



THE CLA BULLETIN

The College Language Association Newsletter

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THE 83RD ANNUAL
COLLEGE LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

**REDEFINING EXPANSION AND EXPLORATION:
BLACK DIASPORIC LITERATURES, CULTURES, AND PEDAGOGIES**

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON // APRIL 23-26, 2025

HOST COMMITTEE CHAIR:
DR. THABITI LEWIS

HOSTED BY:
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY,
VANCOUVER

HOST HOTEL:
HILTON VANCOUVER WASHINGTON

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CALL FOR PRESENTERS

The theme for the 83rd annual College Language Association Convention is Redefining Expansion and Exploration: Black Diasporic Literature, Cultures, and Pedagogies, and we want you.

The full CFP is available at www.clascholars.org.

Some questions to consider:

- What emerging trends, technologies, and voices are shaping contemporary Black diasporic literatures?
- What new ideas and concepts are trending, in terms of how they are being mapped and assessed?
- What new and existing pedagogies empower students to think critically and cultivate cultural awareness through the study of these literatures and cultures?

Themes:

- Navigating identities
- Decolonizing pedagogies
- Redefining the canon
- Exploring hybridity
- Reimagining boundaries

**DEADLINE EXTENDED:
10.15**

**Active membership is required
for abstract submission.**

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Host Committee Letter

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Speaker Announcement

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Study Abroad
Scholarship

Margaret Walker
Memorial Prizes in
Creative Writing

Membership Highlights

**CONVENTION
REGISTRATION:
\$199 UNTIL
DECEMBER 15TH**



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August 27, 2024

Dear CLA Members,

Washington State University Vancouver is excited to host the 83rd Annual College Language Association (CLA) convention April 23-26, 2025, in downtown Vancouver, WA at the Hilton Vancouver Washington. This marks the first time that CLA will venture to west, and Washington State University Vancouver (WSUV) is excited to welcome you to Vancouver, Washington! You will fly into the Portland International Airport (which is less than 15-20 minutes from downtown Vancouver).

The WSU Vancouver Chancellor and Washington State University President are excited about the opportunity to host this historic event that will shape conversations regarding "Redefining Expansion and Explorations: Black Diasporic Literatures, Cultures, and Pedagogies." The Washington State University Vancouver campus and the region will benefit from the presence of CLA.

There is much to do when you come to the Vancouver, Washington/Portland, Oregon region. I suggest that you visit one of the many wine tasting rooms in downtown Washington or venture out to a Washington or Oregon winery. Also, just across the bridge in Portland, Oregon, is the famous Powell's Books located downtown, which is an entire city block and five stories high! Sign up for a walking tour of the Portland Albina neighborhood or enjoy Vancouver's waterfront restaurants and its wonderful walking/running trail.

As chair for the host committee for the CLA Convention 2025, I am ecstatic that it will take place in the Pacific Northwest! It is truly an honor to be able to bring CLA to the region to explore Black diasporic literature, cultures, and pedagogies.

The Keynote speaker for the 83rd convention will be Camille Dungy who is the author of four collections of poetry and is also the author of two essay collections, which include *Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden* (Simon & Schuster, 2023). It is nature writing, environmental justice, and prose that recognize the relationship between the peoples of the African diaspora and the land on which they live. We look forward to seeing you in Vancouver, Washington April 23-26, 2025, and having a memorable and stimulating experience.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thabiti Lewis".

Thabiti Lewis, PhD
Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Washington State University Vancouver



