

MLA CONVENTION GUIDE

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Convention Locations

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (Marriott)

Accessibility Desk Satellite
Headquarters
Speaker Ready Room
Press Office
Graduate Student Lounge
Friends of Bill W.
Lactation Room
Online Session Viewing Room

Loews Philadelphia (Loews)

Lactation Room
Accessibility Desk Satellite
Quiet Room
Members' Lounge
Headquarters

Pennsylvania Convention Center (PCC)

Registration and Welcome Center
Accessibility Desk
Book Prize Display
Professional Development Hub
Mamava Lactation Pod
Exhibit Hall
Members' Lounge
Exhibit: *Sikiliza My Body Speaks to You*

MLA24.org and Convention App

Download the MLA 2024 app or log in to mla24.org to see up-to-date session information—including location changes.

COVID-19 Testing in Philadelphia

Testing information is available at www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/.

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.

Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the territory on which we gather for the 2024 convention, the city now known as Philadelphia, is part of Lénapehòkink, the ancestral homelands of the Lenape people since time immemorial. We honor the Lenape tribal nations—the Delaware Nation, the Delaware Tribe of Indians, and the Stockbridge Munsee Community—whose governments now reside in different states as a result of colonial-settler violence and dispossession but who maintain ongoing relationships with their homelands. We thank the original caretakers of this land.

Refreshments!

Stay hydrated! Bring a water bottle to refill at the hydration stations.

Coffee on us! Visit the exhibit hall in the PCC (Ballroom Level) for complimentary coffee and tea on Friday and Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m. and while supplies last.

Social Media

Follow @MLAnews on X and @mlanews@zirk.us on Mastodon for updates throughout the convention, and post about sessions using #mla24 and the session hashtag (e.g., #s623).

Online Session Viewing Room

Grand E in the Marriott (Level 5) has been set aside as a place for convention attendees to view online sessions during convention hours. Headphones are required. Bring your device, log in to mla24.org with your registration details, and click the Join Now button. Online sessions are indicated with a globe-like virtual icon.

Welcome Refreshment Break

Join us in the MLA registration and welcome center (PCC, Level 2) on Thursday, 4 January, beginning at 3:00 p.m., for an assortment of hot beverages, cookies, and brownies. We look forward to welcoming you to MLA 2024.

Wi-Fi Access

The MLA provides free wireless Internet access in the meeting rooms and public areas of the convention venues. Follow these instructions to connect (connectivity is not guaranteed):

Marriott

Network: Marriott Conference
Password: MLACON24

Loews

Network: MLA2024
Password: MLACON24

PCC

Network: MLA2024
Password: MLACON24

EMERGENCIES

Illness and Medical Emergencies

Procedures may vary from one location to another.

Marriott. Dial 51 from any house phone or call 215 625-6077 and alert MLA headquarters.

Loews. Dial security at 215 231-7229 or call 911 for a health emergency and alert MLA headquarters.

PCC. Dial 4911 from any house phone or call 215 418-4911 and alert MLA headquarters.

Weather or Other Emergency

If weather or an emergency in Philadelphia should delay or otherwise affect the scheduling of convention sessions, full information on such changes will be posted on the MLA website (www.mla.org/MLA-2024). If a local or personal emergency should cause you to have to delay or cancel your in-person attendance at the convention, you should contact your hotel and airline carrier as early as possible. Please refer to the hotel confirmation e-mail for your hotel's cancellation policy. If you are scheduled to speak or participate in a session, please notify the session organizer, who should write to conventionupdates@mla.org to update the session listing.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Refer to mla24.org and the MLA 2024 app for up-to-date information.

MLA Awards Ceremony (Session 382)

5 January, 7:15 p.m.

Presidential Address (Session 623)

6 January, 7:00 p.m.

Presidential Plenary: The Poetics of Celebration (Session 199)

5 January, 10:15 a.m.–12:00 noon

The plenary has two linked sessions on 6 January: Mourning without End (session 541) and Celebrating Blackness (session 615).

Finding Your Roots as Public Humanities (Session 346)

5 January, 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Join Henry Louis Gates, Jr., in conversation with Frieda Ekotto.

On Climate Change: A Conversation with Amitav Ghosh (Session 272)

5 January, 1:45–3:30 p.m.

Amitav Ghosh and other distinguished panelists discuss challenges the climate crisis presents to modes of cultural representation.

The Humanities Grant-Making Landscape (Session 550)

6 January, 3:30–4:45 p.m.

Leaders of the nation's foremost humanities grant-making bodies will discuss the current state

of federal and foundation support for language, literature, and culture research and teaching.

Learning How to Celebrate Language in Joy and Sorrow (Session 390)

6 January, 8:30–10:15 a.m.

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak and Surya Parekh lead a conversation about the transformative *Origin and Development of the Bengali Language*.

Humanities without Borders (Session 468)

6 January, 12:00 noon–1:45 p.m.

Panelists explore innovative approaches to humanistic thinking, gathering, and working that engage with and build community-centered and -driven initiatives.

Expanding Deaf Narrative: Scholarly, Critical, Creative, and Production Approaches (Session 546)

6 January, 3:30–5:15 p.m.

Brenda Brueggemann and Jennifer Nelson lead a conversation on issues related to narratives about deaf lives, publishing and producing ASL literature, and composing and translating across multiple modalities and languages.

Delegate Assembly (Session 507A)

6 January, 12:30 p.m.

This meeting is open only to MLA members and accredited journalists. For agenda information, visit www.mla.org/DA-Agenda-2024.

Just-in-Time Sessions

Refer to the MLA 2024 app and the online program (mla24.org) for late-breaking just-in-time sessions.

Special Events

This year's events include a screening of *I Heard It through the Grapevine*, in which James Baldwin retraces his time in the South during the civil rights movement (5 January, 7:15 p.m.); a screening of *Wieland*, an adaptation of the nineteenth-century Gothic novel by Charles Brockden Brown (6 January, 7:00 p.m.); and a chance to meet with journal editors from CELJ for consultation and advice (5 January, 11:15 a.m.).

Sikiliza My Body Speaks to You

Sikiliza My Body Speaks to You is a photographic reflection on the Black body of LGBTQ+ people, composed of incarnate images, lived and commented on from within. Directed by Marthe Djilo Kamga and Frieda Ekotto, this photographic documentary explores the ways in which Black LGBTQ+ people control, maintain, negate, combine, or negotiate the rules and norms that define their bodies—and how they reclaim, construct, and perform their identities and (re)define themselves as they navigate decolonization, discrimination, criminalization, affirmation, and a need for recognition of their subjectivities. The photographs will be on display by the MLA registration and welcome center in the PCC (Grand Hall, Level 2).

Philadelphia Museum Discounts

Several of Philadelphia's iconic cultural institutions are providing discounted or complimentary admission to MLA convention registrants with badges during the convention dates.

