

THE COLLEGE LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION



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Dear Esteemed CLA Colleague,

It's finally here! Welcome to our 82nd CLA Convention, "In Search of Justice: Language, Literature, & The Activist Spirit," April 10-13, 2024 in Memphis, Tennessee! We are excited to bring our members home to our Founding City at our host venue, the Hilton Memphis. Highlighting our Founding location, member presentations, and other special events, we also welcome our Banquet's Keynote Speaker, native Memphian, writer and cultural critic Dr. Zandria F. Robinson.

The CLA Program Committee and Membership Engagement team have been working diligently to curate an experience that all will enjoy. You responded to this year's theme with thoughtful scholarship, dialogues in pedagogy and digital humanities, diasporic engagement and creative work, along with plans for fellowship the CLA way and many exciting events.

We are excited to kick off our Pre-Convention Founding Tour of LeMoyne-Owen College with a luncheon on Wednesday, April 10. Also note the World Languages Presents lecture by Dr. Dorothy Mosby, Represent Your School at our Founding City Reception, and enjoy the screening of our CLA member-produced documentary *Black Scholars in America: The Story of the College Language Association*, followed by a panel featuring our current President Dr. Jervette Ward and past president Dr. Dana Williams, along with distinguished members. As always, our Keynote Banquet and Homecoming-themed Presidential Afterparty will keep you engaged and entertained until the end!

In the spirit of CLA Family, we welcome you to Memphis, our Founding City, and home to CLA!

Sincerely,

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