



# RMMLA Update

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION

## 2007 RMMLA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Each year the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association holds elections for positions on the RMMLA Executive Board. In 2006 we were to vote for a new:

- Vice President (who will serve as President in 2008 and Past President in 2009) from English
- Delegate-at-Large (three-year term, 2007–2009) from a field other than English
- Graduate Student Delegate (two-year term, 2007–2008) from English

This year, however, there was only one candidate for each vacant position on the Executive Board. For this reason, the current Executive Board (elected by the general membership) decided to appoint the following candidates to the posts:

### **Vice President (from a field other than English):**

**Albrecht Classen** [German], University of Arizona

### **Delegate-at-Large (from English):**

**Beverly Zimmerman** [Technical Communication/English], Brigham Young University

### **Graduate Student Delegate (from a field other than English):**

**Javier E. Gonzalez** [Spanish & Portuguese], University of Colorado, Boulder

Short professional biographical statements on each member of the board may be found on the RMMLA Web site. We are grateful to Albrecht, Beverly and Javier for their willingness to serve the RMMLA. We encourage members in the future to nominate themselves or others for positions on the Board. The RMMLA is a wonderful organization that is very receptive to its members' needs. Those who have served on the Board have found it a very rewarding experience to have input into shaping the future direction of our regional professional organization.

## 2007 RMMLA DUES

If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership in RMMLA for 2007. You may pay by check or VISA/MC, online or by mail. Rates and categories are at [www.rmmla.org](http://www.rmmla.org).

### **HOW TO RENEW:**

Go to [www.rmmla.org](http://www.rmmla.org), log in and check the contact information that we have in our

database for you. Then either (1) choose to pay by VISA/MC using our secure online payment system, or (2) print your form and mail/fax it to us with payment.

If your contact information has changed recently—especially your email address—please log into the MEMBER DIRECTORY or email the updated information to us at [rmmla@wsu.edu](mailto:rmmla@wsu.edu).

[www.rmmla.org](http://www.rmmla.org)

Please visit the RMMLA site to see our new look!

If you have forgotten your RMMLA ID and Password, go to the "LOG IN" page and have them emailed to you immediately.

## Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association

### RMMLA Executive Board for 2007

#### **Past President**

Jennifer Michaels (service ends in 2007)  
German Department  
Grinnell College

#### **President**

Liahna Armstrong (service ends in 2008)  
English Department  
Central Washington University

#### **Vice President**

Albrecht Classen (service ends in 2009)  
German Studies Department  
University of Arizona

#### **Delegate #1**

Alan Blackstock (term ends in 2007)  
Department of English  
Utah State University, Uintah Valley Branch

#### **Delegate #2**

David Chisholm (term ends in 2008)  
Department of Germanic Studies  
University of Arizona

#### **Delegate #3**

Beverly Zimmerman (term ends in 2009)  
Department of English  
Brigham Young University

#### **Graduate Student Delegate #1**

Marie Drews (term ends 2007)  
Department of English  
Washington State University

#### **Graduate Student Delegate #2**

Javier González (term ends 2008)  
Department of Spanish and Portuguese  
University of Colorado, Boulder

**Sincere thanks go to outgoing Executive Board members Catherine Kunce and José Suarez for their valuable service to and support of RMMLA.**

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# CONVENTION NEWS



## Over 550 Present at Tucson Convention

A record number of RMMLA members attended our convention this year and were treated to great sessions and wonderful warm weather in Tucson. Our thanks go to many individuals and groups: our local host, University of Arizona and Dean Charles Tatum; our local arrangements chair, Albrecht Classen; guest speakers Richard Shelton, David Ray, Gail Browne, Alison Deming, Luci Tapahonso, Barbara Chen and William Germano; our UA volunteers at the registration desk; and especially to our session chairs and presenters for making it such a rich and stimulating program.

## IN YOUR HONOR

### Member Teaching/Research Awards and Publications

RMMLA would like to highlight both member teaching/research awards and book publications on its Web site. As they are submitted to us, we post them on our Web site and publish them in the fall newsletter. We will use a 'moving wall' for these, highlighting awards and publications from the past three years. If you have recently received an award or published a book, send the details to [rmmla@wsu.edu](mailto:rmmla@wsu.edu).