National Constitution Center (525 Arch Street)

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art (128 N. Broad Street)

Philadelphia Museum of Art (2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway)

2025 CONVENTION

Calls for Papers

To post or review calls for papers for the 2025 MLA convention in New Orleans (9–12 January 2025), visit www.mla.org/call-for-papers.

Organizing Sessions

Forms and instructions for organizing sessions for the 2025 convention in New Orleans will be available on the MLA website in March 2024 for submission by 1 April.



THE PHOTO GROUP, 2023.

CAREERS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The MLA provides support to members at all stages in their careers. Explore a variety of sessions and events at the 2024 MLA convention designed to help you build your network and enhance your career. Refer to mla24.org and the MLA 2024 app for up-to-date information.

MLA Professional Development Hub

PCC (201, Level 2)

4 January: 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
5–6 January: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Career Mentoring Service

Sign up for one-on-one sessions to discuss job-search and career options on a wide spectrum of careers inside and outside the professoriat.

MLA Professional Development Workshops, Sessions, and Events

Scores of sessions are focused on professional development. Some highlights are listed below; to view a more expansive list, refer to the Curated Sessions lists on mla24.org and the MLA 2024 app.

Discussion Groups

Sponsored by the MLA Academic Program Services and facilitated by members of the Association of Departments of English (ADE) and the Association of Language Departments (ALD), these intimate groups provide an opportunity to connect in conversation about professional issues.

- Setting Mid-Career Priorities (session 170)
- Use of Inclusive Language in Our Classrooms and Programs (session 202)
- Leading When Leadership Does Not Look like You (session 275)
- Working at a Teaching-Intensive Institution (session 311)
- Rage, Grief, Acceptance, Hope: Processing and Planning Change in the English Department (session 352)
- Seeking Mentorship with and beyond Your Adviser (session 512)
- When Leaving Academia Might Be the Right Move (session 591)

Diverse Career Pathways

Learn more about careers within and beyond academia—what will *you* do with your degree in languages and literatures?

- Beyond the Professoriat: Career Pathways for Job Seekers in English (session 5)
- Beyond the Professoriat: Career Pathways for Job Seekers in Languages (session 6)
- Careers in English at Community Colleges and the Job Search (session 132)
- Group Mentoring for the Career-Curious: Ask Us Anything (session 434)

Language and Literature Program Innovation Room (Session 198)

5 January: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
Showcase presenters share models of curriculum reform, including new programs, credentials, courses, and initiatives in areas such as experiential learning, digital humanities, public humanities, and career diversity. Attendees can drop by anytime during the poster-style session to talk with presenters and explore the showcase.

Chat with an Editor

5 January, 11:15 a.m.
Experienced journal editors who are members of the CELJ will be available for consultation and to offer advice (PCC, 204A, Level 2).

Mentoring New Editors into Scholarly Journal Publishing (Session 171)

5 January, 8:30 a.m.
In this interactive session, experienced editors of scholarly journals offer training, mentoring, and tips for becoming and training an editor.

NEH Grants: Bridging Teaching and Research (Session 243)

5 January, 12:00 noon
NEH program officers and former grantees discuss the process of applying to the NEH, choosing the appropriate grant, the impact of receiving a grant, and specific advice for applicants.

Getting Funded in the Humanities: An NEH Workshop (Session 299)

5 January, 1:45–3:45 p.m.
This workshop offers applicants strategies for submitting competitive grant proposals.
PMLA: Getting Published as Graduate Students and Early Career Scholars (Session 551)
6 January, 3:30 p.m.
This session brings together graduate students and early career scholars who have recently had their work published in *PMLA*.

EXHIBIT HALL

The exhibit hall is open to all convention registrants with a badge and to visitors with an official exhibit hall pass. Visit the exhibitor information booth (PCC, Ballroom Level) for passes and all exhibit hall questions. Visit the online exhibits at mla24.org and the MLA 2024 app under Exhibitors.

Exhibits

PCC, Ballroom AB, Ballroom Level

5–6 January: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
7 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.

Complimentary Coffee and Tea

5–6 January, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and while supplies last

Exhibit Hall Passes

Registrants may obtain free passes for guests they accompany through the hall. Unaccompanied visitors may obtain a one-day pass to the hall. All guests must agree to the MLA's COVID-19 health and safety protocols (www.mla.org/COVID-19).

Sessions in the Exhibit Hall

Visit the Exhibit Hall Theater for sessions related to publishing and editing:

- How to Get Published (session 203)
- How to Publish Your Book: An Introduction for Scholars (session 240)
- Graduate Student Labor and the Future of Editing (session 276)
- PMLA*: Getting Published as Graduate Students and Early Career Scholars (session 551)

Reading Terminal Market Gift Cards

Make a purchase in the exhibit hall, then visit the exhibitor information booth with your purchase

and receipt to receive a Reading Terminal Market gift certificate while supplies last.

Receptions and Events

Check mla24.org and the MLA 2024 app under Exhibit Hall Events and the MLA Annual Convention X feed (@MLAnews) for up-to-date information on exhibit booth activities.

MLA PubCentral

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

Visit PubCentral for everything related to MLA publications. Score discounts on the latest MLA titles, grab free *MLA International Bibliography* swag, and learn about content updates to *MLA Handbook Plus*.

General Books. All paperback titles are discounted 50%, and free shipping is offered on all domestic orders.

MLA Handbook. Flip through multiple bindings of the ninth edition or chat with our library sales manager about our subscription-based digital resource.

Reception. Join us on Friday, 5 January, at 4:30 p.m. for the *MLA International Bibliography's* annual wine and cheese reception.

Popcorn! Need a snack to power through the rest of Saturday afternoon? Grab some popcorn at MLA PubCentral from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.



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ON-SITE RESOURCES

Accessibility

The MLA is committed to making arrangements that allow all members of the association to participate in the convention.

Accessibility Desks (Access@mla.org)

PCC, Grand Hall, Level 2
Marriott, Lobby Level
Loews, Lobby Level

These desks will be staffed with personnel who can assist convention attendees.

Accessible Transportation

SEPTA provides information about their accessible transportation services (www5.septa.org/travel/accessibility/). In addition, convention registrants who need accessible transportation during the convention are eligible to be reimbursed up to \$150 for rides taken between official MLA locations during convention hours (4–7 January 2024). Order taxis, including wheelchair accessible vehicles, through 215-Get-a-Cab, or reserve a ride through Uber or Lyft to request wheelchair-accessible rides (WAV). Receipts must include the travel date, time, and cost as well as the pickup and drop-off locations. Send your reimbursement request and receipts by 22 January to Stacey Courtney (scourtney@mla.org).

All-Gender/All-Access Restrooms

In addition to wheelchair-accessible restrooms in all venues, there are multi-stall, all-gender wheelchair-accessible restrooms in the Marriott (Level 5) and the PCC (Level 2). Single-occupant restrooms are available in the Loews and Marriott. Visit MLA headquarters offices for details.