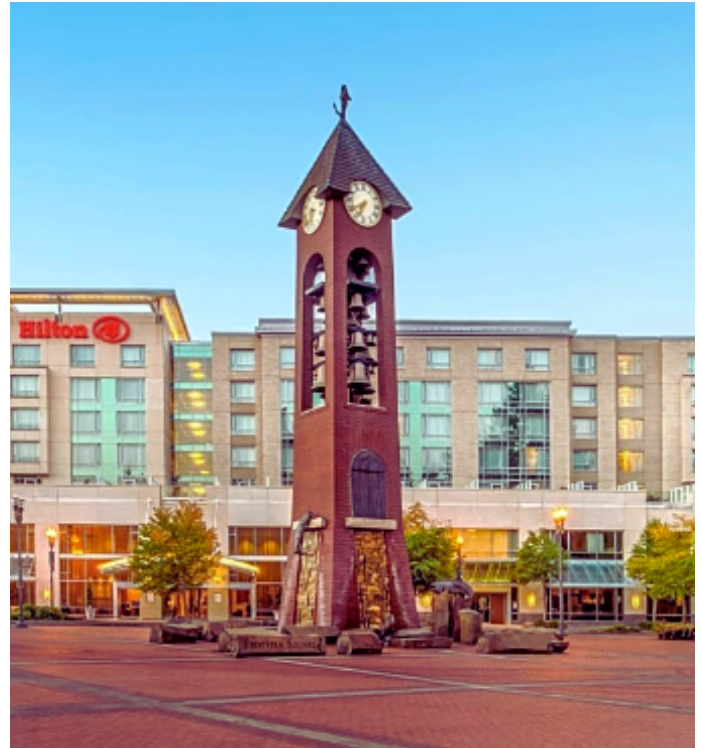
CONVENTION **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The keynote speaker for the 83rd annual Convention is poet CAMILLE DUNGY. Dungy is the author of four poetry collections and has interest in the intersections between literature, environmental action, history, and culture.

BOOK YOUR STAY

Host Hotel:
Hilton Vancouver Washington
301 W. 6th Street
Vancouver, Washington 98660

Nightly Rate: \$194 per night
Must book by April 1, 2025

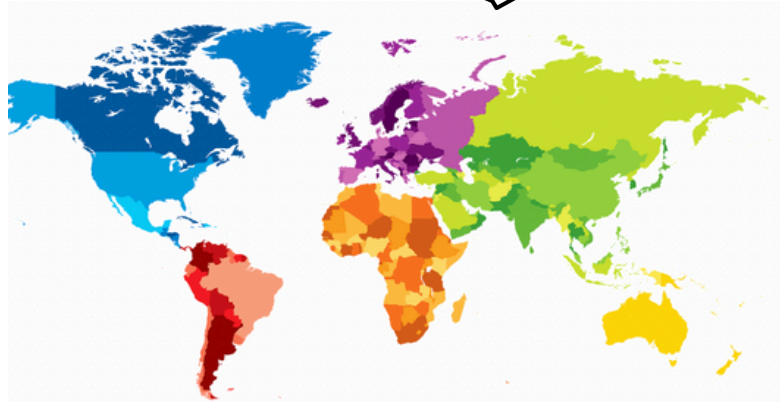


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The College Language Association

The College Language Association promotes and cultivates the study of languages and literatures to improve higher education experiences for students and teachers at colleges and universities across the world. In 1937, Dr. Hugh Morris Gloster, along with nine other scholars from historically black colleges and universities, founded the College Language Association (CLA) at LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee. The College Language Association Journal (CLAJ) was established in 1957.

THE CAROLL MILLS YOUNG STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP



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The Study Abroad scholarship supports CLA student members who want to study abroad and is open to any student who meets the requirements.

REQUIREMENTS

- Completed six credits of college-level study in the language of the country
- Overall GPA of 3.0 in the chosen language
- Overall GPA of 2.5

THE MARGARET WALKER MEMORIAL PRIZES IN CREATIVE WRITING



The Margaret Walker Memorial Prizes in Creative Writing Contest is open to any CLA student member.

SUBMISSIONS

- 12-point Times New Roman font
- Numbered pages.
- Genres: poetry, fiction, or drama
- Award: \$500 per category, \$75 honorable mention

The College Language Association Allied Organizations

The College Language Association is allied with The Alice Childress Society, The Charles Chesnutt Society, The Georgiana Simpson Society, The Toni Morrison Society, The Langston Hughes Society, The Modernist Studies Association, The Octavia Butler Society, and the Society for the Study of American Women Writers.

Member Announcements

Do you have announcements to share with your CLA family?

A forthcoming book project?

A call for papers or chapters?

A promotion?

A job announcement?

Retirement?



WE WANT TO KNOW. CLICK THE LINK ABOVE TO TELL US WHAT YOU'RE DOING!

RENEW YOUR CLA MEMBERSHIP

- \$100 (Regular)
- \$55 (Student) **MEMBERSHIP**
- \$75 (Retiree)
- \$1000 (Life) (Can be paid in four equal payments of \$250)

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