CALL FOR REFLECTIONS

Grad Students Preparing for the Fall: Covid-19, Online Teaching, & Visa Issues

Many universities are undergoing shifts in the coming fall semester because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The Modern Language Association’s Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Humanities seeks short reflections from graduate students on how they are navigating, responding to, and preparing for the fall semester amidst these many new changes. In particular, we seek submissions on or related to any of the following topics:

- Preparing for online teaching -- such as syllabus design, selecting textbooks, and dealing with technological issues
- Preparing for a hybrid in-person/online semester, whether teaching or taking graduate courses
- Plans for conferences, writing schedules, or other research work
- Reflections on how the pandemic is affecting mental health, relationships, and/or finances
- Reflections on how international graduate students are navigating national discussions about visa restrictions, suspensions, and cancellations
- Suggestions for resources, support, or organizations that national and international scholars can draw on as they navigate the crisis
- Other related topics such as work output, OPT-related job prospects, and the job market

Submissions will be posted on our blog: https://mlagrad.mla.hcommons.org/

Please submit your reflections to G. Edzordzi Agbozo at geagbozo@mtu.edu by July 27, 2020. Use “CSGSH” as the subject for your submission.