



RMMLA Update

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2002 RMMLA Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA! RMMLA's 56th annual convention will be held October 10-12, 2002 in Scottsdale at the Chaparral Suites Resort Hotel. Our local hosts will be the Department of English and the Department of Languages and Literatures at Arizona State University (the main campus and the West campus), with additional support from the Asian Pacific American Studies Program. Members of the Local Arrangements Committee include David Foster, Deborah Losse, Hyaewool Choi, Aleksandra Gruzinska, Eric Wertheimer, Mark Lussier, and O.M. Brack.

Highlighted Speakers and Programs

The speaker at our Friday luncheon will be Elaine Kim of the University of California, Berkeley, who will give a talk on the intersection of art and literature.

Ofelia Zepeda will be one of our special guest speakers, while Alberto Rios and Marguerita Cardenas Cato will do readings of their works. William Germano, Publishing Director at Routledge and author of an article in *PMLA* on scholarly publishing, will speak on this topic, while representatives from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) will present information on their respective grant and fellowship programs.

Our Graduate Student Forum will include a sessions on the future for English majors, a "CV Help" session where members can get individualized feedback on their résumés and cover letters, as well as a session on interview etiquette. A representative from Nordstroms will also discuss business and casual wardrobes for men and women in academia.

Activities and Schedule

Scottsdale and the Southwest provide great opportunities for shopping and dining, as well as spectacular scenic beauty. We encourage you to build sightseeing into your pre- or post-convention plans.

This year the convention sessions will begin Thursday morning at 8:30 and will finish at 1:30 pm on Saturday. We are ending sessions early on Saturday so that attendees might join us on an excursion to Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West, followed by a visit to the Scottsdale Botanical Gardens. Registration forms will be mailed in August.

Thursday evening we are encouraging participants to join us on the "Scottsdale Art Walk," followed by our opening night reception. A presentation of Virginia Woolf's *The Waves*, performed by Arizona State University faculty member Marjorie Lightfoot and some of her students, will be held on Friday evening. We will also have a great selection of international film showings each evening, at the hotel.

Hotel Information

Please visit the RMMLA web site at rmmla.wsu.edu for complete details on the convention hotel, the Chaparral Suites Resort Hotel, as well as on airline/car rental discounts for conventioners. The cut-off date for booking rooms at the Chaparral Resort (800-528-1456) at the discounted rate is September 16, 2002. After this date, the hotel can open reservations for any unsold rooms in our block to the general public and is not obliged to honor the discounted rate for our members. It is also quite possible that our room allocation will be exhausted before this date. We are not able to increase our block, so make sure that you

book early! The RMMLA discount rate at the Chaparral Resort is \$119 per night (single or double) which includes a *full* breakfast daily and complimentary shuttle to/from the airport.

Presenters

If you need audio-visual equipment, please let us know no later than June 1. There will be a service fee of \$25 for computer projection requests; please call or email the secretariat for details. The convention program will be available on the RMMLA Web site by June 15, 2002, including the dates and times for all sessions, while convention registration packets will be mailed in mid-August. The print program will be in convention packets at the hotel.

Travel Grant Applications Sought

At its spring meeting, the Executive Board decided to name its new faculty travel award the "Neila and Candadai Seshachari Faculty Travel Grant" in honor of two very loyal members of RMMLA from Weber State University, Neila (deceased) and Candadai Seshachari.

This award provides funding to the convention in the amount of \$250 to one faculty member (a designation that includes university and college professors, independent scholars and faculty emeriti) who would otherwise experience a financial challenge traveling to the convention to present a paper accepted for a regular or special topic sessions. A similar grant (\$250) was established last year for graduate students. See our web site under "Awards" for application guidelines. Postmark deadline for submissions June 1.

Awards Announced

The joint recipients of the 2002 **Cecilia Konchar Farr Award** (\$100 prize) for an outstanding essay presented at last year's convention which makes use of feminist critical theory are Robbin D. Crabtree and David Alan Sapp, both of Fairfield University in Connecticut. Their paper was entitled "Theoretical, Political, and Pedagogical Challenges in the Feminist Classroom: Our Struggles to Walk the Walk."

