



RMMLA Update

Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association

RMMLA Board of Directors Elections

Each year the RMMLA conducts elections for positions on its Executive Board. This year, two elections will be held: one for a Vice President for 2002 (who will serve as President in 2003 and Past President in 2004); and one for a Delegate-at-Large (three year term). In alternating years, the Vice President and the Delegates are chosen from English or a field other than English. This year the Vice Presidential candidate will be from English, whereas the Delegate-at-Large position will be filled by someone in a field other than English. A brief description of the educational and professional background

Call for Papers Scottsdale, Arizona Convention

The 56th annual RMMLA convention will be held at the Chaparral Suites Hotel in Scottsdale, AZ from October 10-12, 2002. The Call for Papers for this convention is enclosed. Our local hosts for this convention will be the Department of Languages and Literatures and the Department of English at Arizona State University in Tempe. The local arrangements organizers include David W. Foster, Deborah Losse, Aleksandra Gruzinska, Hyaewol Choi, Mark Lussier, and O M Brack. Orfelia Martinez of the University of Arizona, a McArthur Genius grantee and a specialist on Native American languages, will be one of our special guest speakers at this convention. We are preparing an exciting program and do hope that you will propose a paper or put together your own Special Topic Session (deadline March 1 for both).

and research interests of this year's candidates follows.

Members may vote online or by email until January 15, 2002. Those who vote online will be entered into a contest to win a one-year membership in RMMLA. Email ballots will be sent to each member soon, but email voters are not eligible for the contest.

To vote online

1. Go to RMMLA web site.
(<http://rmmla.wsu.edu>)
2. Click on "Member Login" button
3. Type in your user ID and password. If you have forgotten them, scroll down and use the "Get My Login Info" box (enter your email and your info will be emailed to you).
4. Once in the member pages, click on "Elections" to read candidate bios and to cast your votes!

Ballots will be counted on January 16. Please take a moment to review the candidate information and then vote!

Candidate Biographies

Vice Presidential Candidates:

Sura Rath, Louisiana State University, Shreveport

Sura Rath is a professor of English and the Regents Professor of India Studies at LSU-Shreveport. Educated at Ravenshaw College and Utkal University (in India), Tulane University, and Texas A&M University, he has taught at the National Council for Research & Training (Delhi), BJB College (Bhubaneswar), Newcomb College, Tulane University, Loyola University, and Texas A&M University. He has edited two books, *Flannery O'Connor: New Perspectives* (Georgia 1996) and *Sitakant Mahapatra: The Mythographer of Time* (Delhi 2001), and his articles have

appeared in *Diogenes*, *Studies in Short Fiction*, *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, *Journal of Caribbean Literatures*, *Journal of Contemporary Thought*, *College Literature*, *Flannery O'Connor Bulletin*, *Indian Journal of American Studies*, *South Asian Review*, *Connecticut Review*, *Comparative Literature Studies*, *Southern Quarterly*, and the *South Central Review*. He is currently finishing a book on V. S. Naipaul. He has been a member of the RMMLA for four years, participating in the conferences at Santa Fe, Boise, and Vancouver both as a presenter and as a session chair, and proposing two new sessions—on Flannery O'Connor and Caribbean Literature (non-French). As

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Membership Renewal Deadline for Mailings

The print version of the spring issue of the *Rocky Mountain Review of Language and Literature* and the newsletter is mailed to members who are current in their dues by April 1; the convention packet to those current by August 1; and the winter journal, newsletter and Call for Papers to those current by November 1. Membership is for the calendar year.

If you have already renewed your dues for 2002, **thank you!**

If the address label on your envelope says '2001', that means you have not yet paid dues for 2002. A membership form is enclosed. **Please renew now** by sending your payment to:

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P.O. Box 642610
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or call us with a VISA or MasterCard number at (509) 335-4198. Forms may be faxed to us at (509) 335-3708.

Vice President, he wishes to work toward achieving greater diversity in RMMLA membership and programming, and expanding the Association's service to the integration of research in graduate and undergraduate teaching.

