 623-8700

10 Red Lion Hotel on 5th Avenue

1415 5th Avenue 98101
206 223-6600

11 Renaissance Seattle

515 Madison Street
98104
206 583-0300

12 Westin Seattle

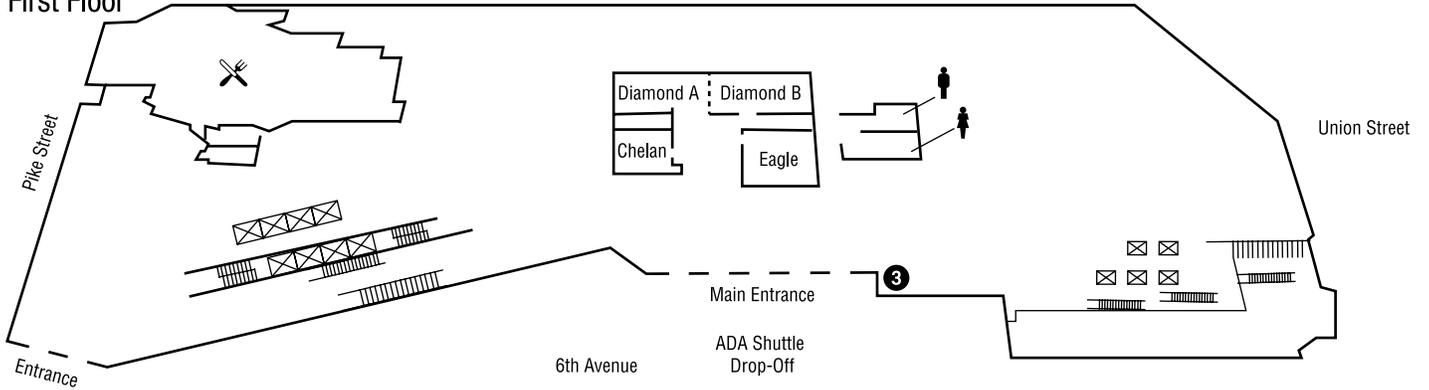
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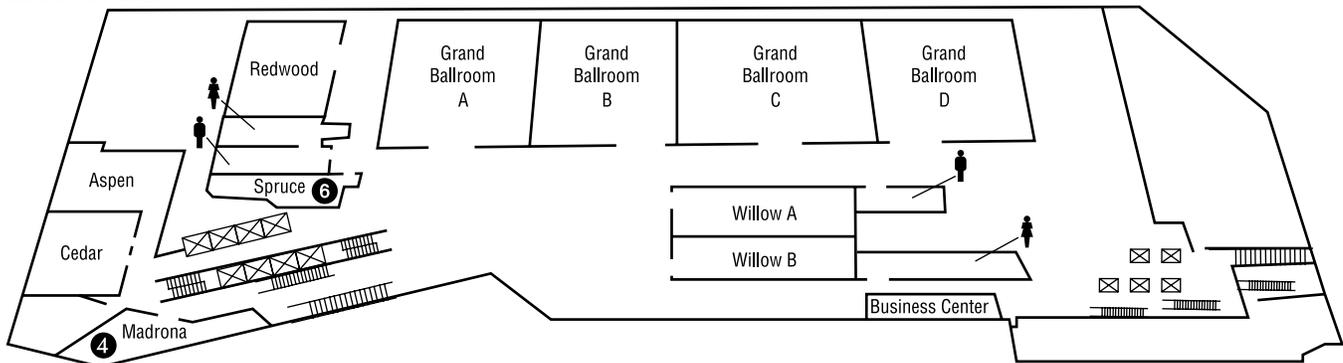
1112 4th Avenue 98101
206 264-6000



First Floor



Second Floor



Service Areas

- ❶ MLA headquarters office (Fremont, 3rd floor)
- ❷ Speaker ready room (Everett, 3rd floor)
- ❸ Desk for persons with disabilities (Lobby, 1st floor)
- ❹ Press room (Madrona, 2nd floor)
- ❺ Friends of Bill W. (Medina, 3rd floor)
- ❻ Badge Replacement (Spruce, 2nd floor)

