



# MLA Convention Guide

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Modern Language Association of America

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## Convention Locations

### John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center (Hynes)

- Most foreign language and comparative literature sessions
- Exhibit hall
- Registration and information

### Sheraton Boston

- Most English language sessions
- Registration and information

### Westin Copley Place

- Job Information Center

## 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 information centers; the 3 January issue will appear on the MLA Web site before the convention.

## Program Online

A searchable program for the convention is available ([www.mla.org/program](http://www.mla.org/program)), as is a streamlined version for mobile devices ([mla13.org](http://mla13.org)).

## Wi-Fi Access

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

*Hynes Convention Center.* Select Hynes Wireless Network (no log-in needed).

*Sheraton Boston.* Select SherBosMtg (no log-in needed).

*Westin Copley Place.* See the *Convention Daily*.

## What to Do in a Weather or Other Emergency

If weather or an emergency in Boston 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/convention](http://www.mla.org/convention)). If a local or personal emergency should force you 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 4 January. Visit [www.mla.org/conv\\_registration](http://www.mla.org/conv_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.

## Policies

### Audio- 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 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 17 October.

### 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 centers in the Hynes Convention Center, Sheraton Boston, and Westin Copley Place. Lost badges can be replaced for \$8.

### 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 to participate in or attend 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 must be requested at an MLA information center by the speaker on the day of the session and before the information center closes. Passes may not be requested by guests of speakers, by MLA

*Please remember to wear your badge.*

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.

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### 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 exhibit registration booth, Hynes Convention Center (Hall D, level 2).

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### 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.

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### Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in most buildings in Boston.

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## On-Site Resources

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### Boston Information and Restaurant Reservations

Boston Visitor Information Center desk, Plaza level, Hynes Convention Center

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### Business Centers

Sheraton Boston, FedEx Office, 2nd floor

3–4 January: 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
5 January: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
6 January: 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Hynes Convention Center, FedEx Office, level 1

Thurs.–Sat.: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Sun.: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

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### 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

Hynes Convention Center, Prefunction Hall D, level 2 ([ADAConventionCenter@mla.org](mailto:ADAConventionCenter@mla.org))

Sheraton Boston, Grand Ballroom Prefunction, 2nd floor and Lobby level ([ADASheraton@mla.org](mailto:ADASheraton@mla.org))

Westin Copley Place, Lobby level ([ADAWestin@mla.org](mailto:ADAWestin@mla.org))

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

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### Friends of Bill W.

Sheraton Boston, Forest Hills, 5th floor

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### Headquarters Offices

Hynes Convention Center, 200, level 2

Sheraton Boston, Conference, 3rd floor

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

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### Lost and Found

Hynes Convention Center, Public Safety Office, level 1 (617 954-2111)

Sheraton Boston, Guest Services, extension 37

Westin Copley Place, Housekeeping, extension 7714

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### Lounges

*Members' Lounge.* Hynes Convention Center, Boylston Hallway, level 2

*Graduate Student Lounge.* Sheraton Boston, Exeter, 3rd floor

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### Membership Desk

Hynes Convention Center, Prefunction Hall D, level 2

Join the association while registering for the convention to register at members' rates. MLA membership runs from 15 January through 14 January of the subsequent year.

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### MLA Information Centers

Hynes Convention Center, Prefunction Hall D, level 2

Sheraton Boston, Grand Ballroom Prefunction, 2nd floor

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

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### Press Office

Sheraton Boston, Beacon B, 3rd floor

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### Print Copies of the Program

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

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### Shuttle Bus Service

A free shuttle service will run from the Park Plaza Hotel and Taj Boston Hotel to the Hynes Convention Center. There will be a shuttle service available throughout the convention meeting hours to transport attendees with disabilities.

3 January: 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
4–5 January: 7:30 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
6 January: 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

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### Speaker Ready Rooms

Hynes Convention Center, 310, level 3

Sheraton Boston, Kent, 3rd floor

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### Transportation in Boston

*Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).* MBTA operates throughout Boston; for information on routes and fares, visit <http://www.mbta.com/>.

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### “Who’s Here” Directory

Hynes Convention Center, Boylston Hallway, level 2 (Members' Lounge)

Westin Copley Place, 4th floor (near the Job Information Center)

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### Job Information Center

Westin Copley Place, American Ballroom, 4th floor

3 January: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

4–5 January: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

6 January: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

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

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### Exhibits

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#### Exhibit Hall

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.

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!*

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#### Exhibit Hall Theater

Located inside the exhibit hall, the Exhibit Hall Theater is where exhibiting companies will conduct scheduled presentations, feature publisher highlights, and offer product demonstrations during exhibit hall hours. For updated schedule details check the *Convention Daily* or visit [www.mla.org/exhibit\\_theater\\_2013](http://www.mla.org/exhibit_theater_2013).

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#### MLA Exhibit Booth (Booth 406)

Visit the MLA booth to catch up on the latest MLA publications and services, meet with the MLA staff, celebrate at our receptions, or just take a breather and sit in a comfy chair. Check the *Convention Daily* for a schedule of events and receptions.

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### Event Highlights

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#### Cultural Excursions

Preregistration is required.

*Houghton Library.* 3 January (shuttle departs from Hynes at 3:00 p.m.)

### Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

4 January (shuttle departs from Hynes at 9:10 a.m.)

*Bully Boy Distillery.* 4 January (shuttle departs from Hynes at 4:00 p.m.)

### MLA Awards Ceremony (Session 645)

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

This session is open to the public and will be followed by a reception sponsored in part by Interfolio.

### Presidential Address (Session 408)

4 January, 6:45 p.m., Sheraton Boston, Constitution Ballroom, 2nd floor

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

### Presidential Forum (Session 112)

3 January, 5:15 p.m., Sheraton Boston, Constitution Ballroom, 2nd floor

## Informational Sessions and Workshops

### Council of Editors of Learned Journals

*Informational consultation.* 4 and 5 January, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Sheraton Boston, Jamaica Pond

Visit [www.celj.org/node/1829](http://www.celj.org/node/1829) for more information.