### *The Rocky Mountain Review* in JSTOR

*The Rocky Mountain Review* has joined the 360+ academic journals being incorporated and digitally preserved by JSTOR, the archive of scholarly journals worldwide. This means significant increase in accessibility of articles from the entire run of the journal through libraries and throughout the academic community. The *Review* will soon be appearing in JSTOR's Language and Literature Collection and in Arts and Sciences III. JSTOR is also currently involved in outreach to public libraries and secondary schools, so still further accessibility is promised.

Articles from the *Review* will soon be available additionally through the EBSCO archive. These expansions in visibility of the *Rocky Mountain Review* join the increase accomplished in recent years in the list of our indexers. So submit articles to the *Review* and watch your fame soar.

## Calgary, Alberta, Canada site for 2007 Convention

The 61st annual RMMLA convention will be held at the Westin Hotel in downtown Calgary, Alberta, October 4-6, 2007. This is a beautiful hotel, with excellent meeting facilities, and it is within easy walking distance to a variety of restaurants, parks and shops. We know that you will enjoy it there. Enclosed in this mailing is the Call for Papers for this convention, although the online version of the CFP will always contain the most up-to-date information. The deadline for proposing a paper to a session chair is March 1, 2007. The deadline for audio-visual and computer projection requests is May 1. Many of our former chairs have told us that they have had great luck attracting good submissions by posting their individual call to the UPENN listserv. That URL is [www.english.upenn.edu/CFP/](http://www.english.upenn.edu/CFP/).

The complete convention program will be on our Web site by mid-June 2007.

We hope to see you in Calgary!

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:**  
**As of December 31, 2006, U.S. Americans will need a passport for all air and sea travel to and from Canada.** It is the responsibility of each individual—U.S. citizens or nationals of other countries—to make sure that immigration and customs regulations are followed. RMMLA is not responsible for any delays and/or fees charged for not respecting applicable immigration and customs regulations.

### Audio-Visual/Computer Projection at the RMMLA Convention

MAY 1 is the deadline to reserve all types of audio-visual/computer projection equipment for the Calgary convention.

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT available includes:

- computer (LCD) projector with PC laptop
- DVD player (not all with VCR player, so you must specify if you have VHS tape)
- slide projector

- overhead projector
- CD-ROM player

REQUESTS may come through the session chair or directly from the presenter needing the equipment (email accepted). We must have the requests by May 1 to be able to schedule the sessions into rooms and publish the preliminary program. We will try to accommodate requests received after May 1, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate late requests or that there won't be fees.

**NB:** Not every room at the convention hotel will be AV-equipped—indeed, only about half of the rooms will have equipment in them. The cost of renting equipment at the convention hotel is prohibitively high.

**GENERAL GUIDELINES:** RMMLA is happy to provide the equipment necessary for its members' presentations, but we do ask the following:

- Please do not request equipment 'just in case' you need it. We take the requests seriously and assume that if you requested it, you will really use it.
- If the use of audio-visual/computer equipment does not enhance your presentation, please consider not requesting it.
- Please make your request by May 1 (online or by email to [rmmla@wsu.edu](mailto:rmmla@wsu.edu)).
- Please make sure that you make efficient use of the equipment in your session, knowing where to cue your DVD, where your PowerPoint presentation is located on the hard drive of your laptop, etc. Your session chair has been advised to stop you if you go over your time limit, so that every presenter has an equal allotment of time.
- At the present time, we do not offer live Internet connections. Until such time as hotels offer fast and robust enough connections, we ask that you save Web pages to a USB flash drive and show them statically.

We would rather not have to charge presenters for their use of AV-computer equipment nor ask for deposits. If you truly need the equipment to enhance your presentation and if you have met the May 1 deadline, we are happy to provide you with the equipment you need. Please contact us if you have any questions ([rmmla@wsu.edu](mailto:rmmla@wsu.edu)).

### Evaluation Form Contest Winner

Teena Carnegie, Gonzaga University, won a one-year renewal of dues in the drawing of names of those who returned evaluation forms. Thanks to all who returned their form.