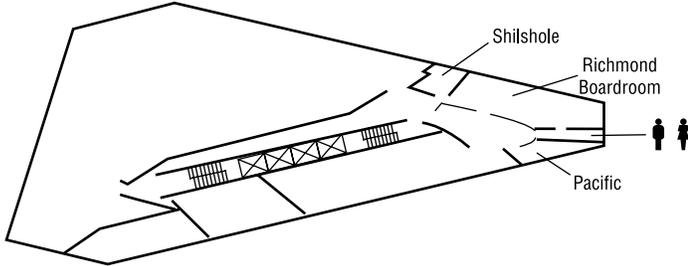
Meeting Rooms

- Aspen, 2nd floor
- Ballard, 3rd floor
- Boren, 4th floor, Union Street Tower
- Cedar, 2nd floor
- Columbia, 4th floor, Union Street Tower
- Grand A–D, 2nd floor
- Greenwood, 3rd floor
- Issaquah, 3rd floor
- Jefferson, 4th floor, Union Street Tower
- Kirkland, 3rd floor
- Leschi, 3rd floor
- Metropolitan A–B, 3rd floor
- Ravenna A–C, 3rd floor
- Redwood, 2nd floor
- Seneca, 4th floor, Union Street Tower
- University, 4th floor, Union Street Tower
- Virginia, 4th floor, Union Street Tower
- Willow A–B, 2nd floor