### Electronic Literature Exhibit: "Avenues of Access"

Hynes Convention Center, 312, level 3

3 January: 12:00 noon–7:00 p.m.

4–5 January: 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Visit <http://dte-wsuv.org/ELIT/mla2013> for more information on this exhibit.

### Government Careers

Hynes Convention Center, 210, level 2

5 January: 1:30–3:30 p.m. (workshop);  
4:00–6:00 p.m. (informational consultation)

### MLA Commons Account Activation

Hynes Convention Center, Prefunction Hall D, level 2

3 January: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

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. Check the *Convention Daily* or [www.mla.org/exhibit\\_theater\\_2013](http://www.mla.org/exhibit_theater_2013) for details.

## NEH Information

*Workshop.* 4 January, 1:30–3:30 p.m., Hynes Convention Center, 210, level 2

## Governance

### Delegate Assembly

5 January, 1:00 p.m., Sheraton Boston, Grand Ballroom, 2nd floor

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

## Emergencies

### Illness and Medical Emergencies

Procedures may vary from one location to another.

*Sheraton Boston.* Dial 1000 from any house phone.

*Hynes Convention Center.* Dial 617 954-2111.

*Westin Copley Place.* Dial 7300 from any house phone.

## Future Conventions

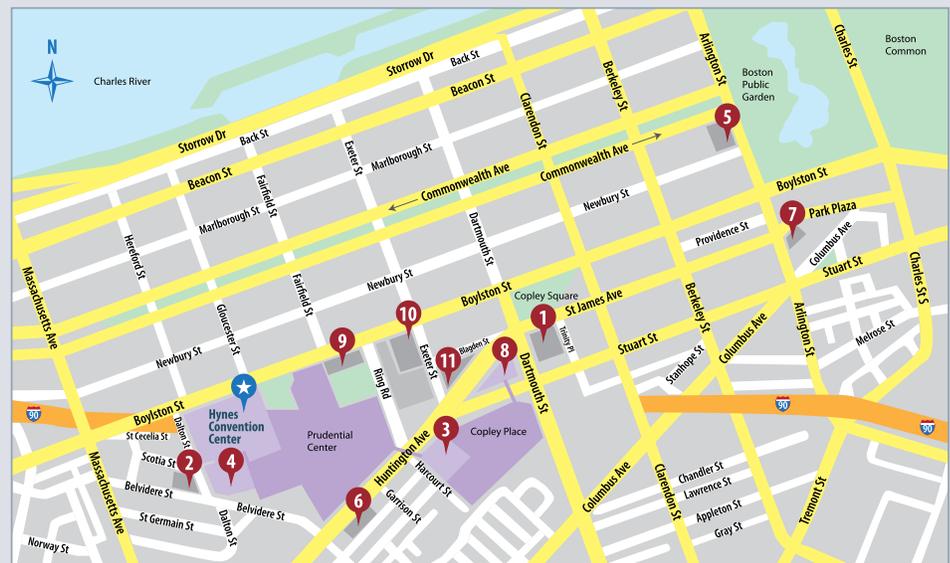
### Calls for Papers

To post or review calls for papers for the 2014 MLA convention in Chicago (9–12 January 2014), visit [www.mla.org/conv\\_papers](http://www.mla.org/conv_papers).

### Organizing Sessions

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2014 convention in Chicago will be available on the MLA Web site in February 2013.

## Hotels for the 2013 MLA Annual Convention



1 Fairmont Copley Plaza  
138 St. James Avenue

2 Hilton Boston Back Bay  
40 Dalton Street

3 Marriott Copley Place, Boston  
110 Huntington Avenue

4 Sheraton Boston  
(Headquarters Hotel)  
39 Dalton Street

5 Taj Boston Hotel  
15 Arlington Street

6 The Colonnade Hotel Boston  
120 Huntington Avenue

7 The Park Plaza Hotel, Boston  
50 Park Plaza at Arlington Street

8 Westin Copley Place  
10 Huntington Avenue

9 Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Boston  
776 Boylston Street

10 Lenox Hotel  
710 Boylston Street

11 Copley Square Hotel  
47 Huntington Avenue

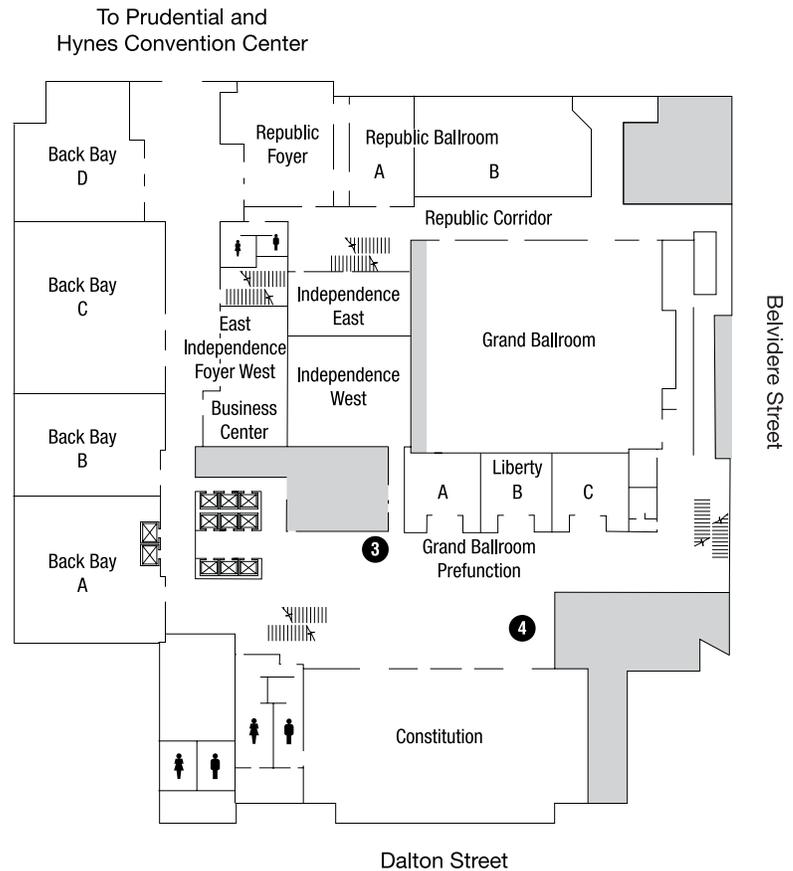
*Service Areas*

- ❶ MLA headquarters office  
(Conference, 3rd floor)
- ❷ Speaker ready room (Kent, 3rd floor)
- ❸ MLA registration and information  
(Grand Ballroom Prefunction, 2nd floor)
- ❹ Desk for persons with disabilities  
(Grand Ballroom Prefunction, 2nd floor)
- ❺ Press room (Beacon B, 3rd floor)
- ❻ Friends of Bill W. (Forest Hills, 5th floor)
- ❼ Graduate student lounge (Exeter, 3rd floor)

