

THE COLLEGE LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION



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Dear College Language Association Members:

The CLA will celebrate our 80th anniversary at our 77th convention, and our theme, “**Interdisciplinary Studies and Diversity in Languages and Literatures**,” should inspire everyone! Many of us work closely with (or have our degrees in) interdisciplinary fields such as American Studies, Africana Studies, and Women’s Studies, so this call for papers might even invite us to welcome colleagues to their first ever CLA convention. Keep in mind that first-time attendees whose papers have been accepted are eligible to apply for a fee waiver. (See and share the enclosed form for details about the application.)

We will meet for the first time in **Columbia, Missouri**—the birth state of Langston Hughes—on **April 5-8, 2017**. Individual paper abstracts or proposals for roundtable discussions or workshops should be submitted to the appropriate area representative. Email proposals for papers in the area of English language/ literature to **Dr. Jervette Ward**, English Area Representative, at Englishrep@clascholars.org and email proposals for papers in the area of world languages/ literature, to **Dr. Matthew Pettway**, Foreign Language Area Representative, at Foreignrep@clascholars.org. **Only** the special sessions, i.e. those from the standing CLA committees and the allied organizations (listed on the Call for Abstracts Poster), will be submitted to **Dr. Donna Akiba Sullivan Harper**, Vice President and Program Chair, at Vicepresident@clascholars.org. **All submissions should be received by September 15, 2016**. In addition to the title and the abstract, submissions should include a brief biographical paragraph showing academic affiliation and email addresses for all participants. Please include at least three **KEY WORDS** for your submission, to help us with assigning panels for individual abstracts that are accepted. If A/V equipment is *essential* to your presentation, you must request such equipment when submitting your abstract. No accommodation can be made for late requests.

We are excited about our revitalized *CLA Journal*, and our *CLAJ* editor, Dr. Sandra Shannon, and her advisory editors will be listening to the papers presented, scouting good papers for inclusion in upcoming issues of the *Journal*. (See her enclosed letter.)

We encourage you to keep up with us on Facebook, and please share the Call for Abstracts with colleagues, students, and friends. We will post a translated Call for Abstracts in French, Spanish, German, and Portuguese on our website at: www.clasholars.org. See you in Columbia, Missouri!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Akiba Sullivan Harper".

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