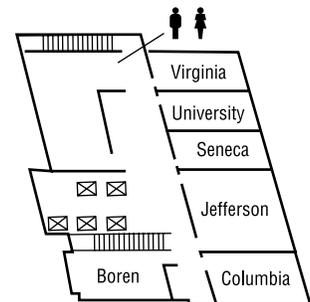
Third Floor



Fourth Floor

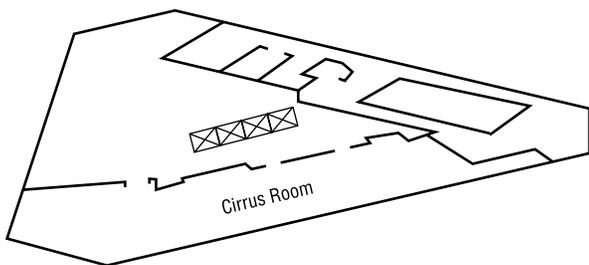


Pike Street Tower



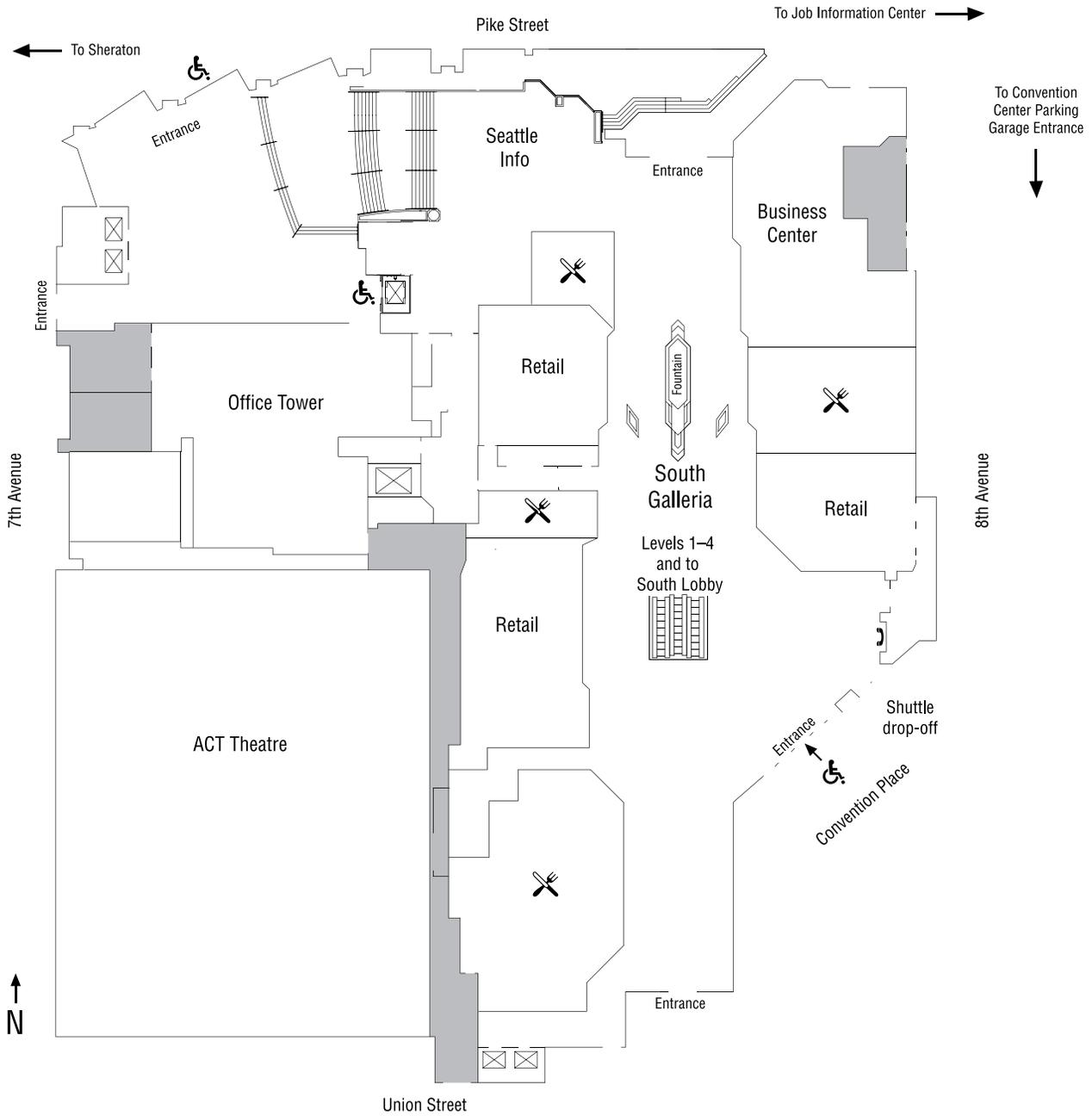
Union Street Tower

Thirty-Fifth Floor



Pike Street Tower

Level 1



