

# THE COLLEGE LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION



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Dear CLA Family:

How wonderful to have seen so many of you at the invigorating conference in Raleigh, hosted by our warm and generous colleagues at North Carolina Central University. As we celebrate our past, we also anticipate our future. It's time to return to Memphis, Tennessee, where we look forward to our 80<sup>th</sup> CLA Convention! The University of Memphis will welcome us, April 1-4, 2020. We are happy to return to Memphis, having enjoyed a successful conference there in 2002. We are grateful to the University in Memphis for hosting us, led by Dr. Terrence T. Tucker.

Our 2020 theme of "Afrofuturism: Diasporic Visions" provides a timely conduit to approach imaginative visions across the globe. Some colleagues have uncovered historic evidence of futuristic ideas. Many colleagues explore speculative fiction and magical realism. Whether you explore visual, auditory, or literary texts, the floor is now open for you to share your work with your CLA family.

Please continue to check the website for updates, for convention registration, for membership registration, and for other announcements: <https://www.clascholars.org/convention/>

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, and please assist any colleagues who are not yet comfortable with electronic forms.

The College Language Association, founded in 1937, depends upon *you* to sustain your membership, tell new colleagues about the organization, and cite our articles in CLAJ. Our journal is now exclusively electronic. As we remember our past, we move confidently into the future. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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