

# THE COLLEGE LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION



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September 10, 2018

Dear CLA Family:

We hope you and those you love have remained safe and healthy since we saw you last. For those who attended our robust Chicago conference, we hope you have sustained new collegial relationships that were birthed in the Windy City. We look forward to seeing you next in Raleigh, North Carolina, for our 79<sup>th</sup> Convention April 10 – 13, 2019. Our theme of “Expanding Narratives” should inspire many fascinating presentations. We are happy to return to the Raleigh-Durham area, having enjoyed a successful conference in Durham in 1994. We are grateful to North Carolina Central University in Durham for hosting us, led by Dr. Marco Polo Hernández Cuevas. The banquet speaker will be Dr. M’bare N’gom. With his global scholarship and expertise in African diasporic topics, he should provide great food for thought as our CLA banquet speaker. We look forward to hearing him.

This year is the first year that our “summer mailing” has been sent exclusively by electronic means. As our organization develops in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we look forward to adapting methods that will continue to allow us to thrive. However, since some members may not check their email as frequently as others, we urge you to share this information with all of your CLA contacts and with colleagues, students, and friends who will enjoy joining us in Raleigh-Durham in April. Check the website for updates!

Once again, you will submit abstracts for panels and for individual presentations via the Google Forms listed on the Call for Papers. As we move forward with our electronic techniques, please note that the conference program online will be adjusted to reflect last-minute changes. Take advantage of our website.

Our convention weekend, April 10-13, is a very busy one in the Raleigh-Durham area, so please make hotel reservations as soon as possible. The Hilton North Raleigh Midtown is a fabulous location.

The College Language Association, founded in 1937, depends upon you to sustain your membership, tell colleagues about the organization, and cite our articles in CLAJ. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Donna Akiba Sullivan Harper, Ph.D.

President, College Language Association

Fuller E. Callaway Professor of English, Spelman College

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July 16, 2018

Dear College Language Association Members:

The CLA family is honored to invite you to its 79<sup>th</sup> Convention in Raleigh, North Carolina, hosted by North Carolina Central University (NCCU). Durham and NCCU have a rich legacy in African American history. It is the perfect location to explore our conference theme: **1619 <Expanding Narratives> 2019**. NCCU, the nation's first publicly funded liberal arts college for African Americans, has an impressive Art museum and top-rated degree programs. The city of Durham is steeped in African American history—just explore the Stagville neighborhood noted for its rich legacy. We anticipate a plethora of excellent panels, papers and special sessions. So please join us in Raleigh, **North Carolina, April 10-13, 2019** for a conference not to be missed.

Paper, panel and special session proposal submissions are again **ONLINE** this year. Individual paper/panel abstracts, or proposals for roundtable discussions or workshops should be submitted to the appropriate Area Representative listed below.

**Deadline: All submissions should be received by October 10, 2018.**

Submit proposals for papers in the area of English Language/Literature to <https://goo.gl/forms/u9nmCNrbdKKIcTlj1> and address any questions to Dr. Jervette R. Ward, English Area Representative, at [Englishrep@clascholars.org](mailto:Englishrep@clascholars.org).

Submit proposals for papers in the area of World Languages/Literature, to and address any questions to <https://goo.gl/forms/RlTrBgOiYwUI5vOI3> and address any questions to Dr. Rhonda Collier, World Languages Area Representative, at [WorldLangRep@clascholars.org](mailto:WorldLangRep@clascholars.org).

**Only** the **Special** Sessions, i.e., those from the Standing CLA Committees and Allied Organizations will be submitted to <https://goo.gl/forms/iRurGXysAWy4TuWs2> with any questions addressed to Dr. Yvonne E. McIntosh, Vice President and Program Chair, at [Vicepresident@clascholars.org](mailto:Vicepresident@clascholars.org).

If you have technical issues with the electric submission form, please contact the CLA Public Relations Director, Dr. Tyechia Lynn Thompson at [contact@clascholars.org](mailto:contact@clascholars.org). Please keep in touch with us on Facebook and on our website, [www.clascholars.org](http://www.clascholars.org). Please share the Call for Abstracts with your colleagues, students and friends. See you in North Carolina!!