Service Areas

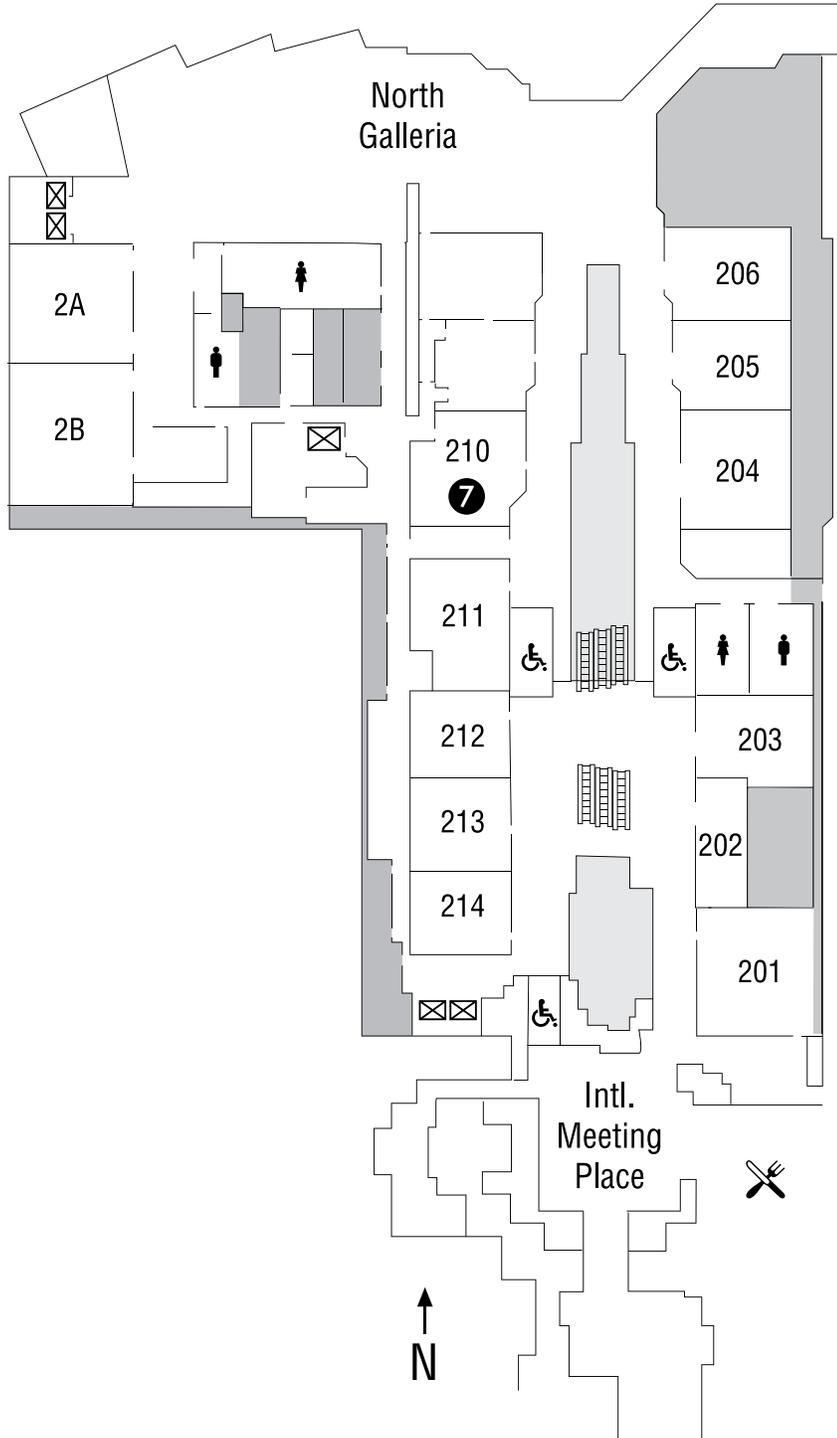
- ❶ MLA headquarters office (601, level 6)
- ❷ MLA registration and information (South lobby, level 4)
- ❸ Members' lounge and "Who's Here" (West lobby, level 6)
- ❹ Speaker ready room (603, level 6)