Lynn Deming, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro
Lynn Deming is professor of English and chair of the Department of Humanities at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro. She teaches literature, technical writing, and technical communication. She is a senior member of the faculty of a bachelor of science-degree program in technical communication. She is also the coeditor, with O. Jane Allen, of *Publications Management: Essays for Professional Communicators* (1994). She has been a member of RMMLA since 1990, and since joining RMMLA has presented a paper every year at the annual conference and chaired, co-chaired, or been secretary of several sessions on technical communication. She has also reviewed books for the *Rocky Mountain Review*. If elected Vice President, she would work to

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

Our sincere thanks to outgoing RMMLA Executive Board members Starr Ackley (Albertson College of Idaho) and Jane Detweiler (University of Nevada, Reno) for all of the time and effort they have devoted to RMMLA during their service on the Executive Board. We will miss them, but we look forward to their continued involvement in RMMLA activities.

Please vote for your new Executive Board members by January 15, 2002!

continue the strong traditions and features of RMMLA, and she would work to reach out to new members and spread the good word about RMMLA, its journal, and its annual conference.

Delegate-At-Large Candidate:

Walter Tschacher, University of North Dakota

Walter Tschacher received his doctorate in German from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. An RMMLA member since 1993, he is currently Associate Professor of German and Chair of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures at the University of North

Dakota. His fields of specialization include 18th Century German Literature, Moral Weeklies, and post-1945 German Literature. For a number of years, he has been involved in setting up and directing study abroad programs, as well as adding an international component to major curricula at UND. As a delegate, he would like to help increase the awareness of the importance of foreign languages. In addition, he would like the RMMLA to become a tool to educate the general public on the value and significance of a liberal arts education.

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2002 RMMLA Calendar

Check the RMMLA Calendar at <http://rmmla.wsu.edu> for a listing of all important dates and deadlines.

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hosted by the
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RMMLA Offers Faculty and Graduate Student Travel Grants

THE FACULTY TRAVEL GRANT provides funding to the convention in the amount of \$250, and is available to applicants who would otherwise experience a financial challenge traveling to the convention. "Faculty" include university and college professors, independent scholars and faculty emeriti.

THE GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT provides funding to the convention in the amount of \$250 to one graduate student who would otherwise experience a financial challenge traveling to the convention to present a paper.



To apply for either grant, applicants must:

1. Be a current member of RMMLA.
2. Have a conference paper based on original work accepted by the chair of a 2002 RMMLA session.
3. Submit four copies of the application packet to the Secretariat which must include the following:
 - a. A letter indicating the approximate cost of the applicant's travel to the convention site.
 - b. A letter from a department chair or college dean, on institutional letterhead, stating that the applicant will receive no or minimal funding from his/her institution for the trip. In the case of independent scholars, a statement requesting funding within the cover letter is needed.
 - c. A copy of the letter or email from the session chair indicating that the applicant's paper has been accepted.
 - d. A copy of the paper proposal and abstract.

Travel grants awardees must:

1. Pre-register for the RMMLA convention.
2. Attend the convention and present his/her paper at the session.
3. Be present at the banquet to receive the award.
4. Provide travel receipts to the Secretariat after travel has been completed. Grant monies will be disbursed once these are received.

The postmark deadline for submission of application materials to the Secretariat is June 1, 2002. Electronic submission of applications is not allowed. Awardees will be notified by July 1. Packets should be addressed to:

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RMMLA Online

Create a Link to your Personal WWW Page from our RMMLA Directory

Members are reminded that they can add a link to their personal/university WWW pages from the RMMLA directory. To do this (as well as to update your contact information and to change your password):

1. Go to RMMLA web site (<http://rmmla.wsu.edu>).
2. Click on "Member Login" button
3. Type in your User ID and Password. If you have forgotten them, scroll down and use the "Get My Login Info" box. Enter your email and your info will be emailed to you.
4. Once in the Member Pages, click on "Directory." From there, choose the option "Update your Own Directory Listing and/or Change your Password".

Be sure to update your directory listing if you move or change jobs! We especially need to know your correct email address.

Mark your calendars for Scottsdale 2002 and Missoula 2003

The 2002 convention will be held at the Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale, October 10-12. The local host will be the Department of English and the Department of Languages and Literatures at **Arizona State University**. The call for papers for Scottsdale is on our Web site now! Choose from over 125 regular and special topic sessions and send in your proposals by March 1.

The 2003 RMMLA convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Parkside in Missoula, Montana from October 9-11, 2003. Our local host for this convention will be the **University of Montana**. The local arrangements coordinator is Elizabeth Ametsbichler.

Please mark your calendars now for both of these exciting conventions and be thinking of special topic sessions you might want to propose.