American Sign Language Interpretation and CART

Sign language interpretation and real-time captioning at the convention are scheduled based on requests received by 14 November. Visit the accessibility desks or write to access@mla.org during the convention for a list of sessions where ASL interpretation or CART will be provided. If resources are available, the convention office will make every effort to accommodate late requests. Visit an MLA headquarters office (Marriott, Conference Suite III, Level 3, or Loews, Franklin, 3rd floor) for on-site requests.

Convention sessions that take place online will be set for automated captioning or automated transcription. You may adjust these settings as desired on your own screen (click the CC box at the bottom of your screen for your options).

Childcare Reimbursement

MLA members who are registered for the convention and use childcare services are eligible for reimbursement (up to \$400). Members should submit a request for reimbursement, along with supporting documentation such as a receipt from a

childcare service, no later than 28 January 2024 to Karin Bagnall (kbagnall@mla.org).

Friends of Bill W.

Room 502 in the Marriott (Level 5) is set aside for the Friends of Bill W. throughout convention hours. Meetings are scheduled on 5 January (5:15–6:15 p.m.) and 6 January (3:00–4:00 p.m.).

Lactation Rooms

Room 404 in the Marriott (Level 4), Room C in the Loews (Floor 1M in low-rise elevators), and a Mamava pod in the PCC (Level 2) are available during meeting hours for those who require them. Download the Mamava app to locate and access available Mamava pods.

Meeting Rooms

Meeting rooms at the convention are accessible by elevator, and the doors are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs. Each meeting room has been set with empty spaces for wheelchair and scooter users. Please do not move chairs into these spaces. Please keep these areas and the aisles clear; space should be left around the doors and aisles to allow access.

Quiet Room

We invite convention attendees to drop in to P1 in the Loews (3rd floor), a quiet space removed from traffic and noise. We ask that visitors to this room arrive fragrance-free and keep any discussion to a minimum and at a low volume.

Scooter Rental

To navigate the convention more easily, attendees can rent scooters in advance from Scootaround (888 441-7575 or scootaround.com/en/2024-mla-annual-convention).

Service Animals

There are public parks at 12th and Chestnut Streets, North 15th and Market Streets, and North 15th and Filbert Streets that can be used for pet relief.

Sessions

Speakers are encouraged to upload their presentations to *CORE*, the MLA's open-access repository, and are asked to bring five copies of their papers, even in draft form, for the use of members who wish to follow the written text. Speakers who use handouts should prepare some copies in a large-print format (14- to 16-point type size). Speakers should indicate whether they want their papers and handouts returned.

Wheelchair-Accessible Entrances

Marriott. Hotel's main entrance on Filbert Street and the Level 3 bridge that connects to the PCC

Loews. 12th Street entrance, near the valet parking and closest to the elevators

PCC. The Marriott connector bridge and the Market Street entrance

Business Center

Marriott, Fed Ex for Business (Lobby Level, Pantry side) and Packages (Lobby Level, Concierge side)

4–5 January: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

6 January: 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

7 January: 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., packages only

Loews, Fed Ex Business Center (Lobby Level, near valet parking)

4–5 January: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

6 January: 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

7 January: 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Headquarters Offices

Marriott (Conference Suite III, Level 3)

Loews (Franklin, 3rd floor)

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

Housing Desk

At the MLA registration and welcome center (PCC, Level 2)

Internet Access by Hotel Guests

Guests who booked their rooms through the MLA housing service will receive free Internet access in their rooms. Access details will be provided 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

PCC. MLA welcome center, Grand Hall, Level 2

Marriott. MLA headquarters office, Conference Suite III, Level 3

Loews. MLA headquarters office, Franklin, 3rd floor

COVID-19 Safety Protocols

The MLA is dedicated to ensuring to the best of our ability the health and safety of convention participants. To that end, we ask that all convention attendees, exhibitors, and visitors attest to our COVID-19 safety protocols. Visit www.mla.org/COVID-19 to view the protocols. Thank you for your help in keeping your fellow attendees and the members of the venue staff safe.

Graduate Student Lounge

Marriott, Conference Suite II, Level 3

4 January, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
5–6 January, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
7 January, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Members' Lounges

PCC, Ballroom Level

Loews, Millennium Hall, 2nd floor

Membership Desk

MLA registration and welcome center, PCC, Grand Hall, Level 2

Online Session Viewing Room

Marriott, Grand E, Level 5

Press Office

Marriott, 301, Level 3

Print Copies of the Program

A limited number of copies of the Program will be available for purchase for \$30 at the registration and welcome center.

Registration and Welcome Center

PCC (Grand Hall, Level 2)

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

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



Philadelphia Information and Restaurant Suggestions

If you are looking for suggestions for restaurants, bars, or must-do activities, visit the Philadelphia Information booth near the MLA registration and welcome center (PCC, Level 2).

Speaker Ready Room

Marriott, 405, Level 4

Transportation in Philadelphia

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). Philadelphia's transportation system includes buses, train lines, and trolley lines (www5.septa.org/).

Bike Share. Indego is an app-based bike-sharing option in Philadelphia.

MLA VENUES AND HOTELS



1 Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

1201 Market St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107

2 Loews Philadelphia Hotel

1200 Market St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107

3 The Notary Hotel, Philadelphia, Autograph Collection

21 North Juniper St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107

4 Residence Inn Philadelphia Center City

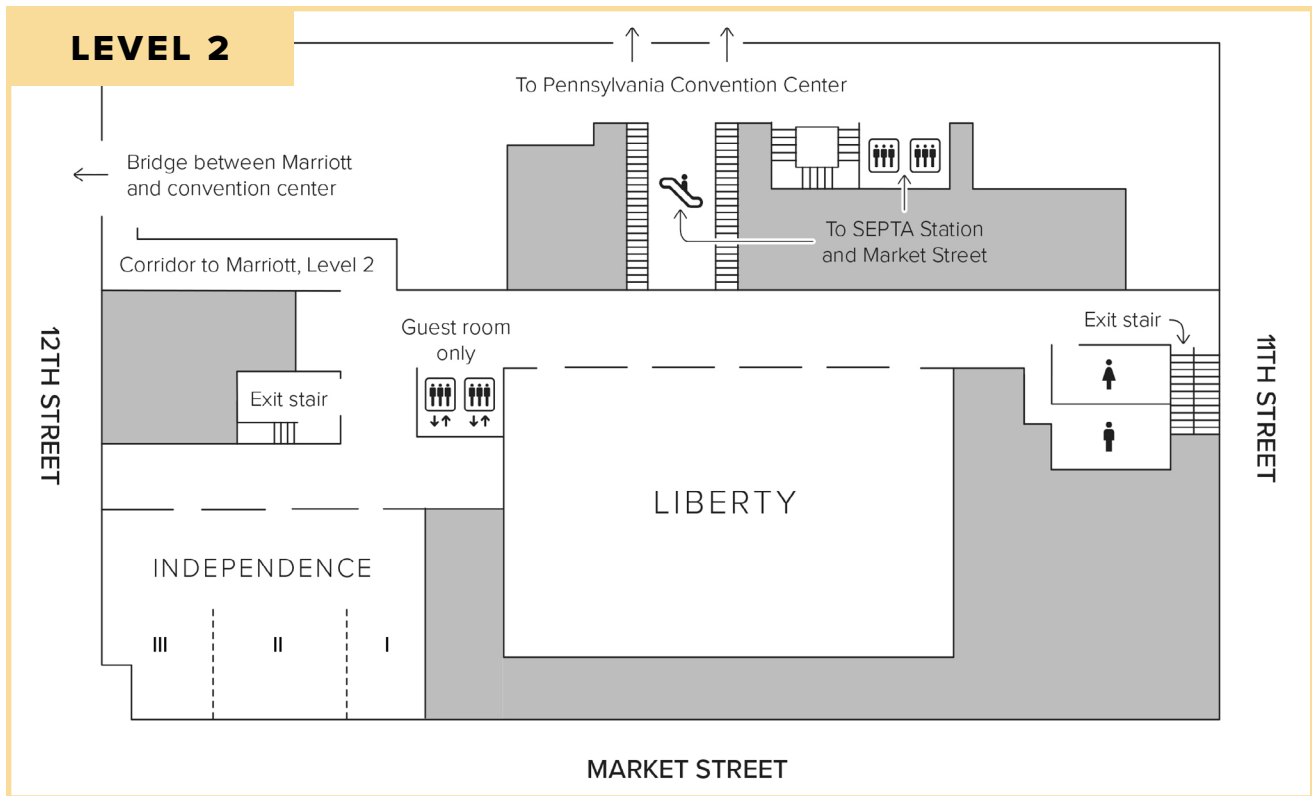
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Philadelphia, PA 19107



