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Dear College Language Association Members:

The CLA will visit the “Windy City” for our 78th Convention, hosted by DePaul University, and our theme is “**Native Sons/ Daughters and Immigrants in the Black Metropolis.**” Banquet Speaker Haki Mabhubuti will surely connect us to the late Gwendolyn Brooks, a great voice for Bronzeville. The Langston Hughes Society Luncheon Speaker, Nikky Finney, will no doubt channel Hughes, whose *Chicago Defender* column gave birth to Jesse B. Semple. Of course, Richard Wright and his canonic *Native Son* will be remembered during our convention. Sociologists St. Clair Drake and Horace Cayton’s two-volume *The Black Metropolis* remains a classic study of this major city. The possibilities of panels, papers, and conversations in this convention will be myriad. You don’t want to miss it, so join us in **Chicago, Illinois, on April 4-7, 2018**, at the Holiday Inn, Chicago-Mart!

We are excited to implement ONLINE paper/panel submission forms this year. Individual paper abstracts or proposals for roundtable discussions or workshops should be submitted to the appropriate Area Representative. **All submissions should be received by October 15, 2017.**

Submit proposals for papers in the area of English Language/ Literature to <https://goo.gl/forms/vRpWRbRaOOkMLsmJ3> and address any questions to **Dr. Sharon Lynette Jones**, English Area Representative, at Englishrep@clascholars.org.

Submit proposals for papers in the area of World Languages/ Literature, to <https://goo.gl/forms/iYyrw2BCNip4dxhX2> and address any questions to **Dr. Matthew Pettway**, World Languages Area Representative, at WorldLangRep@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 <https://goo.gl/forms/1K7oqiHud5Dzw0Rj1> with any questions addressed to **Dr. Donna Akiba Sullivan Harper**, Vice President and Program Chair, at Vicepresident@clascholars.org.

If you have technical issues with our new electronic submission form, please contact our new CLA Public Relations Director, Dr. Jervette R. Ward, at contact@clascholars.org. Yes, we are moving CLA into the digital era! We encourage you to keep up with us on Facebook and on our website. Please free to share the Call for Abstracts with colleagues, students, and friends. See you in Chicago!!

Sincerely,

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