

Northeast Modern Language Association

Undergraduate Research Forum

The Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA) is a non-profit organization of teachers and scholars of literature, language, and culture, and the largest regional affiliate of the Modern Language Association (MLA). This year, NeMLA will host its 3rd Undergraduate Research Forum at its 52nd convention. Undergraduate students are invited to submit an abstract.



CALL FOR PAPERS

This year's conference theme is "Tradition and Innovation: Changing Worlds Through the Humanities." The Humanities refers to disciplines such as languages, literatures, cultural and identity studies, arts, and music. In your proposal, we encourage you to explore how evolving traditions in the Humanities have helped us understand our changing worlds, past and present, real and imaginary. We welcome submissions from Humanities and non-Humanities disciplines.

Possible approaches include:

- Humanities as an agent of social, cultural and political change
- Humanities and its relationship to STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and/or the social sciences
- Humanities as a means of imagining new possibilities
- Humanities and the understanding of history
- Humanities and its place in education
- Humanities and daily life/actions
- Humanities and the community (e.g. racial/gender/ethnic/geographic/age)
- Humanities and the development of new theory

This year, we are asking you to submit your proposal for a 5-minute poster presentation to one (max. 2) of the following panels:

1 The Humanities and Other Disciplines
How can language/literature intersect with STEM and/or the social sciences? How does this interdisciplinarity help us to better explain history, understand the present, and/or realize our future potential?

2 Humanities in the World
How do the Humanities help us to interpret the world? How can the Humanities effect or create social, cultural, and political movements and changes? We encourage proposals on both past and present events.

3 Humanities through the Humanities
What makes a discipline part of the "Humanities"? How do these different disciplines intersect? How do different disciplines in the Humanities help us to answer the same questions and understand the world using different approaches?

4 Humanities and Language
What is the relationship between language and society? How does language construct thought? How does language shape the decisions we make and the actions we take?

[CONVENTION INFO]

March 11-14, 2021
Marriott Downtown
Philadelphia, PA

Opening Event:
Jed Esty
Keynote Address:
Jennifer Egan

Please submit a 300-word abstract, a bibliography, and a 100-word bio by Nov. 1, 2020, through the NeMLA website. Visit buffalo.edu/nemla to create a member login and submit your abstract. Accepted students can receive mentorship on writing and structuring their presentations. For questions and further details, please contact Jennifer Mdurvwa at jmdurvwa@buffalo.edu.