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PHILADELPHIA MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN



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SERVICE AREAS

- 1 MLA headquarters office (Conference Suite III, Level 3)
- 2 Graduate student lounge (Conference Suite II, Level 3)
- 3 Press office (301, Level 3)
- 4 Speaker ready room (405, Level 4)
- 5 Lactation room (404, Level 4)
- 6 Friends of Bill W. (502, Level 5)
- 7 Online session viewing room (Grand E, Level 5)

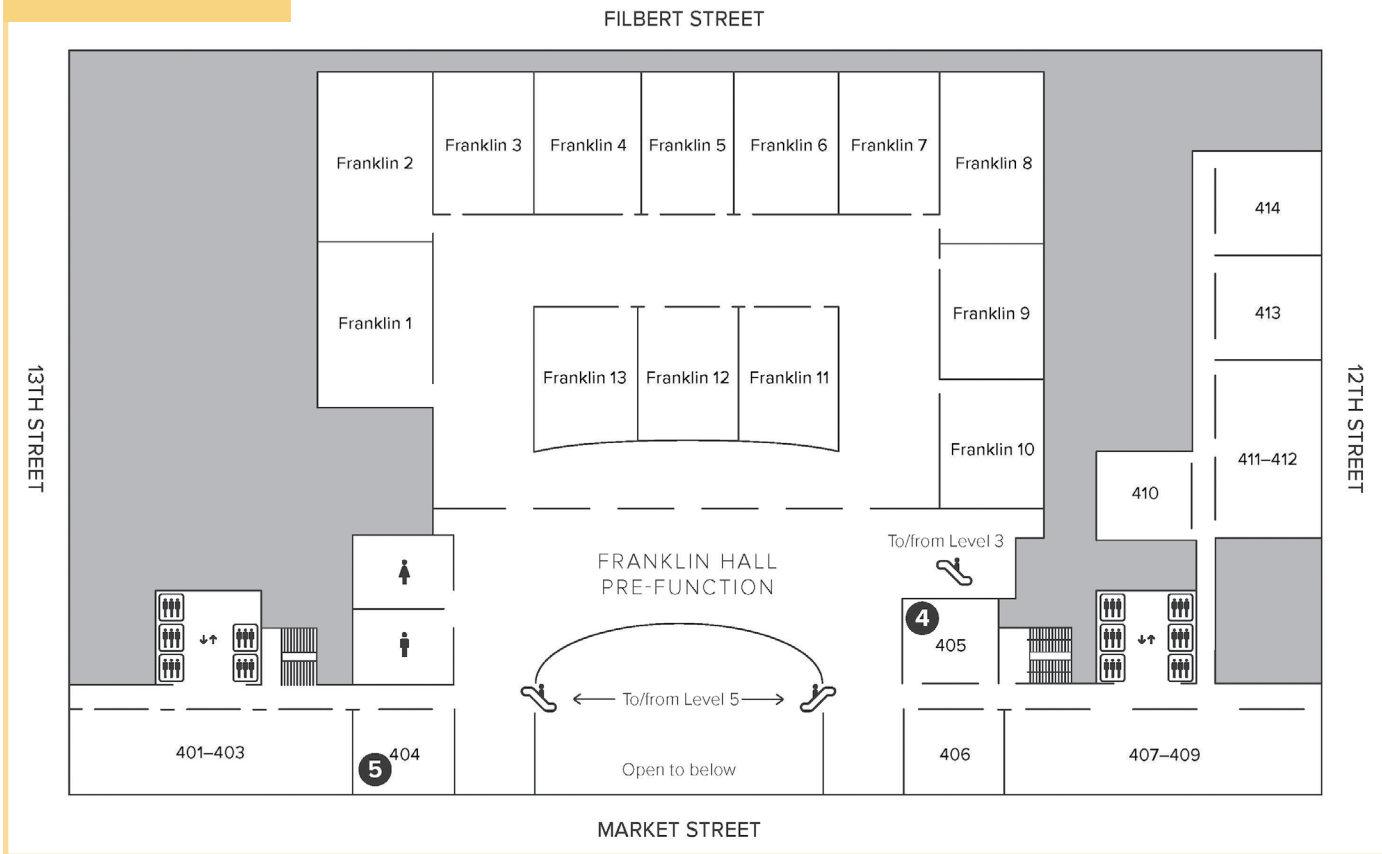
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 Liberty
 401-414
 Grand A-L
 Franklin 1-13

