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2004 RMMLA Convention in Boulder

Boulder, Colorado! Mark the dates September 30-October 2 for RMMLA's 57th annual convention at the Millenium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder. The Local Arrangements Chair is Jeffrey Cox, Professor of Comparative Literature and Humanities/English and the Director of the Center for Humanities and the Arts. The Local Arrangements Committee includes Beth Robertson (English), Rima Salys (German and Slavic), Valerio Ferme (French and Italian), and Artemi Romanov (German and Slavic).

Fine shopping and dining, as well as the University of Colorado campus, are within walking distance, all with a breathtaking backdrop of the Rocky Mountains.

The convention will begin on Thursday morning, September 30, and run through Saturday afternoon, October 2.

Our banquet takes place on Friday evening and features Margaret Ferguson, Professor of English at the University of California, Davis, author of several excellent works on Renaissance literature and feminist theory and recipient of numerous awards for teaching and scholarly excellence.

Over 150 sessions are being planned on a wide variety of topics. Our tentative program includes:

- William Germano, publishing director at Routledge, presenting "Dissertation to Book"
- David Nicholls, director of publications at the Modern Language Association, presenting "Problems and Prospects for Scholarly Communication in the Modern Languages."
- Gary Henrickson, senior program officer at the National Endowment for



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the Humanities, presenting informational workshops on NEH grants and fellowships.

- Film showings, board game parties, and readings by RMMLA member poetry and prose authors.
- Tara Powell, RMMLA graduate student delegate, organizing a graduate student forum on a subject of interest to graduate students.
- Maureen Smith of the University of Idaho and Michael Delahoyde of Washington State University presenting a session on "Professional Job Letters and CVs."
- Representatives from TIAA-CREF giving informational sessions on investment strategies.

The cut-off date for booking rooms at the Millenium Hotel (800-545-6285 or

303-443-3850) at the discounted rate is September 1, 2004. After this date, the hotel can sell rooms from the RMMLA block to the general public and is not obliged to honor the discounted rate for members. It is also possible the RMMLA room allocation will be exhausted before this date—make sure you book early!

Visit the RMMLA website at www.rmmla.org for complete and up-to-date information on the Boulder convention, including details on making your hotel, airline, shuttle, and car reservations. The convention registration form is enclosed in this mailing.

The preliminary convention program will be available on the RMMLA Web site by early June, including dates and times for all sessions. The print program will be in conventioneer packets at the hotel.

For all the latest details, visit us online at www.rmmla.org

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Our thanks to outgoing board members
Albrecht Classen, University of Arizona;
Bob Hogge, Weber State University; and
Carolyn Kelly, Iowa State University, as
well as to all of the candidates in the recent
elections.

Please consider serving on the RMMLA
Executive Board as a way to perform
service to the profession. Nominations are
due by November 1, 2004 (self
nominations are accepted). A nomination
form is enclosed. Contact the Secretariat
for more information.

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Mailing Notice

Please note this mailing includes:

- Boulder convention registration form
- Executive Board nomination form
- 2005 Special Topic Session request form
- Grants and Awards Brochure

The Spring issue of the *Rocky Mountain Review* will be mailed later this spring.

2005 & 2006 Conventions Being Planned

Even as we get ready for this fall's convention in Boulder, Colorado, we are planning next year's convention at the Coeur d'Alene Resort on the Lake in northern Idaho. The convention is scheduled for October 20 -22, 2005 at this beautiful resort hotel. The town of Coeur d'Alene is a charming Western town with many shops, cafés, restaurants and pubs. In addition, there are walking paths along the lakefront and short hikes nearby.

The Call for Papers will be mailed to members and posted to the RMMLA Web site in mid-November 2004. Paper proposals are due to chairs by March 1, 2005. Members may also organize their own panels and submit them to the Secretariat for approval by the same date.

Proposals for Special Topics to be included in the Call for Papers must be sent to the Secretariat postmarked by November 1, 2004; email submission preferred (rmmla@rmmla.wsu.edu). In anticipation of the Coeur d'Alene Call for

Papers we would like to request volunteers to chair the following special topic sessions we would like to incorporate into our program.

- Canadian Literature (Early, Modern) and/or Film
- Folklore
- Irish Literature and/or Film
- Literature and Ethics
- Literature and Law
- Literature and Music
- Literature and Psychology
- Near/Middle Eastern Literature and/or Film
- Poetry and Poetics
- Popular Culture
- Postcolonial Literature
- Scandinavian Literature and/or Film

Looking even further into the future, plans are underway for the 2006 RMMLA convention to be held in Tucson, Arizona, hosted by the University of Arizona—more details later!

Submissions sought for RMMLA Journals

The editors of the *Rocky Mountain Review* and the *E-Review* encourage members to submit articles for publication.

Articles appearing in the online journal, the *Rocky Mountain E-Review*, undergo exactly the same review process as articles considered for the print journal. Unlike articles in the print version, which must be in English, articles destined for the online journal may be written in any language, and may include multimedia components (graphics, audio, video, hyperlinks to other Web sites, etc.), features not possible in the print version.

Pieces accepted for publication in the *E-Review* will appear as soon as they have passed through the review process, rather than on a fixed print publication schedule. Complete submission guidelines appear on our Web site. Consider submitting your work to the *Rocky Mountain Review* and *E-Review*.



