

**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Conference on**  
**Multiethnic Literatures of the Americas (UCMLA)**

Department of English  
California State University, Fresno  
Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, 2023

This conference focuses on the multiethnic literatures of North America, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean. Students from any major may submit abstracts. We encourage analytical papers on any thematic or formal aspect of a text or group of texts, including film and other cultural productions. The argument should illuminate the work(s) in original ways while drawing on available scholarship to make its case. We invite current undergraduate students and those who have graduated within the past year, as well as first-year graduate students to submit a 250-word abstract (summary) of their papers. Students whose abstracts are accepted will present their papers at the conference. We hope that by presenting at the conference or attending some of the panel discussions, undergraduates will find themselves interested in the possibility of graduate school and that many others will discover the rewards of being part of a community of scholars.

**Deadline for submission of 250-word abstract: **Monday, January 30, 2023****

Submit your abstract to the UCMLA committee at [UCMLA.csuf@gmail.com](mailto:UCMLA.csuf@gmail.com) either uploaded as a Word document or copied and pasted in the body of the email.

For further details, please see the Frequently Asked Questions on UCMLA'S website: <https://www.fresnostate.edu/ucmla>

Need help writing your abstract?

**Workshop on Writing Abstracts – Friday, December 16, 2022 1:00-2:00 p.m.**

Faculty and graduate students will be available to provide advice and guidelines for writing abstracts, to answer questions, and to provide examples.

Zoom: <https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j/86052496755>.

**Early submission of drafts of abstracts:**

If you submit a draft of your abstract by email by **Tuesday, January 3, 2023**, you will receive feedback by email and will have time to revise and polish your abstract by the January 30, 2023 deadline. Email drafts to [UCMLA.csuf@gmail.com](mailto:UCMLA.csuf@gmail.com).

**How-to-Present / What-to-Expect Workshop – Fri., February 24, 2023. 3:00-4:00 p.m.**

Previous UCMLA presenters will hold an informal chat to answer any of your last-minute questions about what to expect the day of the conference: how to deliver your paper, materials to prepare, what to wear, how to field questions, what their experience was like, helpful tips, how to deal with nerves.... It's an open forum! Bring your questions.