

# FIRST TIME TO THE CONVENTION?

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With pleasure, the CCCC Newcomers' Orientation Committee welcomes all of you to the 2007 CCCC Convention, but especially new members and first-time attendees. We have planned several events that we hope will help you get the most out of this conference. (These events and their locations are listed in the Special Events schedules in the *Convention Program*.)

On **Wednesday, from 5:15–6:15 p.m., New York Suite, Fourth Floor**, our committee will host a brief **Orientation Session**. We will discuss how to navigate the conference, how to use the program book effectively, how to participate in the convention's many events, and how to meet others. We also look forward to meeting you at the **Newcomers' Coffee on Thursday from 7:00–8:15 a.m., Trianon Ballroom, Third Floor**—a congenial start to the first full day of activities.

Throughout the conference, members of this Committee and other CCCC members will be available in a "Newcomers' Station" to answer questions, chat about the conference, talk about our shared interests, learn about your work, and discuss how CCCC can support you. Committee members will also be present throughout the conference—we'll have specially marked badges—always ready to listen to your concerns, help you with your questions, and begin the kinds of professional conversations that have made this conference one of the high points of the year for each of us.

With warm good wishes,

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