- ❺ Exhibit hall (4B, level 4)
- ❻ Desk for persons with disabilities (South lobby, level 4)
- ❼ Graduate student lounge (210, level 2)

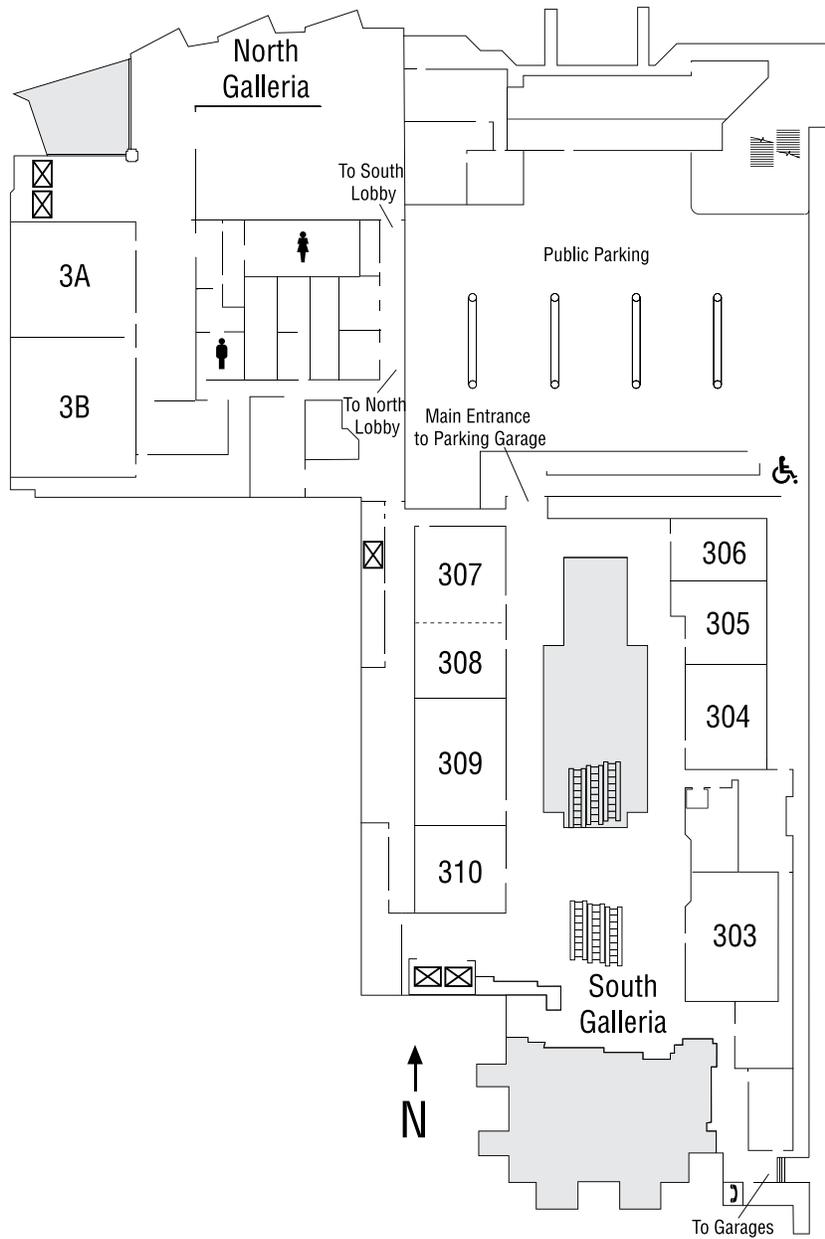
Meeting Rooms

- 201-14, level 2
- 2A-B, level 2
