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RMMLA Update

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION

2003 Convention in Missoula, Montana

The Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association's 57th annual convention will be held October 9 - 11, 2003 in Missoula at the Holiday Inn Parkside Hotel. The local host institution will be the University of Montana. Local Arrangements Chairs are Elizabeth Ametsbichler, Head of the German Section in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and Christopher Casey Charles of the Department of English. An exciting program is being planned, so please plan to attend.

The Friday evening banquet speaker will be **Marshall Brown**, Professor of English and Comparative Literature at the University of Washington. **William Germano**, Publishing Director at Routledge and author of a well-known article in *PMLA* on publishing, will return to speak on scholarly publishing. Other special events will include sessions on grant writing, interview etiquette, and preparing a professional dossier.

The Graduate Student Forum is titled "The Vital Balance: Achieving Academic Goals while Maintaining a Healthy, Holistic Personal Life." Our "CV Help" session, where members can get individualized feedback on their résumés and application cover letters, will be held again as well (reservations-only basis).



We are really looking forward to our visit to Big Sky Country and know that you will enjoy the convention in Missoula. The Holiday Inn Parkside is just a few blocks from downtown (Higgins and Broadway Streets) where you will find some great little restaurants, shops, and galleries. The Southgate Mall is a 5-10 minute drive from the hotel. Just across the river from the hotel is a walking/bike path

that leads right to the University of Montana campus (5-10 minute walk). There is a great hike up the hill behind campus to the "M" that gives a wonderful view of the town, the campus and the surrounding mountains.

Convention sessions will begin at 8:30 Thursday morning and will finish at 1:30 pm on Saturday. Sessions are ending early on Saturday to allow conventioners to participate on an excursion to the Mission at St. Ignacius and bison range, concluding with dinner at the "Dinner Bell Restaurant" for real down-home cooking. In addition, a great selection of films will be showing each evening at the hotel.

Information on making hotel and/or travel arrangements are now on the RMMLA web site. The convention program will be available on the RMMLA web site by mid-June, including the dates and times for all sessions. Registration packets will be mailed in mid-August. The print program will be in conventioner packets at the hotel.

AV-Requests

If you are presenting a paper and need audio-visual equipment, please let us know by **May 1** at the latest (sooner if possible). Scheduling requests must also be made by this date.

To learn more about the RMMLA and the 2003 Missoula, Montana Convention visit

<http://rmmla.wsu.edu>

RMMLA Awards and Grants

Congratulations to all of the recipients of the various Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association grants and awards, including:

Travel Grants—The recipient of the first *Faculty Research Travel Grant* (\$250) is **Michael T. Carroll** (New Mexico Highlands University), for travel related to his project “The Sermon, the

NEWS BRIEFS

Boulder Colorado in 2004

Looking ahead, plans are already underway for the 2004 convention, to be held in Boulder, Colorado, from October 14-16. The host will be the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Mark your calendars now, and be thinking of special topic sessions you might want to propose in 2004.

Rocky Mountain Review and *E-Review*

The editors of the *Rocky Mountain Review* invite articles on literature, language, film, cultural studies, pedagogy, and other related subjects. Forum pieces on professional issues may also be submitted.

Articles appearing in the RMMLA's online journal, the *Rocky Mountain E-Review*, undergo the same review process as articles considered for the print journal. Articles for the online journal may be written in English or another language, and may include multimedia components, otherwise.

Pieces accepted for publication in the *E-Review* will appear as soon as they have passed the review process, rather than on a fixed publication schedule.

Complete submission guidelines for both versions of the journal appear on our web site. Please consider submitting your work to the *Rocky Mountain Review* and *E-Review*.

Advertisement, and the Action-Story: Ideology in Popular American Texts, 1890-1920.”

The recipient of the first *Graduate Student Research Travel Grant* (\$250) goes to **Catherine J. Lewis Theobald** (University of Colorado), to support travel related to her project “Peopling the Novelistic Landscape: The Literary Portrait and Early French Prose Fiction.”

The first recipient of the *Neila and Candadai Seshachari Faculty Convention Travel Grant* was **Sharon Hampel** (University of Colorado, Boulder) for her presentation “Tragical History or Historical Tragedy: Two Contemporary Yiddish Translations of King Lear,” presented in the Shakespeare session in Scottsdale.

The first *Graduate Student Convention Travel Grant* recipient was **Bill Clem** (University of Colorado, Denver), for his presentation “‘Cables to Rage’: ‘Teaching to Transgress’ in the Writings of Audre Lorde” presented at the Audre Lorde session in Scottsdale.

Cecilia Konchar Farr Award—The recipient of the 2003 Cecilia Konchar Farr Award (\$100 prize) for an outstanding essay which makes use of feminist critical theory is **Margaret M.S. Lowry** (Texas Christian University), for her paper “Narrative of Nation, Narrative of Home: Autobiographical Cultural Critique in Caroline Kirkland’s *A New Home, Who’ll Follow?*”

The 2003 Charles Davis Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Convention Presentation—The recipient is **Caroline E. Wiebe Kimberly** (Tulane University), for her paper “Man or Myth?: The Writing of John Keats.”

RMMLA-Huntington Research Award—This award, carrying a stipend of \$2,000 to cover one month residency and research at the Huntington Library in San Marino, California, goes to **Diana Solomon** (University of California, Santa Barbara), to support her project “Media Darlings: Actresses’ Prologues and Epilogues on the London Stage, 1660s-1740s.”

Missoula Hotel Reservations

The cut-off date for booking rooms at the Holiday Inn Parkside at the discounted rate of \$99 per night (single or double) is September 16, 2003. After this date, the hotel will not be obliged to honor the discounted rate. It is also possible that our room allocation will be exhausted before this date, so book early! The hotel has an airport shuttle service.

The University of Montana football team is playing rival, Weber State University, on Saturday, October 11. For this reason, the Holiday Inn Parkside and all hotels close to campus will be booked early. Make your reservations soon! If you want game tickets, contact the University of Montana Athletic Department online at www.montanagrizzlies.com, or Weber State University Athletics.

2003 Executive Board

In recent Executive Board elections, Elizabeth Ametsbichler (University of Montana) was elected Vice President and Susan McKay (Weber State University) was elected Delegate-at-Large.

In addition to Ametsbichler and McKay, the Executive Board now includes: President, Sura Rath (Louisiana State University, Shreveport); Past President, Albrecht Classen (University of Arizona); Delegates-at-Large, Bob Hogge (Weber State University), Walter Tschacher (University of North Dakota); Graduate Student Delegate, Carolyn Kelly (Iowa State University).

Our sincere thanks to outgoing Board members Judy Elsley (Weber State University) and Aleksandra Gruzinska (Arizona State University) for their service on the board.

We want to thank all of the candidates for their willingness to serve. Please consider running for election to the Executive Board as a way to perform service to your profession. Contact the Secretariat for more information.

The Secretariat at Washington State University

Executive Director, Joan Grenier-Winther
Co-Editors, *Rocky Mountain Review* and *E-Review*, Michael Delahoyde & Sabine Davis;

Managing Editor, Gena Diltz
Administrative Assistant, Leslie Moss

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