

# THE COLLEGE LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION



**February 20, 2024**

Dear Esteemed CLA Colleague,

The countdown is on to our 82<sup>nd</sup> CLA Convention, “In Search of Justice: Language, Literature, & The Activist Spirit,” April 10-13, 2024 in Memphis, Tennessee! We are excited to bring our members home to our Founding City at our host venue, the Hilton Memphis. Highlighting our Founding location, member presentations, and other special events, we will welcome our Banquet’s Keynote Speaker, native Memphian, writer and cultural critic Dr. Zandria F. Robinson.

We are especially excited to release the draft of the [2024 Convention Program](#) below! The CLA Program Committee and Membership Engagement team have been working diligently to curate an experience that all will enjoy. You responded to this year’s theme with thoughtful scholarship, dialogues in pedagogy and digital humanities, diasporic engagement and creative work, along with plans for fellowship the CLA way and many exciting events.

Arrive on Wednesday, April 10 to participate in our Pre-Convention Founding Tour of LeMoyne-Owen College with luncheon. \*Even if you have already registered, you may add the tour a la carte at <https://www.clascholars.org/tourform>. Also note the World Languages Presents lecture by Dr. Dorothy Mosby and the screening of our CLA member-produced documentary, followed by a panel featuring our current President Dr. Jervette Ward and past president Dr. Dana Williams, along with distinguished members. As always, our Keynote Banquet and Homecoming-themed Presidential Afterparty will keep you engaged and entertained until the end!

Remember that all [members](#) of CLA must be registered for the convention via the [2024 Convention Registration form](#) no later than **March 15, 2024 in order to participate in Convention events. There will be NO onsite convention registration.** The CLA Convention Rate at Hilton Memphis, 939 Ridge Lake Boulevard, Memphis, TN, is \$156/night + tax. Book via the CLA website or call 901-684-6664 (code JFR922). Also, see our Convention Page for a flight discount code on Delta Airlines.

Please visit the [CLA website](#) and follow our social media for the latest Convention updates. In the spirit of CLA Family, contributions toward our [Underfunded Students and Faculty Fund](#) are still welcomed to support travel and participation.

We look forward to seeing you in Memphis!

Sincerely,

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