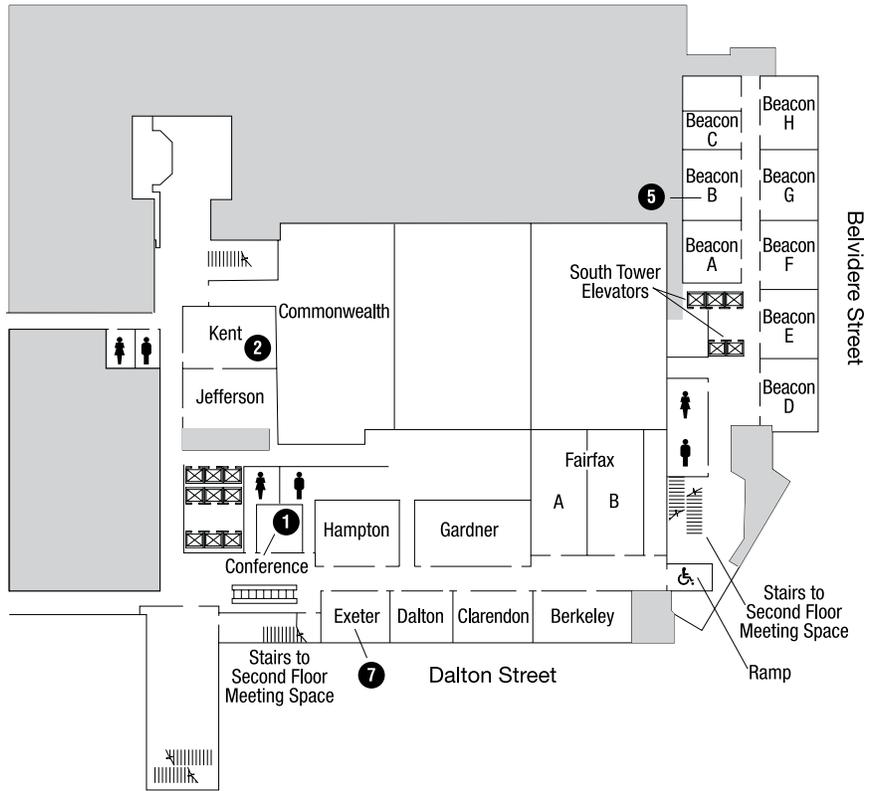
*Meeting Rooms*

- Arnold Arboretum, 5th floor
- Back Bay A-D, 2nd floor
- Beacon A-H, 3rd floor
- Berkeley, 3rd floor
- Boston Common, 5th floor
- Clarendon, 3rd floor
- Commonwealth, 3rd floor
- Constitution Ballroom, 2nd floor
- Dalton, 3rd floor
- Exeter, 3rd floor
- Fairfax A-B, 3rd floor
- The Fens, 5th floor
- Gardner, 3rd floor
- Grand Ballroom, 2nd floor
- Hampton, 3rd floor
- Independence East and West, 2nd floor
- Jamaica Pond, 5th floor
- Jefferson, 3rd floor
- Liberty A-C, 2nd floor
- Olmsted, 5th floor
- Public Garden, 5th floor
- Republic Ballroom, 2nd floor
- Riverway, 5th floor

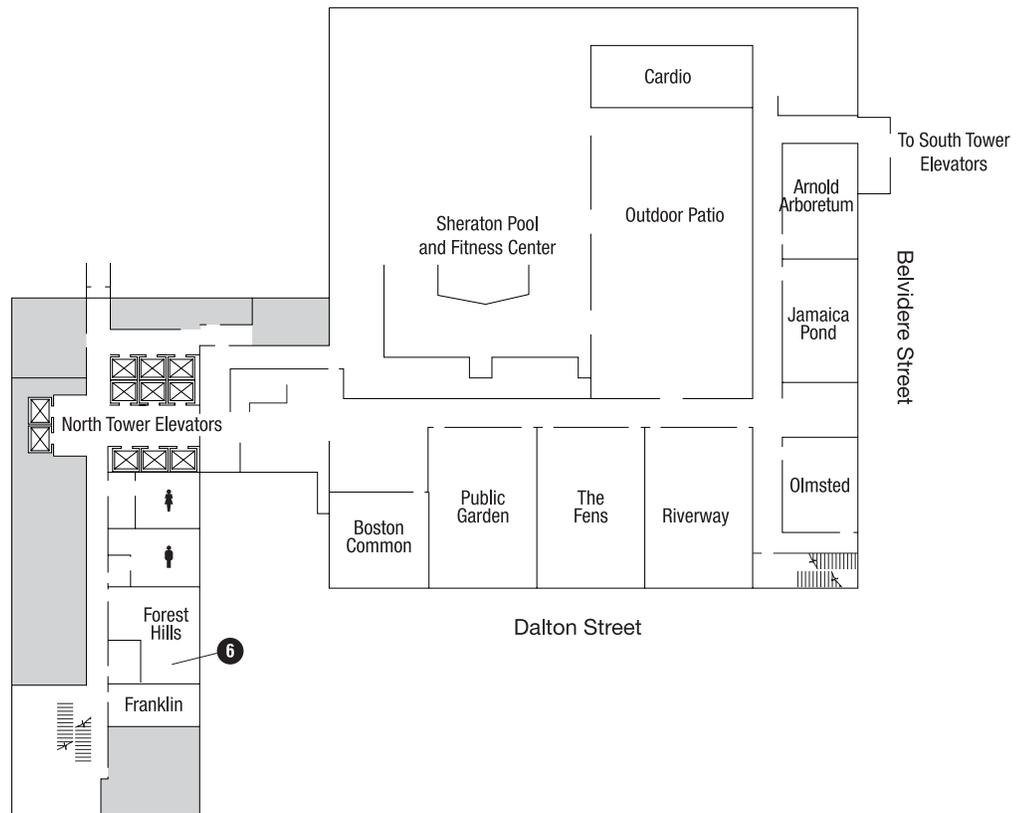
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3rd Floor



