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Dear Colleague:

I invite you to renew your department's membership in ADE for the academic year 2009–10. Renewing your department's ADE membership promptly ensures everyone in your department uninterrupted access to the online *MLA Job Information List (JIL)* and the online archive of the *ADE Bulletin*. **The JIL becomes available for searching 17 September 2009. Access to search the online database of the English Job Information List is guaranteed to departments whose membership renewal reaches the ADE office before 8 September 2009.**

Renewing also ensures your uninterrupted participation in ADECH-L, the listserv for exchange of information among chairs of ADE-member departments. The office will refresh the subscriber list for ADECH-L from the 2009–10 ADE membership list toward the end of September. For departments with graduate programs, membership permits directors of graduate studies continued participation in ADEGDS-L, ADE's discussion list for directors of graduate studies, and ADEMA-L, ADE's discussion list for DGSs in ADE-member departments that grant a master's degree as their highest degree.

On or after 15 July you may renew your department's ADE membership online at www.ade.org, ADE's Website. To renew online, you will need to log in using your ADE department ID number and chairs-only password. Membership may also be renewed by completing the membership renewal form enclosed with this mailing and returning it to the ADE office.

An information sheet, also enclosed, describes the benefits of ADE membership in more detail. Should you have questions or want additional information I can be reached at the e-mail address above or by telephone at 646-576-5133.

Our field is virtually unique in possessing an organization like the ADE for exchange of information and mutual support. Please let me know how the office can be helpful to you and your colleagues, whether through the ADE Web site, the *Bulletin*, or the summer seminars.

I thank you for your department's continued membership in ADE and look forward to working with you in the coming year. With good wishes,

Yours truly,



David Laurence
Director, MLA Office of Research and ADE

Benefits of ADE membership include

- ❖ **Eligibility to attend ADE Summer Seminars**, annual gatherings where chairs, directors of graduate and undergraduate studies, and writing program administrators exchange information and practical solutions to common problems, and develop a network of peers they can call on throughout the year. The seminar registration fee is \$450. Locations and dates are:

Seminar East, 3–6 June 2010, College Park, MD, hosted by the University of Maryland
Seminar West, 21–24 June 2010, Claremont, CA, hosted by Pomona College
- ❖ **The ADE Bulletin**, the journal for English department administrators
 The *Bulletin* makes seminar proceedings, ADE and MLA committee reports, and reports on ADE and MLA surveys and data analysis available to the membership at large
- ❖ **Access to MLA Job Information List Online for all department faculty members and students**
 The prime source of information about faculty positions in college and university English departments, the *JIL* will become available for searching 17 September 2009. The list is updated weekly.
- ❖ **Receipt of a print version of the English edition of the MLA Job Information List**
 Member departments receive a subscription to the five print issues, October, December, February, April, and Summer. Available exclusively to departments that are current members of the ADE, the print version provides a record and tear sheets to document departments' searches to fill faculty positions.
- ❖ **A \$25 discount for job listings placed in the JIL**
- ❖ **Access to ADECH-L, ADE's discussion list for department chairs**
- ❖ **Access for directors of graduate studies to ADEGDS-L, ADE's discussion list for directors of graduate studies, and ADEMA-L, a discussion list for directors of graduate studies in ADE-member departments that grant the MA as their highest degree and others interested in discussion of issues relating to MA programs.**
- ❖ **Access to search the ADE Bulletin archive online for all department faculty members and students**
 Now in a searchable PDF format, the archive covers issues from 1965 to the present.
- ❖ **Four additional subscriptions to the print ADE Bulletin** mailed to designated members of your department
- ❖ **Immediate access through www.ade.org, the ADE Web site**, to statements, reports, surveys, the searchable member database
- ❖ **Access to the information resources of the ADE office and the expertise of the ADE staff**
 The office responds promptly and cheerfully to members' requests for information or assistance.
- ❖ **Eligibility for early reservation of hotel suites at the MLA Convention**
 Each August chairs of departments that have maintained ADE memberships during the prior year have access to register and reserve hotel accommodations for the MLA Convention two weeks before convention registration opens for other MLA members.

Note: early registration for the 2009 MLA Convention in Philadelphia is available to MLA members who are chairs of departments that are members of ADE or ADFL as of 15 July 2009. Chairs of departments that maintain 2009–10 ADE memberships and who are members of the MLA in 2010 will have early access to register and make hotel accommodation requests for the 2011 MLA Convention in Los Angeles. The number of suites is limited. Although chairs of ADE and ADFL-member departments may complete convention registration and housing forms before other MLA members, suites are not guaranteed, although every effort is made to accommodate chairs' requests.

ADE Dues, 2009–10

Type and size of department	Regular Membership	Comprehensive membership
PhD-granting departments	\$625	\$1,075
BA or MA-granting departments with 19 or more full-time faculty members	\$425	\$875
BA or MA-granting departments with 18 or fewer full-time faculty members	\$225	\$675
Two-year colleges	\$125	\$575

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Comprehensive membership includes a \$450 registration fee to one of the 2010 ADE Summer Seminars.