Best regards,

Yvonne E. McIntosh, Ph.D.  
CLA Vice President and Program Chair  
Associate Dean, College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities & Associate Professor of French  
Florida A&M University

*Founded in 1937*



James E. Shepard, Founder

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27 July 2018

Dear CLA Members,

North Carolina Central University (NCCU), a Historically Black College and University (HBCU), is honored and excited to host the 2019 convention of the College Language Association (CLA) in Durham, North Carolina. The Host Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) is diligently working to make this a unique experience for all participants who honor us with their presence.

NCCU was founded in 1910 by Dr. James E. Shepard, a Durham pharmacist and religious educator. It opened as the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua for the Colored Race and declared its purpose to be “the development in young men and women of the character and sound academic training requisite for real service to the nation.”

One hundred and eighteen years after its founding, NCCU “with a strong tradition of teaching, research, and service, prepares students to become global leaders and practitioners who transform communities. Through a nationally recognized law school, highly acclaimed and innovative programs in visual and performing arts, sciences, business, humanities, and education programs, NCCU students are engaged problem solvers. Located in the Research Triangle, the University advances research in Africology (African and African Diaspora Studies), the biotechnological, biomedical, informational, computational, behavioral, social and health sciences. Our students enhance the quality of life of citizens and the economic development of North Carolina, the Nation, and the world.”

Dr. M’bare N’gom will be our keynote speaker. We are delighted that he accepted our invitation to join us at the conference. Native of Sénégal, Dr. N’gom studied at the University of Dakar (Sénégal), the Diplomatic School of Madrid (Spain) and the University of Paris-Sorbonne (France). Dr. N’gom is currently Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Morgan State University. He is an award-winning intellectual and author of the groundbreaking book, *Antología de la literatura afroperuana* (Anthology of Afro-Peruvian Literature, 2016). He is a renowned scholar in Francophone and Hispanophone cultures and literatures in Sub-Saharan West Africa and in the Afro-Americas.

We promise you an exciting and unique conference. And we look forward to welcoming you to Durham and NCCU.

Sincerely,

Marco Polo Hernández Cuevas, PhD  
Chair of the CLA Host Committee  
Professor of Spanish & Afro-Latin@ Studies  
Department of Language & Literature  
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## CLA 2019 Convention

April 11-13, 2019

Hosted by North Carolina Central University

**1619 < Expanding Narratives > 2019**

### Call for Papers

A dominant historical narrative cites 1619 as the year when the first group of nineteen Africans arrived in Jamestown, Virginia, as indentured servants, thereby beginning an interaction between African people and the Europeans who had begun to colonize the land already occupied by the indigenous people of this continent. However, other narratives focus on other places in what is now the United States, providing other dates of “arrival” and other legacies of interaction. Still other narratives examine other locations where African people arrived and impacted history and culture. The 2019 CLA convention invites you to expand the narratives and to testify about the ways our narratives shape our histories, our perspectives, and our relationships.

This theme should invite a variety of proposals, considering (but not limited to):

- Historical fiction—examining expanding narratives about the arrival and experiences of African people throughout the diaspora, examining representations of urban unrest, including the infamous Red Summer of 1919, etc.
- Explorations of emerging voices, such as the #MeToo and #TimesUp movements
- Digital humanities—using new material and making existing sources available in new ways
- Pedagogical changes—using social media and electronic devices to help students improve their rhetorical skills and expand the ways they represent their ideas
- Literary testimonials of the encounters between colonizers and those compelled to subject—until they resisted
- Explorations of the consequences of competing narratives, including colorism, naming historical sites, narratives of colonialism(s) in the modern world, reconstructing the forgotten/silenced.
- Representations of race, colonialism, and resistance in world literatures
- Speculative fiction, including but not limited to the impact of Wakanda

**Abstracts are due October 10, 2018.**

# How to Submit Abstracts

**Only send your abstract to ONE of the following:**

Send individual abstracts and proposals for panels focused on **English** language and literature to:

[https://goo.gl/forms/u9nmCNrbdKKIcTlj1\\_](https://goo.gl/forms/u9nmCNrbdKKIcTlj1_)

Address questions to:

Dr. Jervette R. Ward, English Area Representative

[EnglishRep@CLAScholars.org](mailto:EnglishRep@CLAScholars.org)

Send individual abstracts and proposals for panels focused on **World Languages** and literature topics to:

<https://goo.gl/forms/RlTrBgOiYwUI5vOI3>

Address questions to:

Dr. Rhonda Collier, World Languages Area Representative

[WorldLangRep@CLAScholars.org](mailto:WorldLangRep@CLAScholars.org)

ONLY **Allied Organizations** and **CLA Standing Committees** should send panel proposals to:

[https://goo.gl/forms/iRurGXYSAWy4TuWs2\\_](https://goo.gl/forms/iRurGXYSAWy4TuWs2_)

Address questions to:

Dr. Yvonne McIntosh, CLA Vice President

[VicePresident@CLAScholars.org](mailto:VicePresident@CLAScholars.org)

If you have technical issues with our electronic submission form, please contact our CLA Public Relations Director, Dr. Tychia L. Thompson, [contact@CLAScholars.org](mailto:contact@CLAScholars.org)

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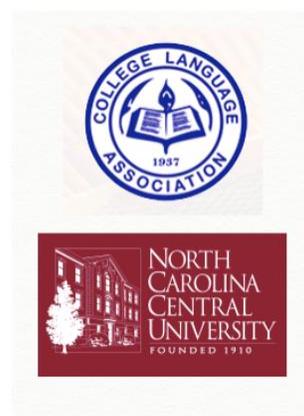
## Convention Location

## Hilton North Raleigh Midtown

3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC, 27609

**Room rate: \$149**

<https://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/north-carolina/hilton-raleigh-north-hills-RDUNHHF/index.html>



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## Call for Applications for the First-Time Attendee Registration Fee Waivers

Deadline: November 30, 2018

The College Language Association (CLA) offers the opportunity for a fee waiver for Convention registration costs to selected first-time Attendees, either faculty members or graduate students. (Undergraduate students are not eligible.) Recipients will represent various local and international geographic regions.

**Graduate Students:** Up to 2 graduate students attending the CLA Convention for the first time may receive Convention registration fee waivers to help defray expenses.

**Faculty:** Up to 2 faculty members attending the CLA Convention for the first time may receive Convention registration fee waivers to help defray expenses.

### Required Documents:

1. Submit CLA membership Form and pay fees for membership by October 31, 2018.
2. Submit an abstract for a paper (or panel participation) for the upcoming Convention. Use the standard Google form as shown in the CFP, but also repeat the abstract for this application.
3. Submit a brief biographical statement (micro-CV) of no more than one page.

Submit all materials via email attachments to **all three** of the following:

[Englishrep@clascholars.org](mailto:Englishrep@clascholars.org)

[WorldLangRep@CLAScholars.org](mailto:WorldLangRep@CLAScholars.org)

[VicePresident@CLAScholars.org](mailto:VicePresident@CLAScholars.org)

**Responsibilities of Winners:** Recipients of Fee Waivers must (1) attend the CLA Convention, and (2) attend the annual Convention Banquet to be recognized.

### Deadlines:

1. The applicant must be a CLA member by October 31, 2018.
2. The applicant must have submitted an abstract for a paper (or panel participation) using the Google form by the stated due date (October 10, 2018).
3. The applicant must submit the required documents via email by November 30, 2018.
4. The Selection Committee will notify winners of their selection by January 31, 2019.

# **THE COLLEGE LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION JOURNAL**



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**Dr. Sandra G. Shannon, Editor**  
[Editor@clascholars.org](mailto:Editor@clascholars.org)

## **CLAJ UPDATES** **Summer 2018**

### **CLAJ's Publishing Timeline:**

We are pleased to announce the publication of Issue 60.4 (June 2017): *Democratizing the Black Public Intellectual: The Writings of Ta-Nehisi Coates*. This beautifully bound Special Issue, guest edited by Drs. Michael Hill, Jessica Welburn, and Deborah Whaley, not only completes Volume 60, but it also marks the end of the *College Language Association Journal's* print publication.

