



RMMLA Update

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2005 RMMLA Convention in Coeur d'Alene



Photo courtesy of the Coeur d'Alene Convention and Visitors Bureau

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho! Mark the dates October 20-22 for RMMLA's 59th annual convention at the beautiful Coeur d'Alene Resort on the Lake in northern Idaho. We have received tremendous support from local institutions for this convention, including Washington State University, Eastern Washington University, North Idaho College, University of Idaho, Central Washington University, and Gonzaga University. The Coeur d'Alene Resort has a wonderful reputation as a first class resort with great facilities, views of Lake Coeur d'Alene, and local charm. Members will truly enjoy the lovely surroundings, the fine restaurants, pubs and coffee shops, and the gift stores and galleries that are all within easy walking distance of the resort. There is a short hiking path on the hill right beside the hotel, and the path along the lakefront beach is very popular.

Our convention begins on Thursday morning, October 20, and runs through Saturday afternoon, October 22. Our banquet takes place at noon on Friday and features Rey Chow of Brown University, whose talk is entitled "European Theory in America." Over 150 sessions are planned

on a vast array of scholarly and professional topics.

The cut-off date for booking rooms at the Coeur d'Alene Resort (800-688-5253 or 208-765-4000) at the discounted rate is September 14, 2005. 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 Coeur d'Alene convention, including details on making your hotel, airline, shuttle, and car reservations. Information on Saturday afternoon excursions around Coeur d'Alene and up to Sandpoint, Idaho is also available on the Web site. 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 convention packets at the hotel.

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 14**—Cut-off date for discounted block rate at the Coeur d'Alene Resort (subject to availability). Call 800-688-5253.
- October 15**—Postmark/transaction deadline for early, discounted convention registration rate, which includes banquet ticket. No banquet tickets available after this deadline.
- November 1**—Deadlines for nominations for the Executive Board – submit to Secretariat (email acceptable).

Mark your calendars for
Tucson, Arizona,
October 12-14, 2006

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details, visit us online at
www.rmmla.org

Submissions sought for RMMLA Journals

Articles

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*.

Forums

The editors are also interested in receiving "Forum" pieces for the journal, that is, short commentaries on some professional or pedagogical issue of importance to our members. Please submit these following the usual guidelines for a scholarly article.

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Our thanks to outgoing board members Sura Rath, Central Washington University, and Walter Tschacher, University of North Dakota, 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 (self nominations are accepted). A nomination form is enclosed. Contact the Secretariat for more information.

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2006 Convention Planned for Tucson

Even as we get ready for this fall's convention in Coeur d'Alene, we are planning next year's convention at the DoubleTree Hotel Reid Park in Tucson, Arizona. The convention is scheduled for October 12-14, 2006 at this beautiful resort hotel. The University of Arizona is our local host institution and the Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee is Albrecht Classen, former RMMLA Executive Board President.

The Call for Papers will be mailed to members and posted to the RMMLA Web site in mid-November 2005. Paper proposals are due to chairs by March 1, 2006. 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; email submission preferred—rmmla@rmmla.wsu.edu).

In anticipation of the Tucson 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 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
- Postcolonial Literature

Looking even further into the future, plans are underway for the 2007 convention to be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada—more details later!

2005 Grants and Awards Announced

RMMLA offers several grants and awards, described in the enclosed Grants and Awards brochure. Recipients of 2005 grants and awards are as follows:

The recipient of the Cecilia Konchar Farr Award (\$100) is **Douglas W. Werden** of West Texas A&M University for his paper entitled "She kept an air of secrecy and importance to the last": Abortion in Sarah Orne Jewett's *The Country of the Pointed Figs*."

The Charles Davis Award (\$100) for Outstanding Student Presentation at the convention went to **Almila Ozdek** of George Washington University for her paper entitled "Jane Smiley's *A Thousand Acres*: Earth and Body as the Object of Capitalist Ownership." The runner-up award was given to **Hannah Lavery** from the University of Sheffield.

The recipient of the Faculty Research Travel Grant (\$250) was **Tatyana Novikov** of the University of Nebraska, Omaha, for her project entitled "A Study of Soviet Underground Literature at the Russian Research Center at Harvard University."

The Research Travel Grant (\$250) for an ABD Student went to **Melissa Root** of the University of Denver for her project entitled "Publishing and Writing in Zimbabwe: The Writings of Dambudzo Marechera at the Heinemann Publishing Office in London."

The Huntington Library Research Grant (\$2,000 stipend) for a month of research at the Huntington Library in San Marino, CA, goes to **Miles Kimball** of Texas Tech University for his project entitled "The Visual and Textual Rhetoric of Civic Boosterism."

The application deadline for our Convention Travel Grants (\$250 each) 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.