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Dear College Language Association Members,

The CLA family is honored to invite you to its 80th Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, hosted by the University of Memphis. It is said that the 80th anniversary means “unconquerable and enduring.” Indeed, this describes our organization for it has a rich legacy and spirit that embraces new members and honors its longstanding members, both integral parts of the CLA family. So I invite you to participate in the 2020 convention and explore the conference theme, **Afrofuturism: Diasporic Visions**.

As you mingle with friends at the convention, take time to discover Memphis with its steep roots in African American history. One can visit historic sites such as the National Civil Rights Museum and the Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum. It is also home of the blues and birthplace of rock and roll, where you can explore the STAX Museum of American Soul, Graceland and stroll down historic Beale Street. The dates of the convention are **April 1 – 4, 2020**. So come a day earlier or stay a day later to explore the rich offerings of Memphis.

Paper, panel and special session proposal submissions must be submitted **ONLINE** via the CLA website. See the Call for Papers for the 2020 convention on the CLA website for details (www.clascholars.org). **All submissions must be received by September 15, 2019.**

Please share the news about the 2020 CLA convention with your colleagues, students and friends and encourage them to submit a paper or panel proposal. See you in Memphis!

Best regards,

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