Grants & Awards Announced

RMMLA offers several grants and awards. Recipients for 2004 grants and awards are as follows:

Cecilia Konchar Farr Award for an outstanding essay presented at last year's convention which makes use of feminist critical theory went to Genevieve Gabrielle Generaux of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for her paper "The Development of Queen Guinevere: Character Foil Turned Political Faction."

Charles Davis Award for outstanding presentation by a graduate student at the convention went to Melissa Hussain, Washington State University for her paper "The Political Economy of Anger: A Hermeneutic for Third World Women's Texts" presented at the Women's Voices in Prose session, and Hans-Georg Erney, Emory University for his paper entitled "Modernity in South Asian Literature: An Exercise in Postcolonial Ecocriticism" presented in the Ecocriticism session. Runner-up awards were given to Tim Gruenewald, University of Washington and Wendy R. Miller Roberts, University of Arizona.

Thanks to all who have donated money and purchased raffle tickets for the RMMLA Grants and Awards fund. As the fund grows, additional grants and awards will be developed. Tickets for the Boulder raffle may be purchased on the enclosed convention registration form (\$5 each of 3/\$12). Details on the prizes are on the Web site. The raffle drawing will take place at the registration desk on Friday, October 1 at noon.

RMMLA/Huntington Research Award, for a month of residency and research at the Huntington Library in San Marino, CA, went to Vanessa Coloura of the University of California, Santa Barbara, for her project entitled "Aphra Behn and Spectacle on the Restoration Stage."

Faculty Research Travel Grant, went to Donelle Ruwe, Northern Arizona University, for travel related to the project entitled "An Examination of the Sara Coleridge Manuscripts at the Harry Ransom Research Center." **The Graduate Student Travel Grant** went to Lamont Antieau, University of Georgia, for travel related to his project entitled "A Study of Rural Colorado Speech."

Our congratulations to all of the recipients for their fine work.

The application deadline for our **Convention Travel Grants** is June 1. The application deadline for all other grants and awards is December 15. Please see the enclosed brochure for application guidelines for all RMMLA grants and awards, or visit www.rmmla.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

When did you join RMMLA?—We would like to know who are long term members of RMMLA. If you remember the year you first joined and it has been twenty years or more (1984 or earlier), please email us at rmmla@rmmla.wsu.edu.

Web site address update—We are updating the URL for our Web site to <http://www.rmmla.org> The current address will remain active during the phase-in period of the new address.

Toot your horn—Send us information on books you have had published or teaching/research awards you have received within the past three years and we will highlight these on our Web site and at the convention. Teaching awards and publications are listed on the "What's New" page at www.rmmla.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 1—Deadline for audio-visual and scheduling requests for convention (online or emailed to Secretariat).

June 1—Application deadline for **Convention Travel Grants (see Grants and Awards brochure)**.

Early June—Preliminary convention program posted to RMMLA web site.

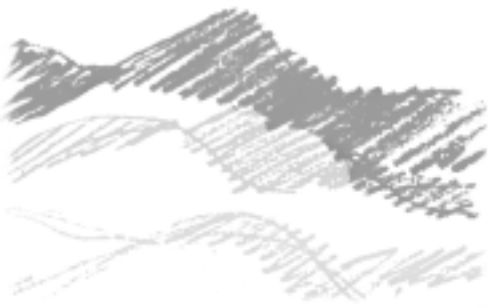
August 1—Deadline for editorial changes to session information to the Secretariat (program goes to print).

September 1—Cut-off date for discounted block rate at the Millenium Harvest House Hotel in Boulder (subject to availability). Call 1-800-545-6285.

September 15—Postmark/transaction deadline for early, discounted convention registration rate, which includes banquet ticket. No banquet tickets available after this deadline.

November 1—Deadline for convention chairs to submit reports for Special Topic Session requests for inclusion in the 2005 Call for Papers; and for nominations for the Executive Board—submit to Secretariat (email acceptable).

Mark your calendars for Coeur d'Alene Resort on the Lake, Idaho, October 20 – 22, 2005



Call For Papers

Rocky Mountain Modern Language
Association 58th Annual Convention

**Coeur d'Alene Resort on the Lake,
in northern Idaho • October 20-22, 2005**

Sampling of Regular and Special Topic Sessions:

African-American Literature & Film
American Humor
Canadian Literature & Film
Children's Literature & Film
Comparative Literature & Film
Drama
Ethnic Literature & Film
Film Theory
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Caucus
Literature & the Environment
Narrative
Native American Literature
Oral & Traditional Arts
Problems in Translation
Second Language Acquisition
Technical Writing
Technology & Distance Education
Writing across the Curriculum
Women's Voices in Poetry & Prose

and many more sessions on languages and literatures, as well as workshops on grant writing, retirement planning, instructional technology, etc.

Paper Proposals Due to Session Chairs by March 1, 2005

Complete Call for Papers available on the RMMLA Web site (www.rmmla.org) by Nov. 15, 2004

Also available on this site:

- membership information/forms
- our electronic journal, *The Rocky Mountain E-Review of Language and Literature*
- information on how to propose special topic sessions for the RMMLA convention
- updates on all RMMLA grants and awards

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