

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 4th Undergraduate Research Forum at its 53rd convention. Undergraduate students are invited to submit an abstract.



CALL FOR PAPERS

This year's conference theme is *care*. We understand care as the practice of interdependency, admitting our vulnerabilities as humans, animals, and other living organisms of the Anthropocene. The NeMLA theme of care will embrace but not be limited to questions of representation, migration, the environment, and identity. We welcome submissions from Humanities and non-Humanities disciplines. Possible approaches include:

- *Care* as an agent of social, cultural and political change
- *Care* and its relationship to STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and/or the social sciences
- *Care* and identity formation
- *Care* and the understanding of history
- *Care* and its place in education
- *Care* and the environment
- *Care* and the community (e.g. racial/gender/ethnic/geographic/age)
- *Care* 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 Care Through the Humanities and Other Disciplines
How does care integrate language/literature with STEM and/or the social sciences? How does care impact the intersections of disciplines? How does this interdisciplinarity help us to better explain history, understand the present, and/or realize our future potential? How does interdisciplinarity affect our understanding of care?

2 Care in the World
How does care help us come into contact and interpret the world? How can care effect or create social, cultural, and political movements and changes? We encourage proposals on both past and present events.

3 Care and Language
What is the relationship between language and care? How does care impact the relationship between language and society? How does language construct thought? How does language shape the decisions we make and the actions we take?

Please submit a 300-word abstract, a bibliography, and a 100-word bio by Nov. 15, 2021 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 Joëlle Carota at Undergradforum@nemla.org.

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March 10-13, 2022
Baltimore Marriott
Waterfront
Baltimore, MD

Opening Event:
Valeria Luiselli
Keynote Address:
Judith Butler