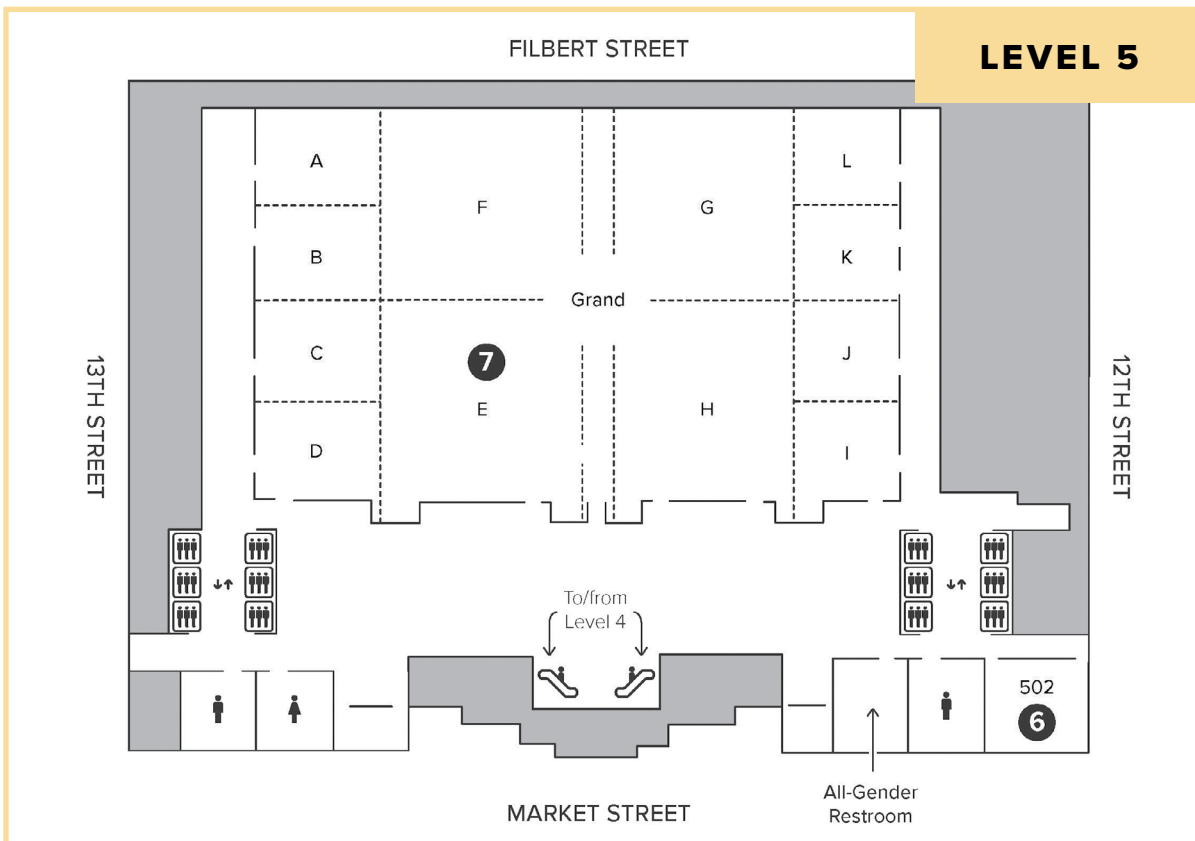
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LEVEL 4



LEVEL 5

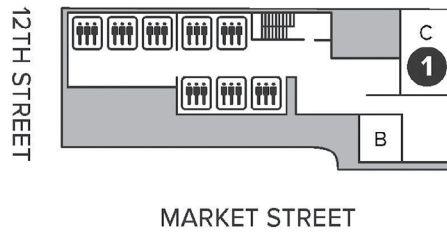


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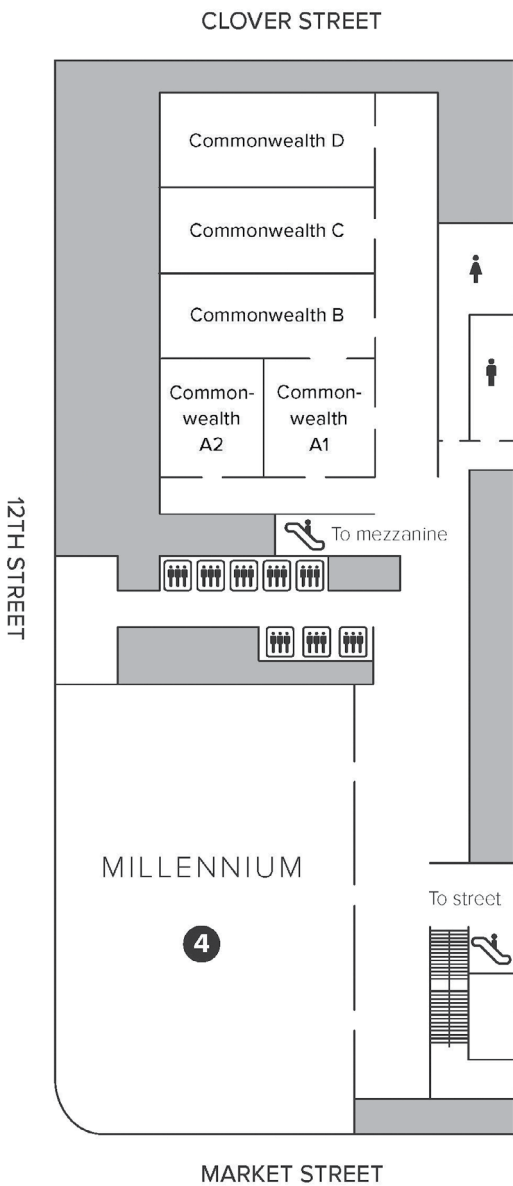


