# **You are Invited!**

As the Chair of the 2024 Conference Planning Committee, it is my pleasure and privilege to invite you to the [2024 UNYOC/MLA Conference](https://unyoc.wildapricot.org/Call-for-Proposals) in Celoron, NY, October 23 – 25.

This year we are "Having A Ball!" at the beautiful [Chautauqua Harbor Hotel](https://www.thechautauquaharborhotel.com/chautauqua-lake-hotel-about), as we celebrate the **60th Anniversary of the Upstate New York & Ontario Chapter of MLA**.

Located in southwestern New York State, near the Ohio and Pennsylvania borders, Celoron, NY is on the shores of Chautauqua Lake, very close to Jamestown, NY.

There are many popular attractions such as the National Comedy Center, Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum, and Chautauqua Institution.

# **Registration & CE Information**

[Conference registration](https://unyoc.wildapricot.org/Member-Registration) is **open**. The Early Bird rate is available until **September 13, 2024**.

Registration discounts are available for chapter members and [conference presenters](https://unyoc.wildapricot.org/sys/website/?pageId=18105).

To reserve a reduced-rate hotel room at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel use this link: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/104282?groupID=4414490>

* Government Per Diem/Tax Exempt Reduced Rate = **$118.00**
* Regular Reduced Rate = **$159.00**
* If you prefer, you can call (716) 489-2800, and ask for the room block under UNYOC of MLA.
* Rooms booked after September 23, 2024, will be provided based on space and rate availability.

# **New This Year!**

The Continuing Education opportunity is **happening virtually on Zoom** the week before the in-person conference, **on October 16, 2024 at 1:00 PM** (Eastern).

Please note that [registration for the online CE](https://unyoc.wildapricot.org/Annual-Meeting-CE) is **separate** from conference registration.

Alexander Carroll, MSLS, AHIP will teach you "**All You Need to Know to Publish Your Research**."

# **Conference Content**

# Do you have strong feelings about AI in libraries? Consider participating as a panelist in our discussion on [AI in Academic Medical and Hospital Libraries](https://forms.gle/X9mHvKJswUbdWdn9A), to be held on Friday, October 25th, immediately after Dr. Steven Petersen's keynote address, "Why AI is an Existential Risk".

# We are also [accepting abstracts for posters, lightning talks, and presentations](https://unyoc.wildapricot.org/Call-for-Proposals) until **September 13, 2024**.

# **Keynote Speakers**

We are so excited to about the [keynote speakers](https://unyoc.wildapricot.org/Conference-Schedule) for 2024.

Dr. Lori Quigley and Dr. Steven Petersen are both professors at Niagara University, and Ms. Anne Meore is joining us all the way from the Bronx, NY!

# **#60for60 at #UNYOC24**

Help us celebrate our 60th anniversary by reaching our goal of 60 attendees. We're planning some games and raffles – and possibly a boat tour or wine tasting!

I hope we see you there!

Lorraine Porcello
2024 Chair, UNYO Conference Planning Committee