

58th Annual Convention

SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY, NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

March 6–9, 2027 ★ **Corrected Dates**



Salve Regina University is honored to host the 58th Annual NeMLA Convention at its beautiful campus in Newport, Rhode Island, a city rich in history, culture, and diversity. Newport is located on Aquidneck Island, the original home of the Narragansett and Wampanoag tribes, among other nations. The incomparable local attractions, such as the Cliff Walk, the Gilded Age mansions, the Touro synagogue (the oldest surviving in the United States), and the Newport Black History Walking Tours, complement 2027's theme of "Empowering Communities."

JEROME BRANCHE OPENING PLENARY



Jerome Branche is Professor of Latin American Literature and Afro-Atlantic Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. One of his current book project addresses the interwoven themes of slavery, necropolitics, and coloniality, from a transhispanic standpoint.

MANUEL MUÑOZ KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Manuel Muñoz is the author of a novel and three collections of short stories, most recently *The Consequences* (Graywolf, 2022). He received a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship and won the Joyce Carol Oates Prize, both in 2023. He is a professor at the University of Arizona-Tucson.

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STAGE 1: SESSION PROPOSALS

Priority deadline is May 30, rolling submissions accepted until June 30. Session proposal deadline is May 30, 2026 for priority review (acceptance notification by June 15); afterward rolling submissions will be considered until scheduling blocks become full or until June 30, whichever comes first (with rolling notification).

Please review the session types (Panel, Seminar, Roundtable, Creative, Workshop).

When thinking about a session proposal, your goal is to find a sweet spot between too narrow (nobody will submit anything) and too broad (there's not enough specificity or direction for people to craft a paper around your topic).

Log into the portal to submit a session proposal.

NeMLA accepts sessions that are either in-person only, hybrid, or virtual-only. When you submit your session proposal, please specify the session's modality.

STAGE 2: SESSION CHAIRS POST CALLS FOR PAPERS (June 15 – Sept. 30)

Once your session proposal is vetted and approved, you may issue a call for individual paper abstracts. Guidance on how to serve as a session chair and how to issue the call for papers will be provided in late May or early June.

Individual paper submissions will open June 15 and close September 30.

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