RMMLA-Huntington Award

In conjunction with the Huntington Library, the RMMLA offers a \$2000 stipend to support research at the Library. All members are eligible for the Huntington Award, and we encourage younger scholars to apply. The application deadline is December 15, 2001. Criteria for selection include value of the project, appropriateness of the research to material available at the Huntington, promise and experience of the researcher, and proposed use or dissemination of the results. Please visit the Huntington Web site to learn more about their collections and resources: <http://www.huntington.org>.

To apply, please send five copies of a vita indicating prior research and publications, plus a description of the proposed project and any work completed on it, to the RMMLA Secretariat. This should be accompanied by a letter indicating which Huntington materials would be used, the approximate dates of residence, and a statement agreeing (a) that all funds will be used for the purpose of research, and (b) that, should the candidate be unable to use the funds, the RMMLA would be notified immediately.

The Charles Davis Award

Linda Naranjo-Huebl of the University of Colorado, Boulder, is the first recipient of the Charles Davis Award for the Outstanding Graduate Student Presentation at the Convention, an award which carries a \$100 prize. Ms. Naranjo-Huebl won for her presentation in Boise entitled "Attractive Oppression: The Breakdown of Intersubjectivity and the Erotics of Domination and Subordination in *The Wide, Wide World* and *Our Nig*."

Papers presented by graduate students in Vancouver are eligible for consideration for the 2002 prize. Nominations, from the chair of the session only, may be sent to the Secretariat, email preferred. Nominees will be asked to send 5 copies of the presentation to the Secretariat by December 15. Presentations done in PowerPoint or similar must be submitted in traditional paper or "publishable" form. Presentations done in languages other than English must be translated into English. Winners of the Davis Award serve on the selection committee the year following their award.

Cecilia Konchar Farr Award for Best Feminist Essay

RMMLA offers an award for the best convention paper employing techniques of feminist criticism. Coordination and funding is provided by the RMMLA Executive Board. The RMMLA Women's Caucus arranges readers and a selection process. The recipient is asked to chair the following year's selection committee. The award, carrying a \$100 prize, is announced at the convention banquet.

Papers from the 2001 RMMLA convention which address feminist ideas or employ feminist theory are eligible for consideration. To submit an essay, send four (4) copies with applicant name appearing on the title page ONLY by December 15, 2001 to:

Lori Maybee Reagan
4333 South Marvinwood Drive
Taylorsville, UT 84119
(Snail mail submissions preferred)

Why Departmental and Institutional Memberships?

RMMLA needs the support of departments/institutions, as well as individuals! To make such memberships more attractive for departments and institutions, RMMLA has expanded the benefits to include:

- being highlighted in the print journal, convention program, and Web site in a list of "Departmental & Institutional Supporters of RMMLA";
- the ability to post job announcements on the 'RMMLA Job List' page which is accessible to all members;
- the ability to view the résumés of members who attach these to their Member Directory entry, to look for prospective hires and/or teaching and research assistants;
- the chance to advertise local conferences, exhibits, seminars, etc. on the 'RMMLA Electronic Bulletin Board';
- the possibility of providing information on their specific undergraduate and graduate programs through links from the 'RMMLA English/Foreign Language Program' page;
- timely receipt of all RMMLA publications, including the *Rocky Mountain Review of Language and Literature* and access to the *E-Review*, updates, and calls for papers.

Department Chairs: Please support your regional professional organization!

For more information on these new services, please contact Joan Grenier-Winther, Executive Director, at grenierj@wsu.edu or (509) 335-4829.

2001 Convention Notes from Vancouver

The fifty-fifth annual convention was held on October 11-13, 2001 at the SheratonWall Centre Hotel in Vancouver. Over 425 members presented their research and/or heard papers at a wide variety of regular and special topic sessions, and enjoyed the great city of Vancouver during the 'off hours'. We want to thank Linda Hutcheon for a fascinating keynote speech and special session on operatic fictions. We also want to thank Bill Germano of Routledge, Donna Heiland of ACLS, the Modern Baroque Opera Company, Maureen Smith of the University of Idaho, Brad Roghaar of Weber State University, and all attendees for their participation. We had a great time in Vancouver and thank all of you for making it stimulating and fun.

Scholarship and Grant Raffle

We want to thank all those who purchased raffle tickets and to report that we raised \$385 this year for our Scholarship and Grant Fund—the most yet! The Executive Board has now set up two travel grants with these funds, one for a faculty member and one for a graduate student. Each grant carries with it a \$250 stipend to support travel to the RMMLA convention to give a paper. Guidelines are outlined on page 3 of this newsletter.

Visit the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Web site for all your RMMLA Membership Needs!

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