5th Floor



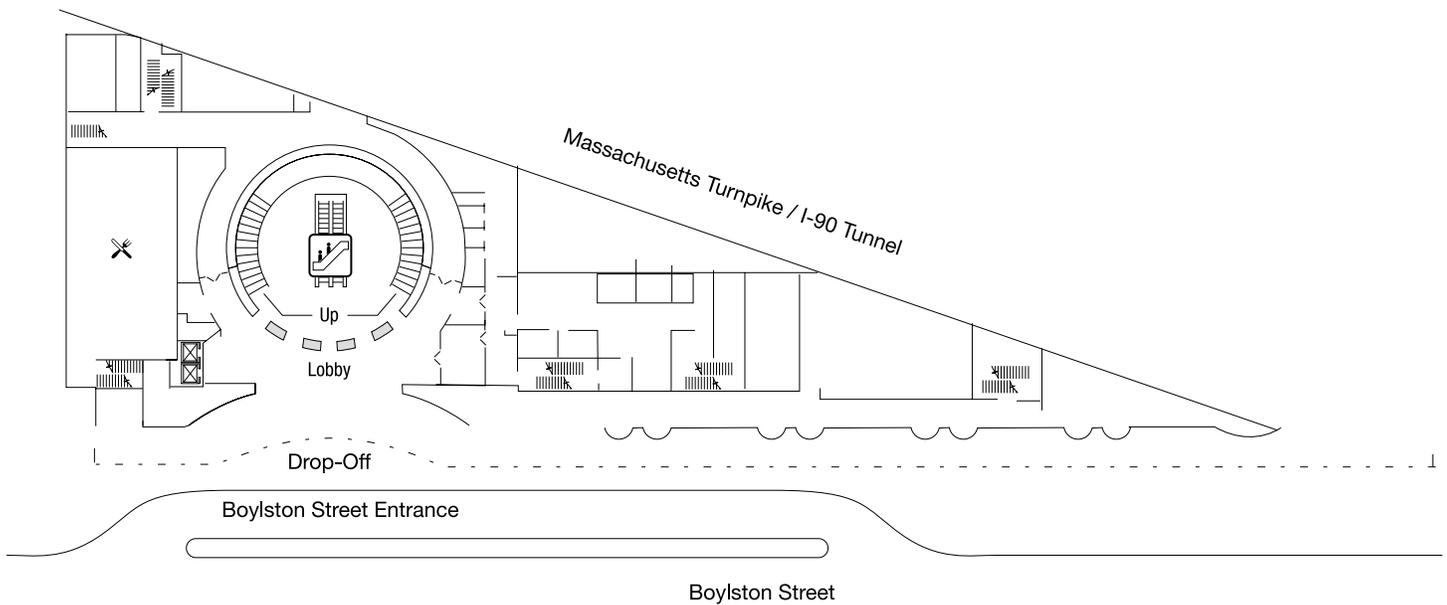
## Service Areas

- ❶ MLA headquarters office (200, level 2)
- ❷ MLA registration and information (Prefunction Hall D, level 2)
- ❸ Members' lounge and "Who's Here" (Boylston Hallway, level 2)
- ❹ Speaker ready room (310, level 3)
- ❺ Exhibit hall (Hall D, level 2)
- ❻ Desk for persons with disabilities (Prefunction Hall D, level 2)

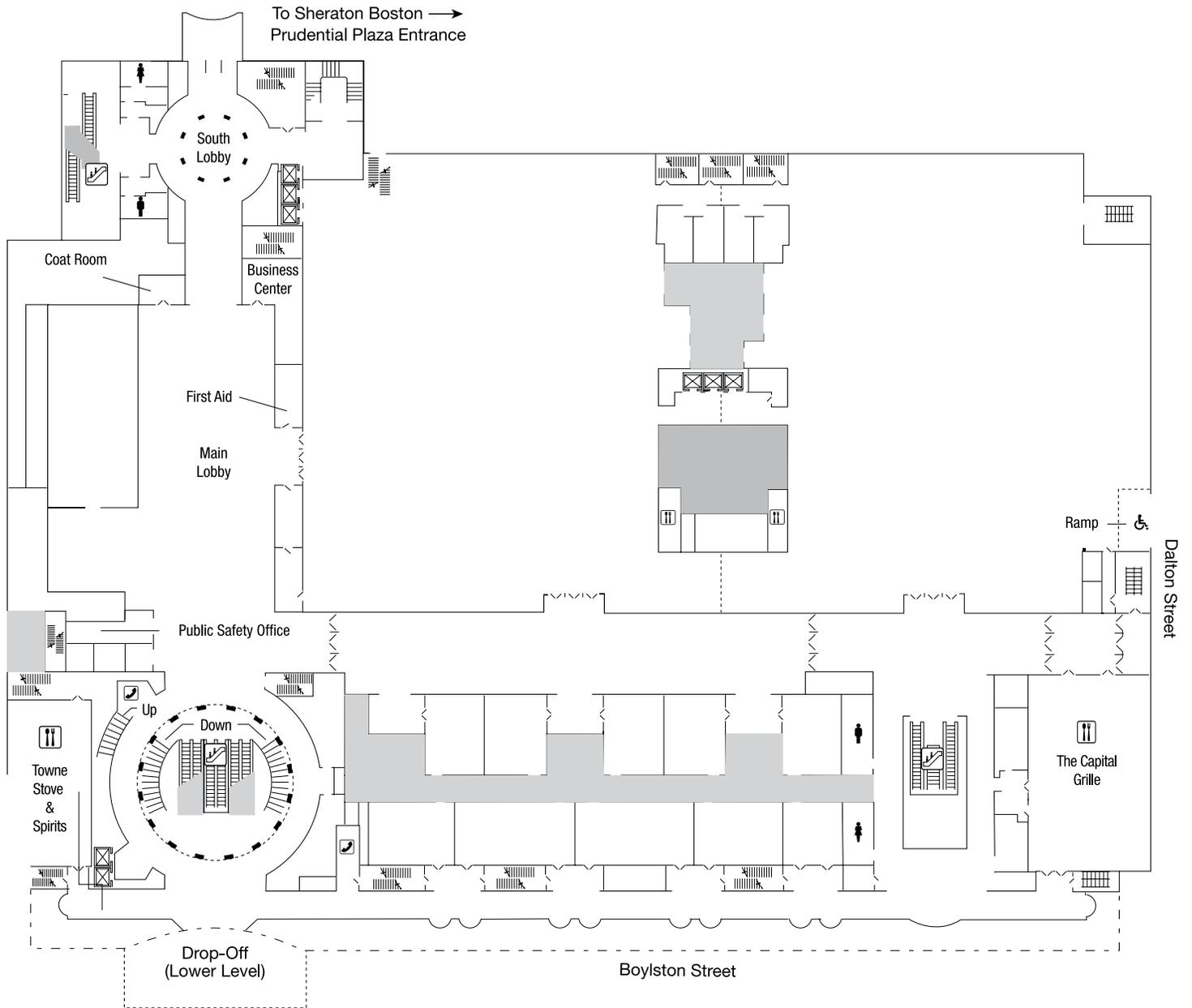
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- 201–210, level 2  
301–309, level 3  
312–313, level 3