### **Up Next . . .**

Beginning with the upcoming double issue of 61.1-2 (September-December 2017), *CLAJ* can be accessed at [clascholars.org](http://clascholars.org) as well as through its JSTOR and EBSCOhost affiliate databases. Included in each issue of Volume 61 will be clear and concise answers to a list of FAQs for authors and subscribers to acclimate them to *CLAJ's* transition to a digital platform.

### **Reminder and Plea to Adhere to CLAJ's Published Submission Guidelines:**

I use this opportunity to remind and beseech potential authors—on behalf of *CLAJ's* Editorial Board—to adhere strictly to Submission Guidelines published in the journal's frontmatter and attached here for your convenience. To do otherwise poses delays in the process, puts undue burdens upon Advisory Editors, and represents you unfavorably. Before pressing the "Send" button, make sure to include with the manuscript *all* required accompanying documents. Follow guidelines on proper formatting and minimum and maximum word count. Essays must also be faithful to the *CLAJ*-endorsed MLA style of documentation. Before submitting your essay for consideration, please do the work of proofreading it very carefully; Advisory Editors are not responsible for editing grammatical errors, misspelled words, or glaring omissions. Finally, keep in mind that current CLA membership remains a prerequisite to publication in *CLAJ*. This extends also to Guest Editors as well as to individual contributors whose work is accepted for publication in Special Issues. Just as a reminder, to become a candidate for *CLAJ's* prestigious Darwin T. Turner Essay Award, authors—and Guest Editors alike—must have proof of CLA membership.

### **Call for Applications for *CLAJ* Associate Editor:**

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Associate Editor of *the College Language Association Journal*, the official scholarly research publication of the College Language Association. Send applications and nominations (including self-nominations), along with a current CV and a statement addressing the nominee's qualifications in the areas noted on the attached advertisement to Dr. Sandra G. Shannon; Editor, *College Language Association Journal* at [editor@clascholars.org](mailto:editor@clascholars.org). The deadline for receipt of applications is 15 September 2018. Finalists will be interviewed by conference call during week of 1-6 October 2018. Upon the recommendation of the *CLAJ* Editorial Board and upon approval by the CLA Executive Board, the AE will be appointed for a renewable two-year term. For more information, see attached ad.

### **Call for Advisory Editors:**

*CLAJ* has immediate openings for Advisory Editors in the following areas:

- African Diaspora Studies
- Caribbean Literature
- Theory (Critical Race, Performance, Feminist, and Psychoanalytic)
- Gender & Sexuality (Theory and Criticism)
- Linguistics
- Early African American Literature
- Contemporary African American Literature
- Francophone Literature
- Black Popular Culture

Members of *CLAJ*'s Board of Advisory Editors will do the very important work of helping to determine the content and the quality of published scholarship. Your acceptance into this group is an acknowledgement among peers of the impact of your scholarship and your standing within your discipline. During a typical calendar year, AE's will be expected to read and submit timely, substantive reports on approximately 5 essays in the area(s) of expertise that you stipulate. This may include several requests for second readings. Each request for your assistance will come in the form of an email message from [editor@clascholars.org](mailto:editor@clascholars.org). This message will contain the title of the essay submission and the due date for your report—usually 4 weeks from the date of the request. In the interest of conducting blind reviews, I will withhold the author's name.

Pending your acceptance of this invitation--a more formal notice of your appointment will be mailed to your preferred address (Please send this as soon as possible in a return email.) Over the span of your two-year renewable term as Advisory Editor (Fall 2018- Fall 2020), your name and institutional affiliations will be displayed prominently in the front matter of each issue of the *CLA Journal*.

**NOTE:** Any CLA member who wishes to apply to become an Advisory Editor for the *College Language Association Journal* should send a cover letter and current resume to *CLAJ* Editor Dr. Sandra G. Shannon at [editor@clascholars.org](mailto:editor@clascholars.org) by 15 September 2018. Selections will be made and notices will be sent out by 29 September 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Sandra G. Shannon, Editor