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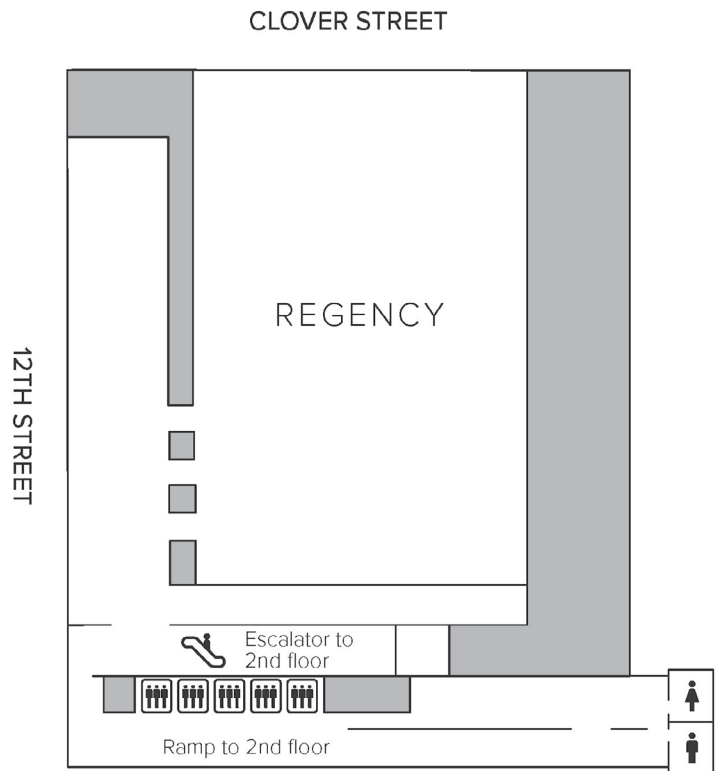
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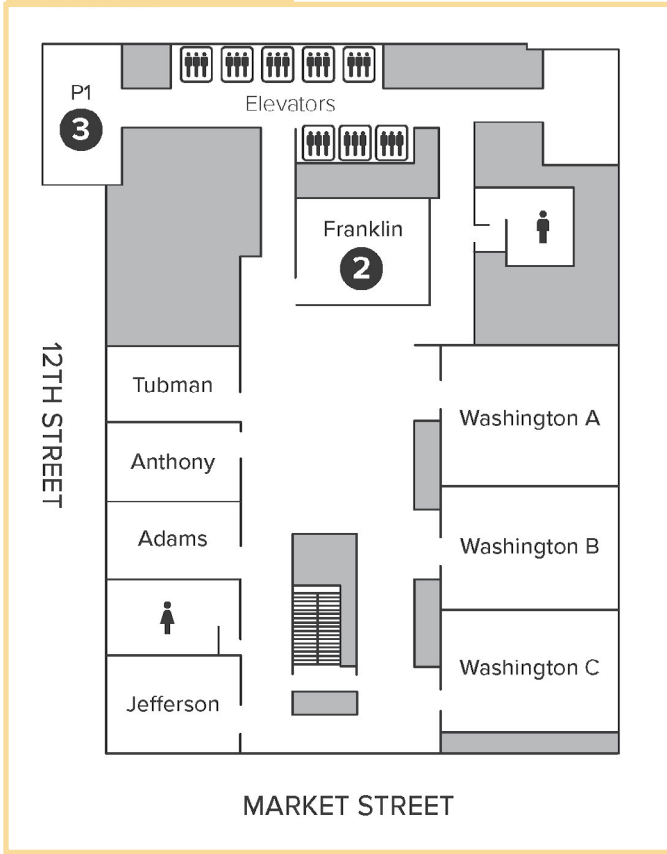
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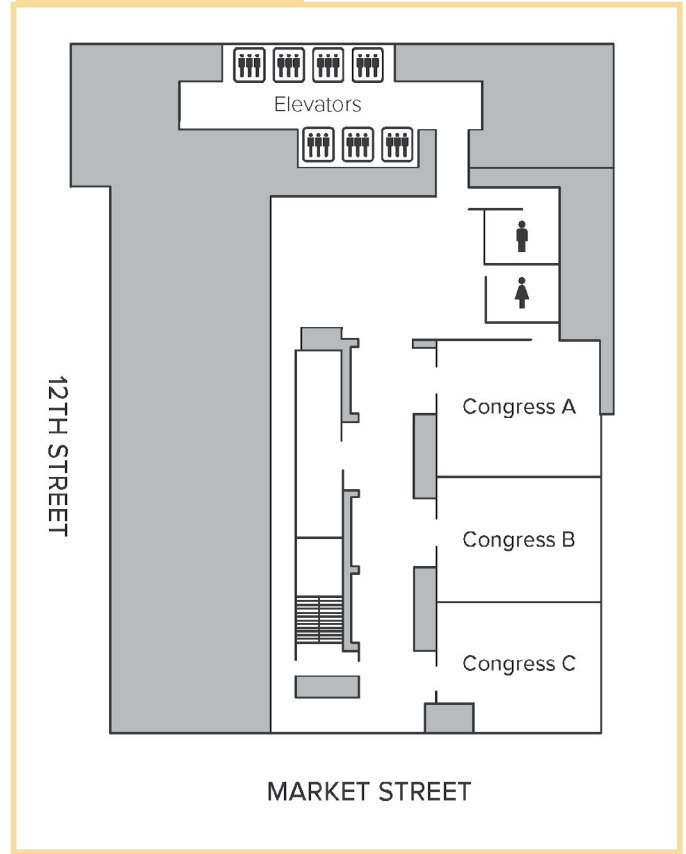
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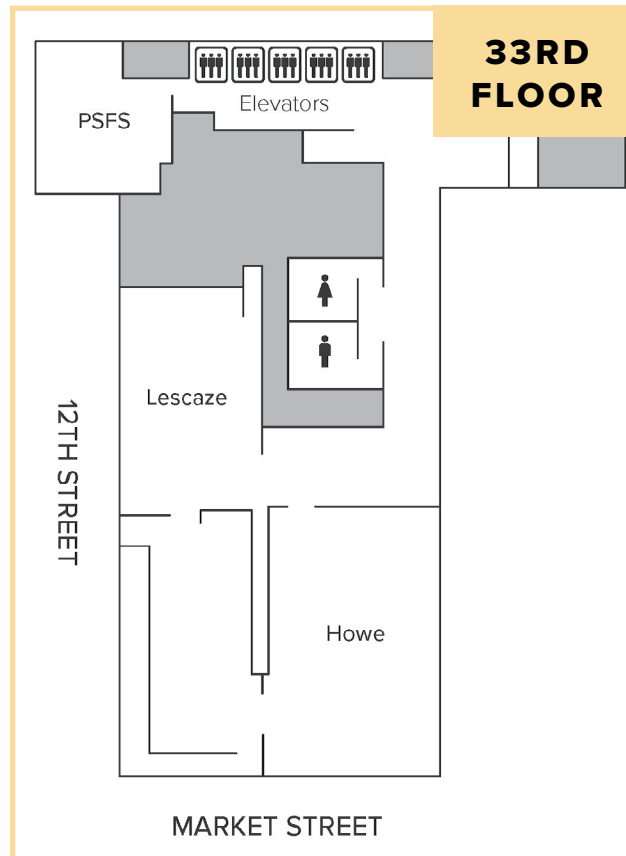
SERVICE AREAS

- ❶ Lactation room (Room C, Floor 1M)
- ❷ MLA headquarters office (Franklin, 3rd floor)
- ❸ Quiet room (P1, 3rd floor)
- ❹ Members' lounge (Millennium Hall, 2nd floor)

MEETING ROOMS

Adams
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 Commonwealth A1, A2, B, C, D
 Congress A, B, C
 Howe
 Jefferson
 Lescaze
 PSFS
 Regency
 Tubman
 Washington A, B, C