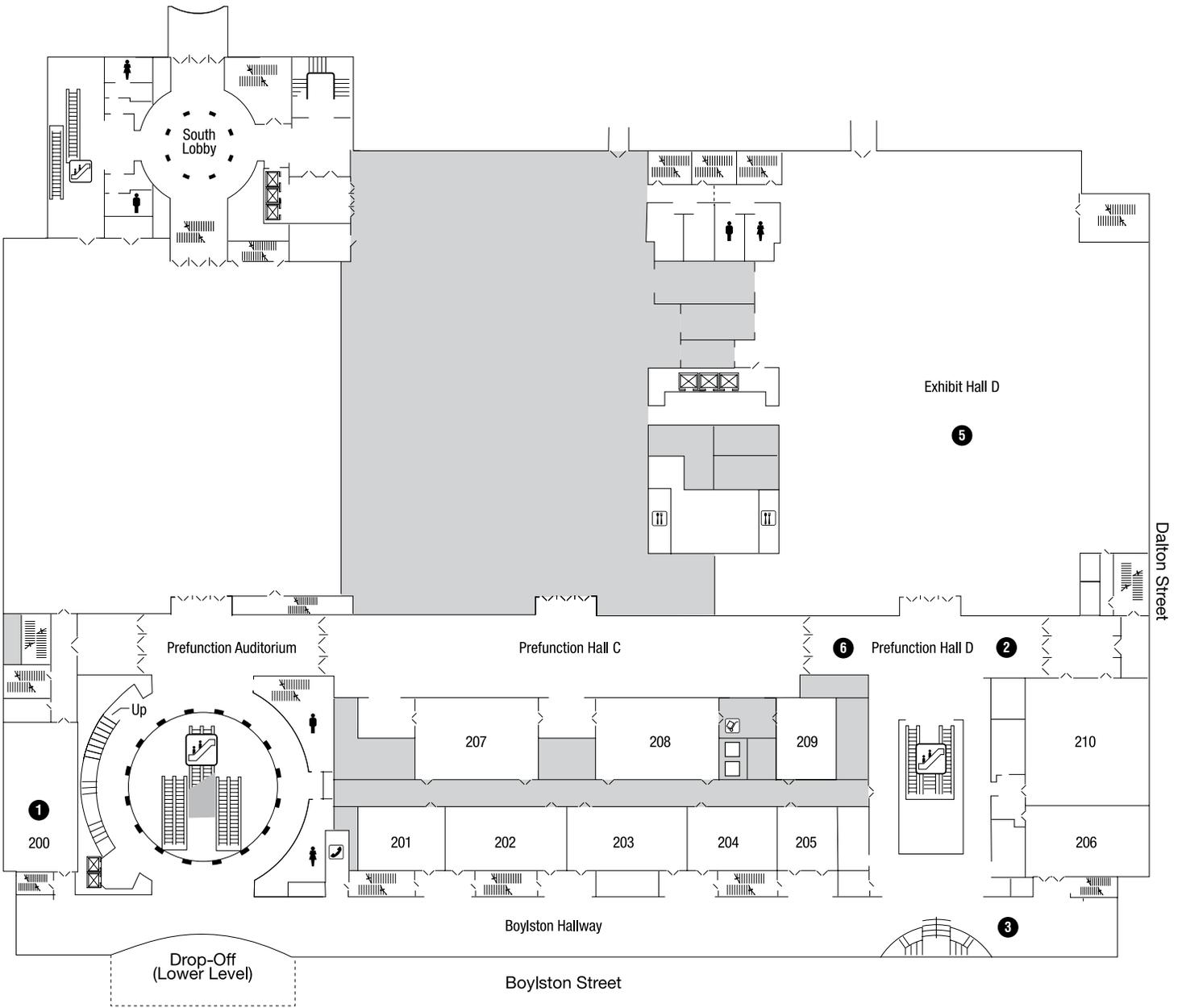
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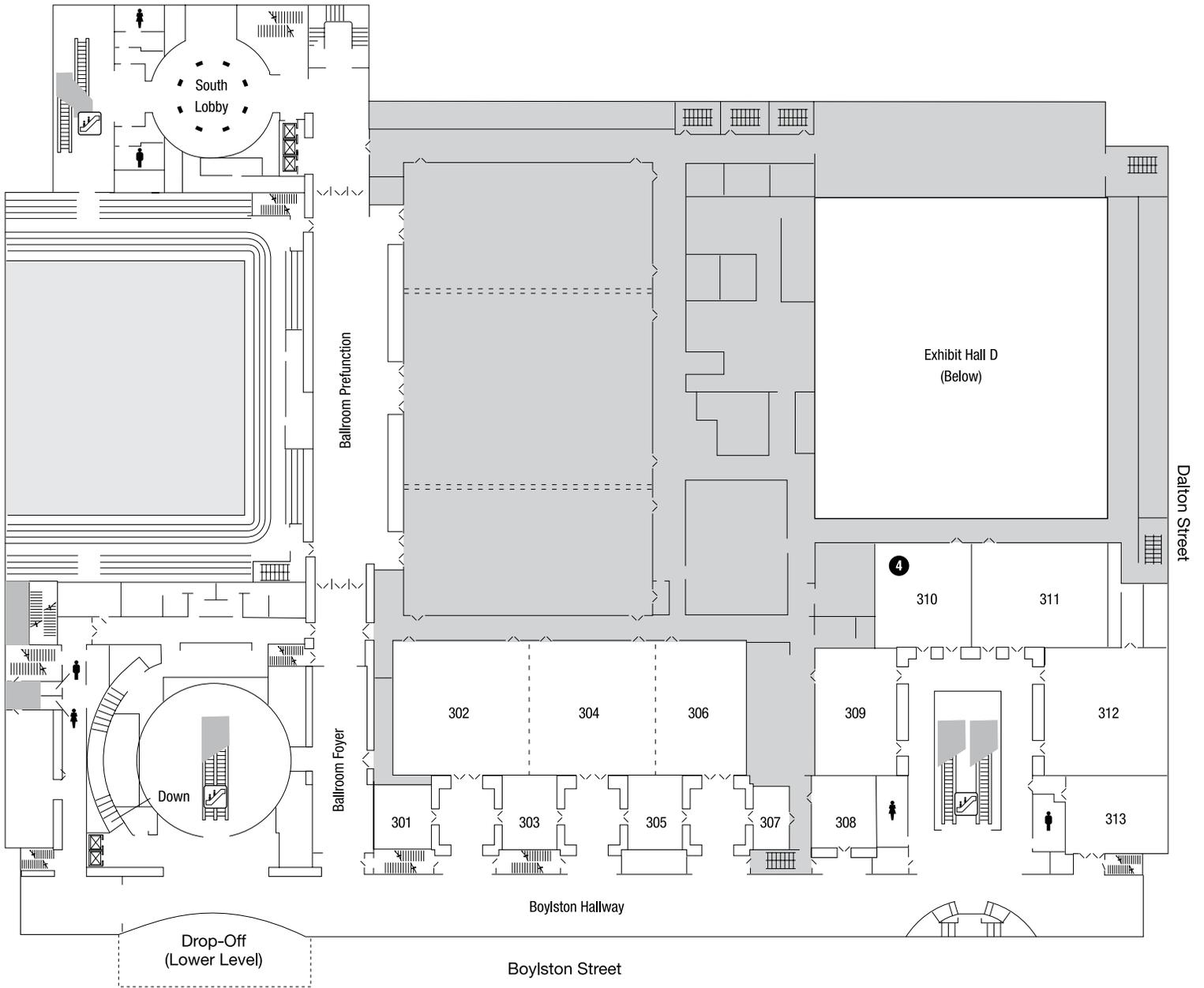
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Level 2