Elizabeth Gruber, University of Nevada, Reno is the 2002 recipient of the **Charles Davis Award for an Outstanding Graduate Student Presentation at the RMMLA Convention** (\$100 prize) for her presentation entitled "Erotic Politics Reconsidered: Marriage and Miscegenation in *The Merchant of Venice*."

This year's **RMMLA-Huntington Research Award**, carrying a stipend of \$2,000 to cover one month of residency and research at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California, goes to Lucy Morrison, Pennsylvania State University, Hazelton to support her project on the "Literary and Business Correspondence of British Romantic Women Writers."

Our congratulations to all of the recipients for their fine work. Application deadline for these awards is December 15; details may be found on our Web site.

Rocky Mountain E-Review

Articles appearing in the online journal, the *Rocky Mountain E-Review*, undergo the same review process as articles considered for the print journal the *Rocky Mountain Review*. Articles destined for the online journal may be written in English or any other language, and may include multimedia components; otherwise, the same types of articles appear in both journals. Pieces accepted for the *E-Review* will appear as soon as they have passed the review process, rather than on a print publication schedule. Complete submission guidelines appear on our Web site. Please consider submitting your work to the *Rocky Mountain Review* and *E-Review*!

2002 Executive Board

In recent Executive Board elections, Sura Rath, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, was elected Vice President, and Walter Tschacher, University of North Dakota, was elected as Delegate-at-Large. In addition to these newly elected members, the Executive Board includes: President, Albrecht Classen, University of Arizona; Past President, Judy Elsley, Weber State University; Delegates-at-Large: Aleksandra Gruzinska, Arizona State University; and Bob Hogge, Weber State University; and Graduate Student Delegate, Carolyn Kelly, Iowa State University. Thanks to all candidates for their willingness to serve on the board.

Our sincere thanks to outgoing Board members Starr Ackley, Albertson College of Idaho and Jane Detweiler, University of Nevada, Reno for their service on the board these past three years.

Please consider running for election to the RMMLA Executive Board as a way to perform service to the profession. Contact the Secretariat for more information.

The Secretariat at Washington State University is staffed by Executive Director, Joan Grenier-Winther; Co-Editors, *Rocky Mountain Review* and *E-Review*, Michael Delahoyde and Birgitta Ingemanson; Managing Editor, Victoria Arthur; and Administrative Assistant, Leslie Moss. Please email (rmmla@rmmla.wsu.edu) or call (509-335-4198) with any questions you might have about RMMLA.

Seeking Early Issues of *Rocky Mountain Review*

Michael Delahoyde, Editor of the *Rocky Mountain Review* and *E-Review*, is trying to locate missing early issues of the RMMLA journal (see the *E-Review* Archives at <http://rmmla.wsu.edu/ereview/archives/issueindex.asp>).

We have no artifacts from the start of the organization in 1947 through 1966. In addition, we are also missing: Volume 26, #1 (March 1972); and Volume 40, #1, 2 and 4 (1986).

If anyone can supply any of these missing materials or can confirm that a particular library houses what we are missing, please notify Michael at delahoyd@wsu.edu or 509-335-4132. Thank you.

LOG ON

to the Members Only Section of the RMMLA Web Site

To log on to the RMMLA web site you need a User ID and Password. If you have forgotten these, just go to any page on the web site and click on "Member Login" in the upper right corner. Scroll down and type in your email address in the box and submit. Your login information will be emailed to you in seconds.

IN YOUR HONOR

Member Teaching Awards to be Honored

If you have received a teaching award in the past few years, we want to know about it and let our membership know about your achievement. Please email us this information (rmmla@rmmla.wsu.edu) with all appropriate details. We will post this news to our web site and feature your award at the convention.

Member Publications to be Honored

All members who have had books published recently or that are still in print are asked to please send bibliographic information to the RMMLA Secretariat (rmmla@rmmla.wsu.edu) so we can

maintain a list of these publications on our web site. If you have a contact at your publishing house, please include this information. We will (with your permission) contact that person to ask for copies of your book to display at our book seller area at the convention.

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**Preliminary convention program available
at the RMMLA web site on June 15.**