- 303-10, level 3
- 3A-B, level 3
- 604-20, level 6
- 6A-B, level 6

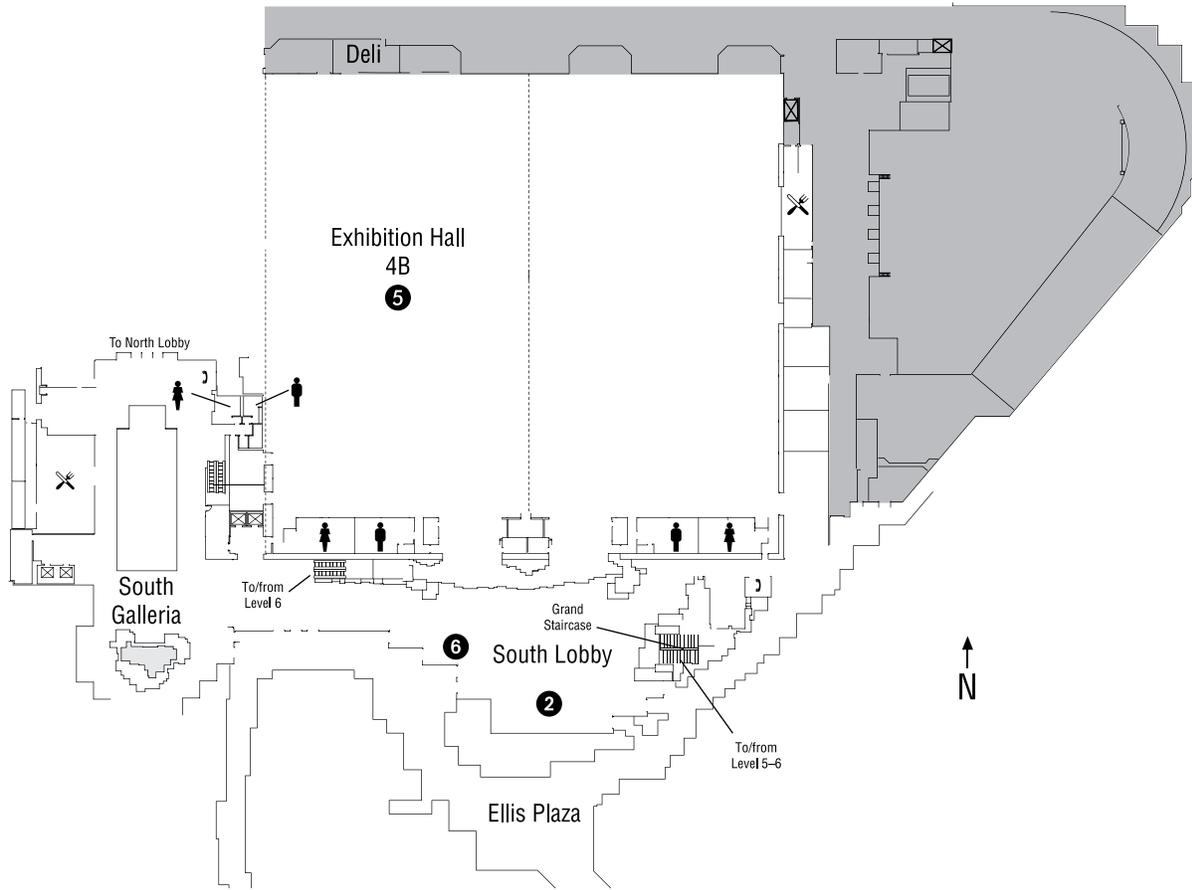
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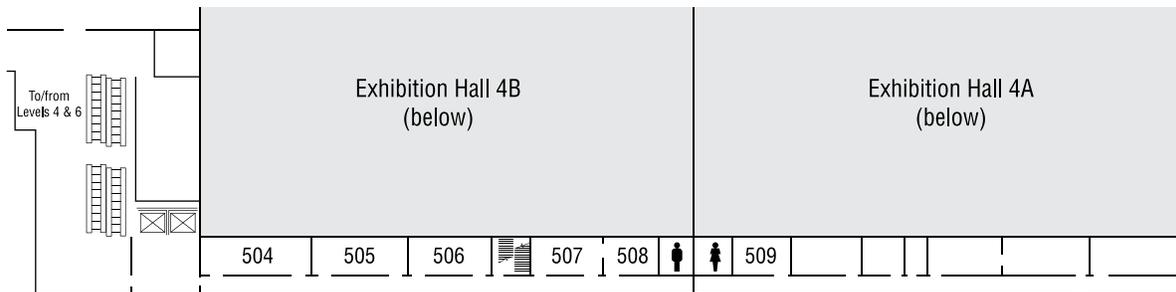
Level 3