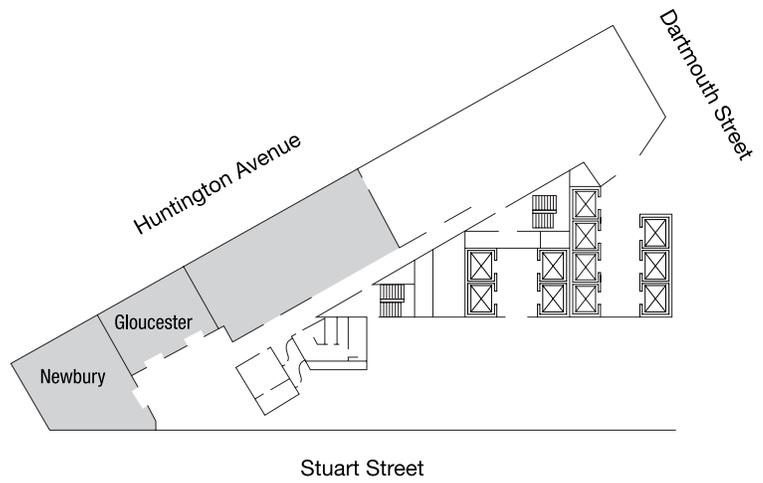
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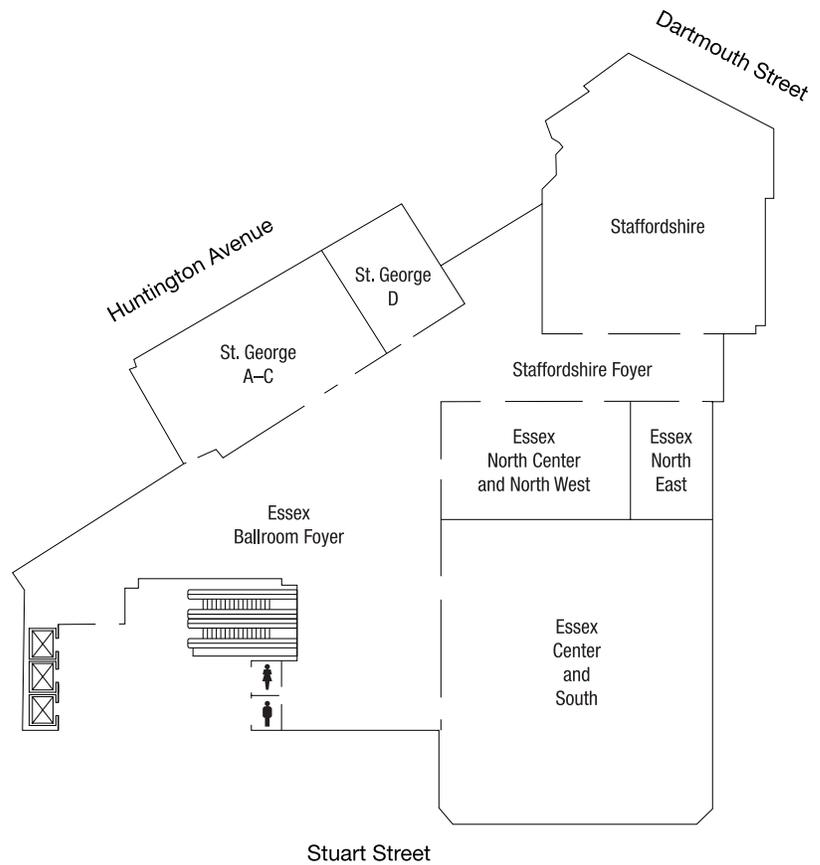
Service Areas