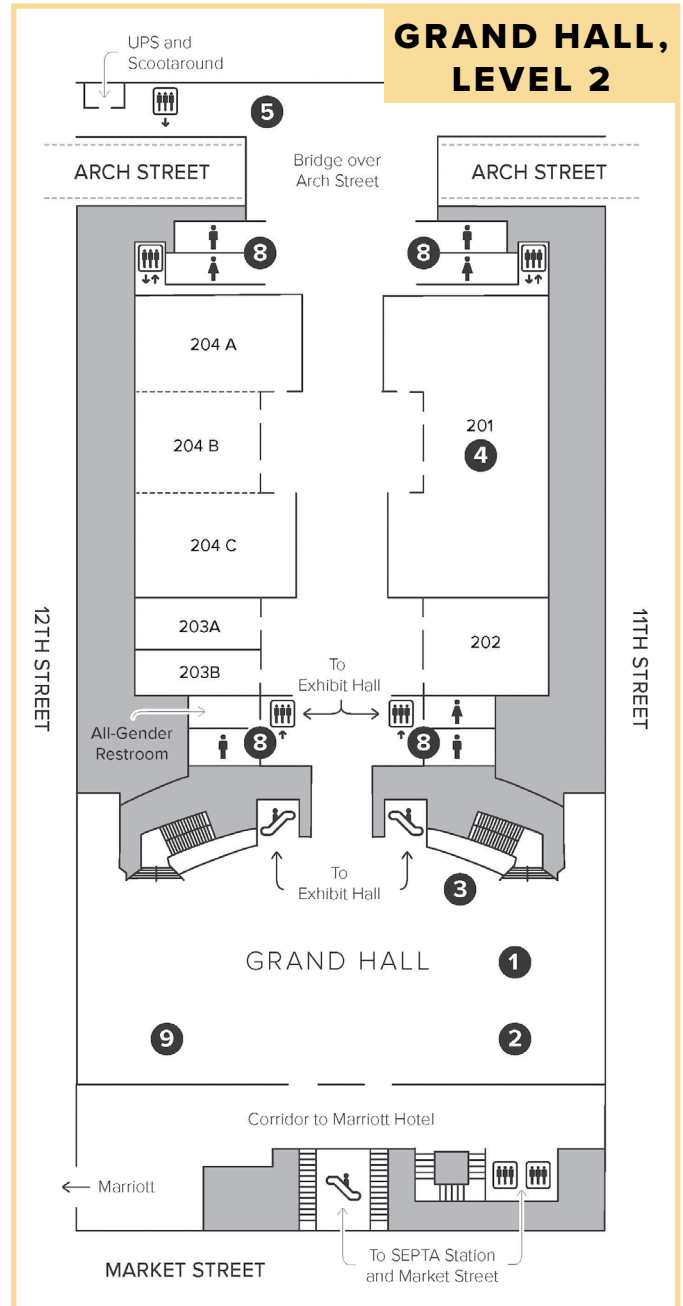
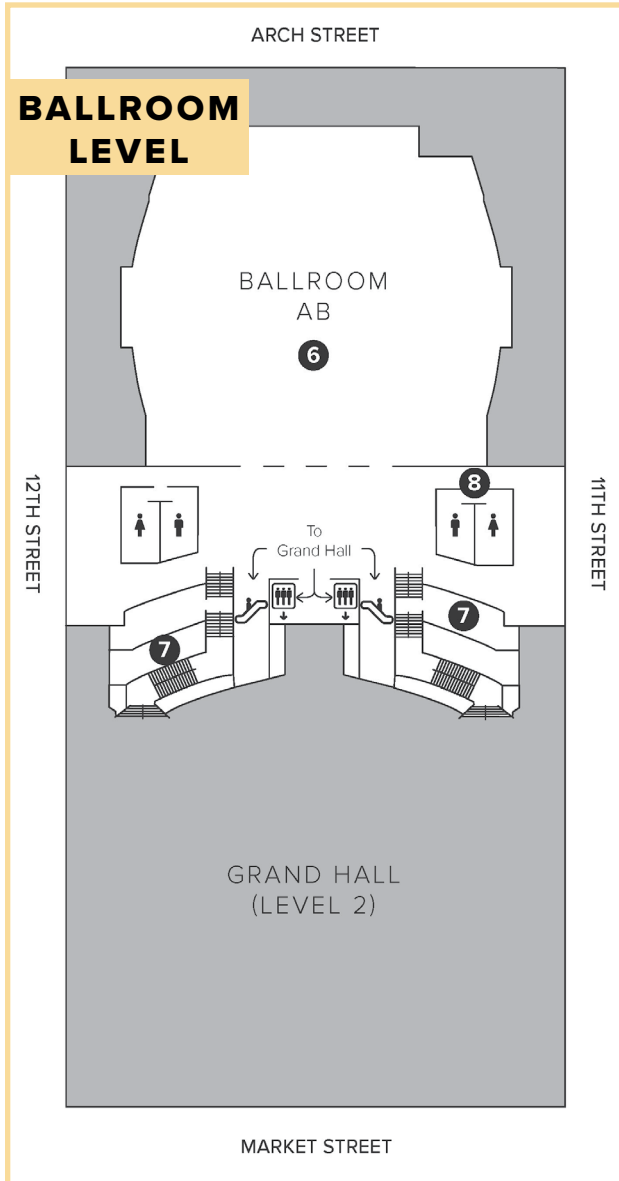
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PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION CENTER



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MLA SERVICE AREAS

- 1 Registration and welcome center (Grand Hall, Level 2)
- 2 Accessibility desk (Grand Hall, Level 2)
- 3 Book prize display (Grand Hall, Level 2)
- 4 Professional Development Hub (201, Level 2)
- 5 Mamava pod (near Arch Street Bridge, Level 2)

- 6 Exhibit hall (Ballroom AB, Ballroom Level)
- 7 Members' lounge (Ballroom Prefunction, Ballroom Level)
- 8 Water bottle refill stations
- 9 Exhibit: *Sikiliza My Body Speaks to You*

MEETING ROOMS

201, 202, 203A, 203B, 204A, 204B, 204C
Ballroom AB

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.

Behaviors that are unacceptable at the MLA convention include

- harassment or intimidation based on gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, physical appearance, ethnicity, religion, or other group identity
- sexual harassment or intimidation, including unwelcome sexual attention, stalking (physical or virtual), or unsolicited physical contact
- shouting down or threatening speakers

Speakers are asked to frame discussions as openly and inclusively as possible and to be aware of how language or images may be perceived by others. Attendees may exercise their option to leave a session or a conversation. Exhibitors must follow all MLA exhibits rules, regulations, and policies.

All attendees are expected to follow these guidelines in all convention venues, including online venues, and at convention social events. Attendees asked to stop a hostile or harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. Please report any physical assault or threats to the local police department.

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

Photography and Recording of Sessions

The MLA will be photographing and recording a number of sessions taking place during the convention, so attendees' audio, video, or written participation in the convention may be recorded, and attendees may be photographed as part of this event. Session recordings will be available to convention registrants through the online convention platform. The MLA's recordings and photographs from the convention will also be used to share the work of members and the atmosphere of the convention with a broader public. It is a violation of MLA policy for individuals to record either audio or video of presentations or sessions. Occasional exceptions may be made for members of the media taping short segments designed to convey the convention atmosphere. Such arrangements must be made in advance through

the director of outreach and require the consent of all speakers at a session. When taping is approved, a representative of the media staff must be present during the session. The session organizer will announce to the audience that audio- or video-taping will take place during a part of the session. Only background taping is allowed, not the taping of an entire session. Requests to use brief recorded elements as part of a creative or documentary project should be sent to press@mla.org.

Badges

Badges are required for admission to convention sessions, the exhibit hall, and the MLA Professional Development Hub. Badge holders are available at the MLA registration and welcome centers, where attendees can also replace lost badges for \$25.