Level 4



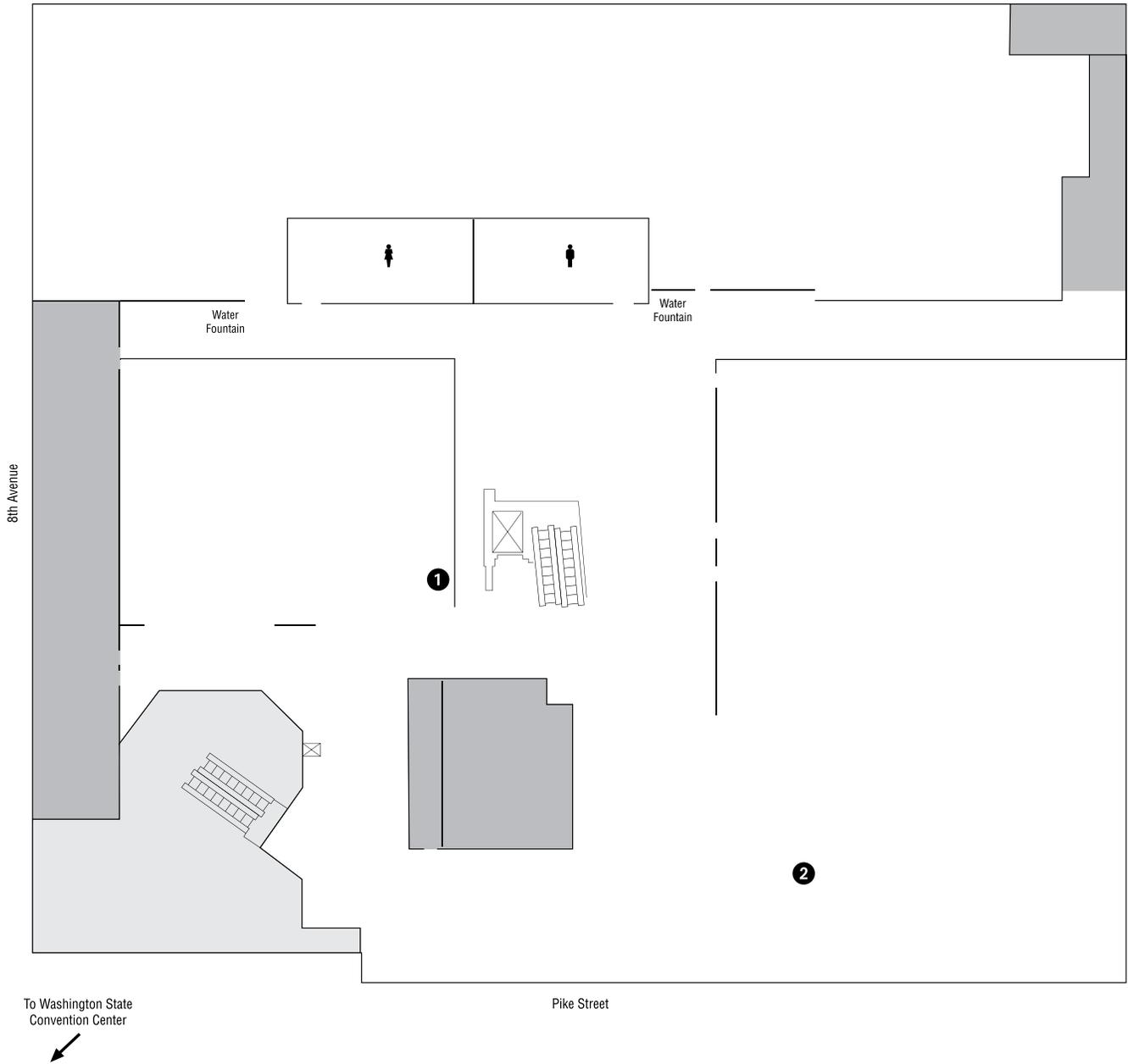
Level 5



Level 6



3rd Floor

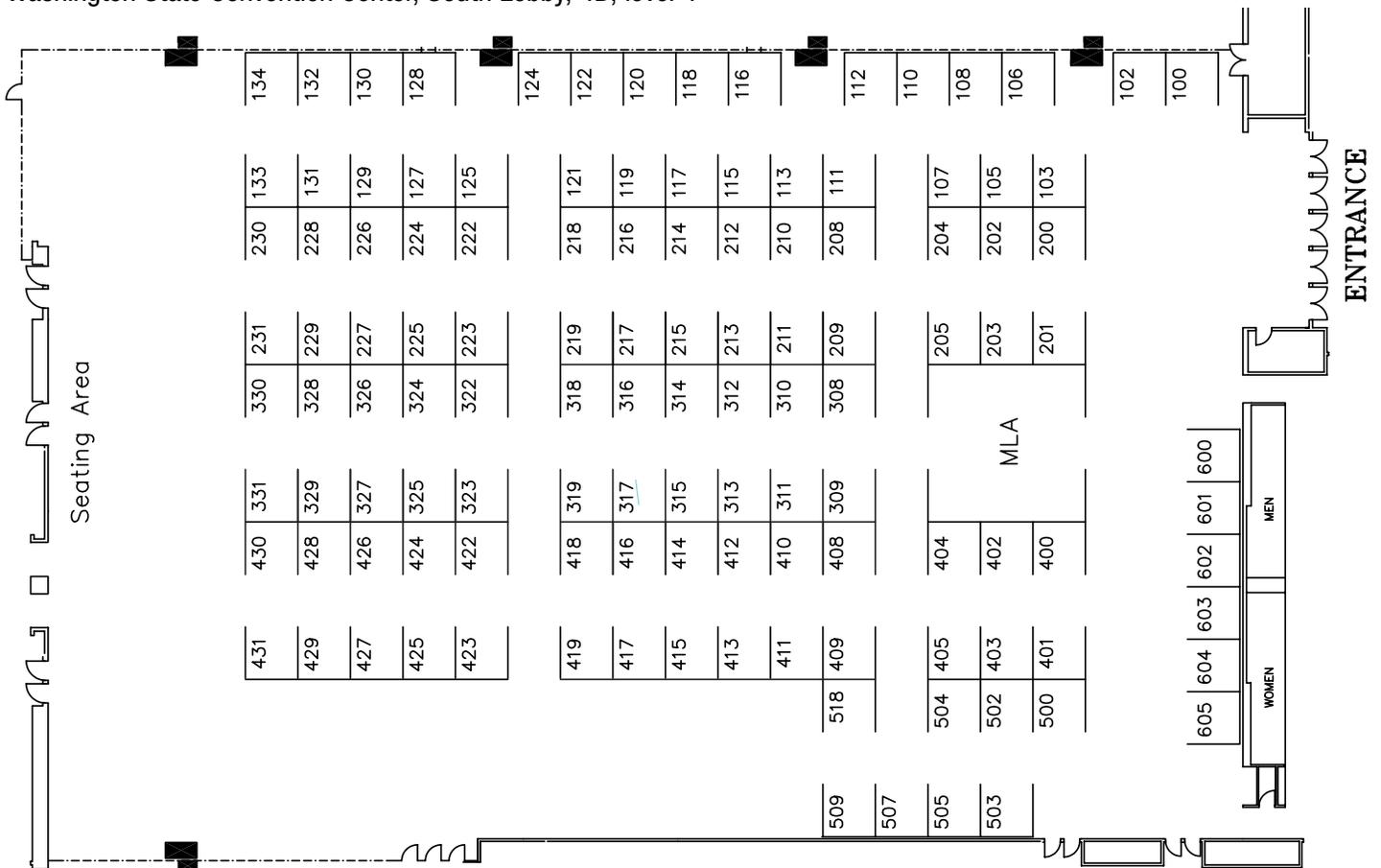


Service Areas

- ❶ Job Information Service (3rd floor)
- ❷ Interview area (3rd floor)

Floor Plan of the Exhibit Area

Washington State Convention Center, South Lobby, 4B, level 4



Booth Exhibitor

419	American Literatures Initiative
105	Anthem Foundation for Objectivist Scholarship
120	Archipelago Books
217, 219	Ashgate Publishing Company
132, 134	Association Book Exhibit
201, 203, 205	Bedford / St. Martin's
507	Better Chinese
602	Bookforum
424	Boydell and Brewer, Inc.
216	Broadview Press
423, 425	Bucknell University Press
601	Cambria Press
322, 324	Cambridge University Press
424	Camden House
401	Cengage Learning
313, 315	University of Chicago Press
111	<i>Chronicle of Higher Education</i>
113	Classics in Miniature, Inc.
412, 414, 416	Columbia University Press
128, 130	Consortium Book Distributors
400, 402	Continuum Publishing
133	Copper Canyon Press
222	Council of Editors of Learned Journals
120	Counterpath
119	De Gruyter
423, 425	University of Delaware Press
218	DROZ
424	D. S. Brewer
226, 228	Duke University Press
331	eNotated Classics
423, 425	Fairleigh Dickinson University Press
214	Fantagraphics
122	Feminist Press at CUNY

Booth Exhibitor

417, 419	Fordham University Press
329	University of Georgia Press
128, 130	Grove/Atlantic, Inc.
107	Hackett Publishing Co.
600	HarperCollins Publishers
309, 311	Harvard University Press
115	IES Abroad
426	University of Illinois Press
405	<i>Inside Higher Ed</i>
504	Interfolio