- ❶ Job Information Service  
(American Ballroom,  
4th floor)
- ❷ Interview area (American  
Ballroom, 4th floor)
- ❸ MLA satellite registration and  
badge replacement (American  
Ballroom Foyer, 4th floor)

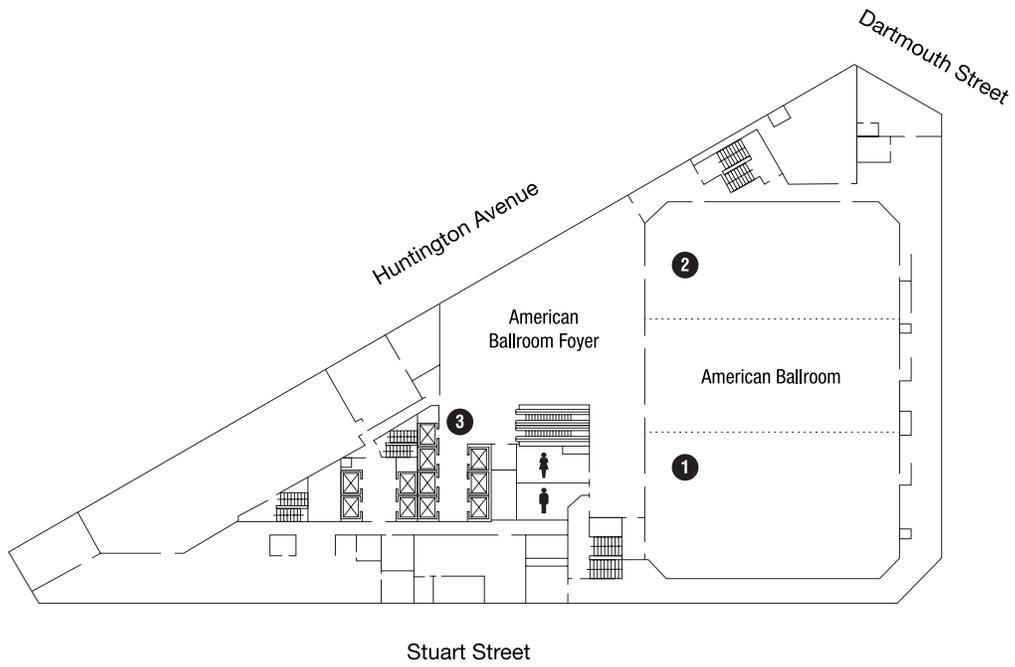
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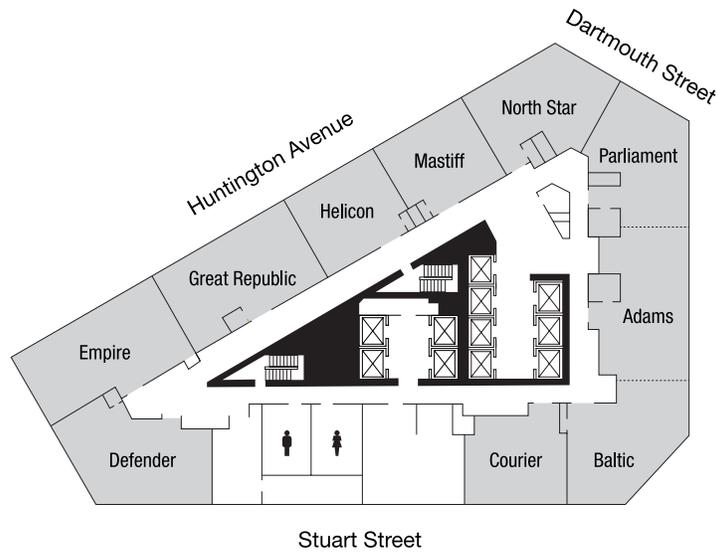
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4th Floor

