

College English Association – Mid-Atlantic Group

68th ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE 2026

Call for Papers

“DECLARATIONS”

10 April 2026

Keynote Panelists TBA

Conference Location: University of the District of Columbia

“DECLARATIONS” is the theme for the CEA-MAG Conference 2026, which will be held at the University of the District of Columbia. This year’s theme is a prompt for papers and panels that explore declarations in English, Modern Languages, Cultural Studies, the Humanities in relation to STEM subjects, interdisciplinary subjects, and the profession of higher education. We therefore invite papers and panels from academics in higher education, AP instructors, and graduate students on any topic that is likely to be of interest to this organization. Although proposals may broadly interpret the conference theme in accordance with the subtopics indicated below, we will also gladly review for possible inclusion proposals on other topics and themes.

Some Subtopics/Themes to Consider:

Declarations of independence

- ⌘ Gendered declarations
- ⌘ Emancipatory proclamations
- ⌘ Declaraciones
- ⌘ Fascism and language
- ⌘ Charters & mission statements
- ⌘ Declarations of love
- ⌘ Constitutions and bills of human rights
- ⌘ Manifestos—aesthetic, cybernetic, political, etc.
- ⌘ AI-generated declarations
- ⌘ Declaratives and interrogatives
- ⌘ Declarations on race
- ⌘ Dissenting speech
- ⌘ Public speech/private speech
- ⌘ Founding documents
- ⌘ Authoritarian language
- ⌘ Declarations of identity
- ⌘ Declarations & democracy
- ⌘ Freedom of speech
- ⌘ Declamations
- ⌘ Edicts, indictments, & legal language

Graduate Students: Graduate students should identify themselves to be eligible to compete for the \$100 Christopher Bell prize for best grad student paper and should be prepared to submit a full copy of the accepted conference paper by March 15 to the Program Committee Chair.

Submissions: Please email your paper abstracts (of 300 words or fewer) and panel proposals by 23 January 2026 to the Program Committee Chair at the following link: <https://forms.gle/atZMyhoEuToqMEvf6>. Acceptance letters will be sent out in February.

Paper abstracts and panel proposals should include the following information: Name; institutional affiliation (if applicable); mailing address; phone number and email address; title for the proposed presentation; abstract of no more than 500 words (papers at the conference will be limited to 15 minutes); A-V needs, if any; special needs, if any.

Registration: Registration/CEA-MAG membership fee is \$50 (\$35 for adjunct instructors and \$25 for graduate students). An institutional registration fee of \$250 is available and covers up to five faculty. The link to the online registration page is on the webpage for the CEA-MAG: bowiestate.edu/ceamag

Questions? Other questions may be directed to CEA-MAG President Dr. Ada Vilageliu Diaz at avilageliu@gmail.com. Website: bowiestate.edu/ceamag