329	University of Iowa Press
224	IPG
326, 328	Johns Hopkins University Press
121	JSTOR
423, 425	Lehigh University Press
423, 425	Lexington Books
403	Little Bookroom
230	Maney Publishing
100, 102	McFarland and Company
327	Michigan State University Press
422	University of Michigan Press
312, 314	University of Minnesota Press
413	University Press of Mississippi
300	Modern Language Association
415	Modern Language Initiative
117	National Language Service Corps
214	New Directions Publishing
427	University Press of New England
403	New York Review Books
403	<i>New York Review of Books</i>
404	<i>New York Times</i>
418	Northwestern University Press
116	Nulu
403	NYRB Classics

Booth Exhibitor

409, 411	NYU Press
603, 604, 605	Ohio State University Press
120	Open Letter Books
308, 310	Oxford University Press
200, 202, 204	Palgrave Macmillan
103	Pearson
223, 225, 227	Penguin Group (USA)
323	University of Pennsylvania Press
129	Polity
408, 410	Princeton University Press
330	Project MUSE
502	ProQuest
128, 130	Publishers Group West
209, 211, 213, 215	Random House, Inc.
131	Rodopi
106, 108	Routledge
110, 112	Routledge Journals
518	Rutgers University Press
113	SabbaticalHomes.com
229, 231	Scottish Writing Exhibition
124	Small Press Distribution
317, 319	Stanford University Press
428	SUNY Press
424	Tamesis
413	Temple University Press
325	University of Toronto Press
500	Turnitin
503	Ultimate Literary Calendar
316	University of Virginia Press
415	University of Washington Press
133	Wave Books
125, 127	Wiley-Blackwell
208, 210, 212, 214	W.W. Norton and Company
318	Yale University Press