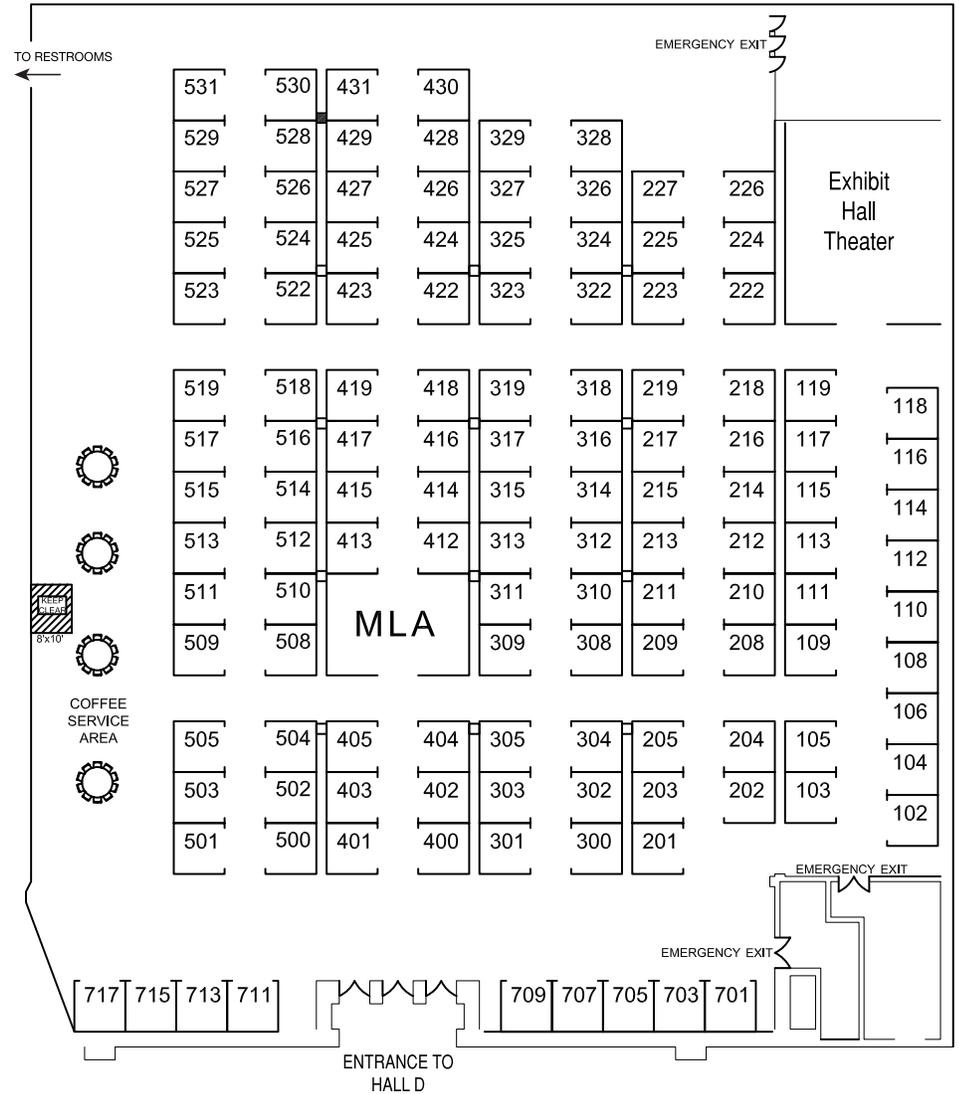


7th Floor



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

- Booth Exhibitor**
- 328 University of Alabama Press
  - 528 American Literatures Initiative
  - 205 Anthem Foundation for Objectivist Scholarship
  - 108 Archipelago Books
  - 202 *Artforum*
  - 219 ARTstor
  - 216, 218 Ashgate Publishing Company
  - 110 Association Book Exhibit
  - 400, 402, 404 Bedford St. Martin's
  - 201, 203 Bloomsbury
  - 202 *Bookforum*
  - 524 Boydell and Brewer
  - 222 Broadview Press
  - 701 David Brown Book Company
  - 401, 403 Brown University
  - 300, 302 Bucknell University Press
  - 316 Cambria Press
  - 226 CambridgeEditors
  - 416, 418 Cambridge University Press
  - 524 Camden House
  - 329 CAPA International Education
  - 109 Cengage Learning
  - 711, 713 University of Chicago Press
  - 529 Chinese Literature Today
  - 312 *Chronicle of Higher Education*
  - 217 Classics in Miniature
  - 102, 104, 106 Columbia University Press
  - 227 Consortium
  - 322 Cornell University Press
  - 319 Council of Editors of Learned Journals
  - 108 Counterpath
  - 428 De Gruyter
  - 300, 302 University of Delaware Press
  - 417, 419 Duke University Press
  - 119 EBSCO Publishing
  - 114 E.STI.VE EuroStudi Veneto
  - 530 Explorica Educational Travel
  - 300, 302 Fairleigh Dickinson University Press
  - 117 Feminist Press, CUNY
  - 514, 516 Fordham University Press
  - 427 University of Georgia Press
  - 223, 225 Grove/Atlantic, Inc.
  - 405 Hackett Publishing Company
  - 318 HarperCollins Publishers
  - 413, 415 Harvard University Press
  - 430 HigherEdJobs
  - 113 IES Abroad
  - 429 University of Illinois Press
  - 304 *Inside Higher Ed*
  - 224 Interfolio
  - 427 University of Iowa Press
  - 317 IPG
  - 313, 315 Johns Hopkins University Press
  - 715 JSTOR
  - 300, 302 Lehigh University Press
  - 300, 302 Lexington Books
  - 527 LSU Press
  - 701 Maney Publishing
  - 424 University of Massachusetts Press
  - 703 McFarland
  - 103 Melville House
  - 504 Michigan State University Press
  - 422 University of Michigan Press
  - 401, 403 Microsoft Research Digital Humanities
  - 509, 511 University of Minnesota Press
  - 526 University Press of Mississippi
  - 525 MIT Press
  - 406 Modern Language Association
  - 514, 516 Modern Language Initiative
  - 531 National Language Service Corps
  - 214 New Directions
  - 105 UPNE University Press of New England
  - 512 New York University Press



**Booth Exhibitor**

- 505 New York Review Books
- 505 New York Review Children's Collection
- 505 *New York Review of Books*
- 527 University of North Carolina Press
- 515 Northwestern University Press
- 426 University of Notre Dame Press
- 505 NYRB Classics
- 705, 707, 709 Ohio State University Press
- 529 University of Oklahoma Press
- 204 On the Avenue Marketing
- 108 Open Letter Books
- 412, 414 Oxford University Press
- 301, 303, 305 Palgrave Macmillan
- 215 Pearson
- 209, 211, 213 Penguin Group (USA)
- 423 University of Pennsylvania Press
- 717 Performant Software Solutions LLC
- 327 Polity
- 112 Posen Foundation
- 508, 510 Princeton University Press
- 314 Project MUSE

**Booth Exhibitor**

- 118 ProQuest
- 223, 225 Publishers Group West
- 308, 309, 310, 311 Random House
- 500, 501, 502, 503 Routledge
- 513 Rutgers University Press
- 217 SabbaticalHomes.com
- 324, 326 Scottish Writing Exhibition
- 111 Small Press Distribution
- 517, 519 Stanford University Press
- 425 SUNY Press
- 526 Temple University Press
- 522 University of Toronto Press
- 116 Travel and Education
- 518 University of Virginia Press
- 514, 516 University of Washington Press
- 323, 325 Wiley-Blackwell
- 115 WordPress
- 431 Writer's Muse
- 208, 210, 212, 214 W. W. Norton and Company
- 523 Yale University Press