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 conventionupdates@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; the pass is valid only to hear a presentation given by that speaker at a single session. The speaker must request the pass at the MLA registration and welcome center on the day of the session, before the center closes. The guest must accompany the speaker to obtain the pass and must agree to the MLA COVID-19 health and safety protocols (www.mla.org/COVID-19). Only registered convention speakers may request passes.

Guest Passes to the Exhibit Hall

Persons who are not registered for the convention may obtain a one-day pass to the exhibit hall. All guests must agree to the MLA COVID-19 health and safety protocols (www.mla.org/COVID-19). Passes are available at the exhibitor information booth (PCC, Ballroom Level).

Identification

You may need to have a government-issued photo ID when you check in to your hotel.

The MLA's Policies against Discrimination and Harassment

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. Read the MLA's full policies at www.mla.org/Discrimination-Harassment-Policies.

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

Reading in Absentia

Sessions at the 2024 convention will take place either in person or online. To encourage discussion and dialogue among panelists and attendees at convention sessions, reading in absentia (whether by videoconferencing, audio delivery, or presentation by surrogates) is not normally permitted at sessions taking place in person. 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 Philadelphia.

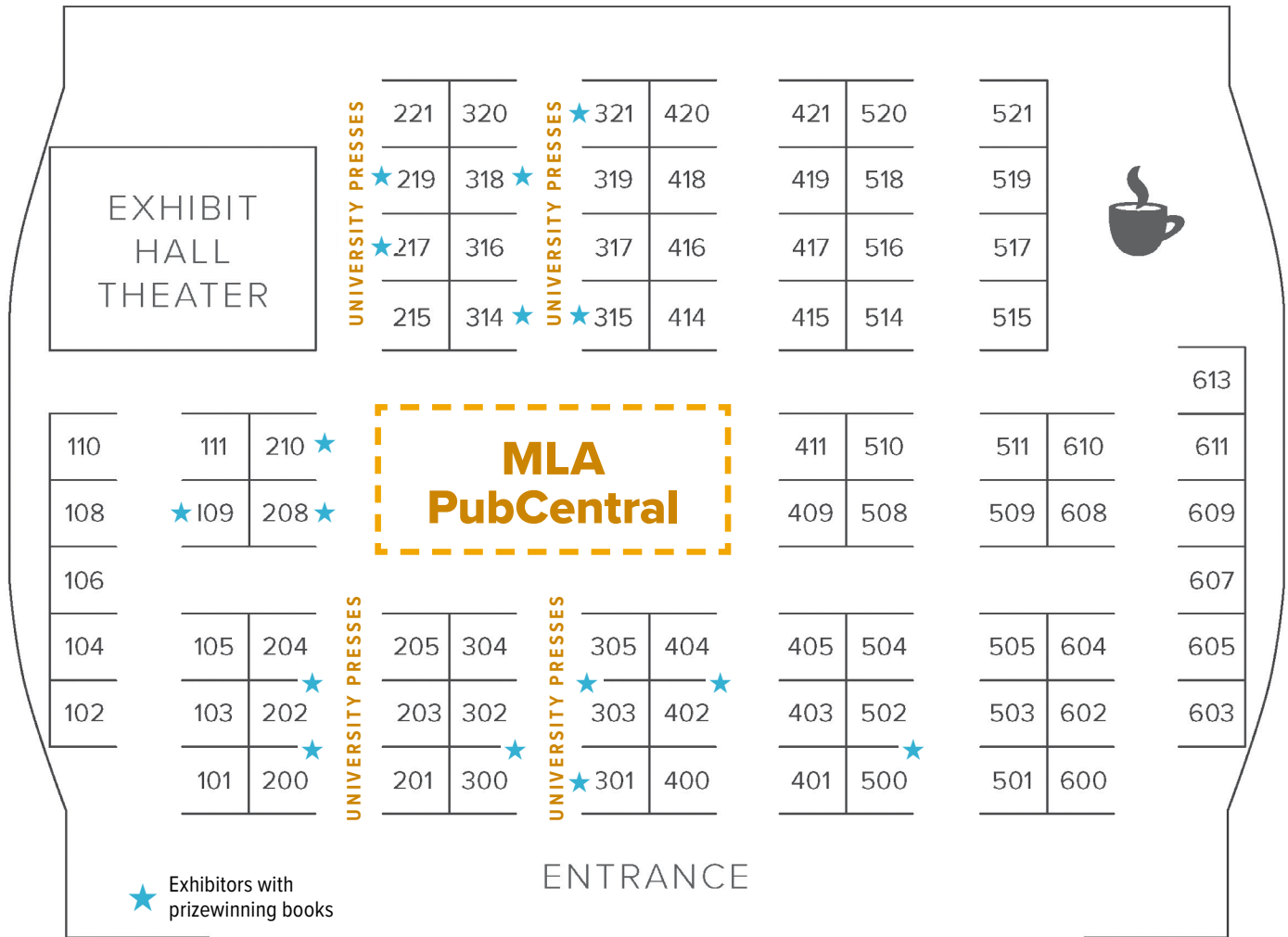


REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR BADGE!



EXHIBIT HALL MAP

PCC, BALLROOM AB, BALLROOM LEVEL



★ Exhibitors with prizewinning books

BOOTH	EXHIBITOR	BOOTH	EXHIBITOR	BOOTH	EXHIBITOR
316	ACMRS Press	603	French Embassy in the United States	321	Northwestern University Press ★
501	American Psychological Association, APA Style	508	Gale	418	np:
105	Amherst College Press	101	HarperCollins Publishers	304	NYU Press
416	Arte Público Press	516	Ingram Academic and Professional	414	Ohio State University Press
514	ArtMattan Films	503	Johns Hopkins University Press	314	Oxford University Press ★
401	Bedford St. Martin's / Macmillan Learning	111	Klett World Languages	600, 602	Penguin Random House Education
402, 404	Bloomsbury Academic ★	Online only	Lexington Books	210	University of Pennsylvania Press ★
517	Broadview Press	515	Lingopie	415	Peter Lang Group
320	Bucknell University Press	Online only	Liverpool University Press	300, 302	Princeton University Press ★
303, 305	Cambridge University Press ★	109	Louisiana State University Press	505	Project MUSE
200, 202, 204	University of Chicago Press ★	400	Macmillan Publishers	105	Punctum Books
315	Columbia University Press ★	215	University of Massachusetts Press	318	Rutgers University Press ★
219	Cornell University Press ★	411	McFarland	509, 511	Stanford University Press
510	DeGruyter	301	University of Minnesota Press ★	317	SUNY Press
320	University of Delaware Press	PubCentral	Modern Language Association	219	Syracuse University Press
203, 205	Duke University Press	419	National Federation of Modern Language Teachers Associations (NFLTA)	208	University of Toronto Press ★
409	EBSCO Information Services	417	New York Review Books	109	University of Virginia Press ★
319	Edinburgh University Press	217	University of North Carolina Press ★	518	Winston Lewis Publishing
				500, 502	W. W. Norton ★
				201	Yale University Press