SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

CONVENTION ESSENTIALS | NOVEMBER 18–22, 2026

YOUR CONVENTION, AT A GLANCE

Two hotels. Five days of scholarship, connection, and new experiences.

ESSENTIAL HOURS & LOCATIONS

WED | 3–7 PM	**Registration** Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
THU–FRI | 7:30 AM–5 PM	**Registration** Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
SAT | 7:30 AM–3 PM	**Registration** Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
THU | 11 AM–5 PM	**Exhibit Hall + NCA Hub** Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
FRI | 9 AM–5 PM	**Exhibit Hall + NCA Hub** Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
SAT | 9 AM–1 PM	**Exhibit Hall + NCA Hub** Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3

NEW & WORTH EXPLORING

THU	**Research in Reach Pitch Competition** Noon–3 PM · Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
THU–SAT	**Strategic Planning Sessions** Brainstorming: NCA Hub, Marriott; Listening: Sheraton Grand Ballroom A, Floor 5
WED + THU	**NCA Global Film Festival** Wednesday 5–8:30 PM; Thursday 4–6:45 PM · Sheraton Grand Ballroom C, Floor 5
AT THE HUB	**Diamond Anniversary Book Awards, Headshots + Arcade Games** During Exhibit Hall hours · Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3

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WEDNESDAY PRECONVENTION + THURSDAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | PRECONVENTION

8:30 AM onward	**Preconferences** Marriott Balcony Rooms, Floor 4; one off-site
3–7 PM	**Convention Registration** Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
3–6 PM	**Day of Service** Marriott Grand Ballroom Foyer, Floor 3
5–8:30 PM	**NCA Global Film Festival** Sheraton Grand Ballroom C, Floor 5

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8–9:15 AM	**Newcomers' Welcome & Orientation** Sheraton Grand Ballroom A, Floor 5
9:30–10:45 AM	**Opening Session** Sheraton Grand Ballroom C, Floor 5
11 AM–12:15 PM	**Strategic Planning Brainstorming Session** NCA Hub, Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
Noon–3 PM	**Research in Reach Pitch Competition** Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
1–4 PM	**Graduate School Open House** Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
4–6:45 PM	**NCA Global Film Festival** Sheraton Grand Ballroom C, Floor 5
7–9 PM	**Welcome Reception** The Sazerac House, 101 Magazine Street

MOVE & RECHARGE

12:20 PM	**Chair Yoga** Sheraton Proteus, Floor 8
7:30 PM	**Cardio Dance** Sheraton Proteus, Floor 8

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FRIDAY + SATURDAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6:45–7:45 AM	**Early Morning Tea** Marriott Lobby, Floor 1
9 AM–noon	**Career Fair + CV Consulting Corner** Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
9 AM–5 PM	**Exhibit Hall + NCA Hub** Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
1–2:15 PM	**NCA Global Film Festival Makers Discussion Panel** Marriott Mardi Gras Salon C, Floor 3
1–2:45 PM	**Strategic Planning Brainstorming Session** NCA Hub, Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
2:30–3:45 PM	**Scholars' Office Hours** Sheraton Armstrong Ballroom, Floor 8
4–5:15 PM	**Strategic Planning Listening Session** Sheraton Grand Ballroom A, Floor 5
5:30–6:30 PM	**Carroll C. Arnold Distinguished Lecture** Sheraton Grand Ballroom C, Floor 5

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9 AM–1 PM	**Exhibit Hall + NCA Hub** Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
9:30–10:45 AM	**Strategic Planning Brainstorming Session** NCA Hub, Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
1–2:15 PM	**Strategic Planning Listening Session** Sheraton Grand Ballroom A, Floor 5
5:30–7 PM	**Presidential Address & Awards Presentation** Sheraton Grand Ballroom C, Floor 5
7–9 PM	**Intercaucus Reception** Marriott Mardi Gras Salon E, Floor 3
9–11 PM	**President's Reception** Sheraton Waterbury Ballroom & Lagniappe, Floor 2

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SUNDAY + HELPFUL INFORMATION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8, 9:30, 11 AM	**Concurrent Session Blocks** See the mobile app for Sunday session titles and rooms

FIND YOUR WAY

MARRIOTT	**New Orleans Marriott · 555 Canal Street** Registration, Exhibit Hall, NCA Hub, GSOH, Career Fair
SHERATON	**Sheraton New Orleans · 500 Canal Street** General sessions, Film Festival, Newcomers' Orientation
SUPPORT	**App Support + Accessibility Support Desks** Marriott Grand Ballroom, Floor 3
QUIET ROOM	**Marriott Jackson, Floor 5** A quieter space for attendees
PRAYER	**Prayer/Meditation Room** Marriott Galvez, Floor 5
LACTATION	**Lactation Room** Marriott Blues Office, Floor 4
COMMUNITY	**Student Lounge** Sheraton Oak Alley, Floor 4 · Thursday–Saturday

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