

# 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 second Undergraduate Research Forum at its 51st convention. Undergraduate students are invited to submit a research proposal.



### Abstract Guidelines

We are seeking research proposals from undergraduate students like you. Presentations must have a clear, innovative argument that puts your unique insights in conversation with existing scholarship (secondary sources).

This year's conference theme, "Shaping and Sharing Identities: Spaces, Places, Languages, and Cultures." In your proposals, we encourage you to explore how literary works, film, languages, and cultures influence and challenge traditional notions of space, identity, and history. Possible approaches include:

- Culture and the formation of identity (one culture or in a multicultural context)
- Relationship between language and identity
- Creation of new identities
- Literature and identity
- Gender, sexuality, and identity
- Evolution of identity over time
- Place and/or borders and identity
- Formation of community identity

Please submit a 300-word abstract, bibliography, and 100-word bio by Nov. 1, 2019 through the NeMLA website. Visit [buffalo.edu/nemla](http://buffalo.edu/nemla) to create a member log in 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 [arts-sciences@buffalo.edu](mailto:arts-sciences@buffalo.edu).

### Why attend NeMLA as an Undergraduate Student?

You will receive full access to conference events and workshops, with opportunities to network with professors and scholars in your chosen field. You will also be invited to participate in a workshop on applying to graduate programs, where you can receive feedback on your application materials and speak with faculty and graduate students on admissions committees.

Students who submit a strong abstract with a unique research focus will be considered for funding to attend the conference. A panel of judges will also be awarding a \$100 cash prize.

[ CONVENTION INFO ]

March 5-8, 2020  
Marriot Copley  
Place  
Boston, MA

Opening Address:  
Prof. Maurice Lee  
Keynote Address:  
Andre Dubus III

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