

**American Dialect Society Annual Meeting 2010
Baltimore, January 7–9**

At the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America

GENERAL INFORMATION

From Thursday, January 7, 2010, through Saturday, January 9, in Baltimore, Maryland, the American Dialect Society will hold its annual meeting, hosted as usual by the Linguistic Society of America.

HOTEL: This year it will be at the new Hilton Baltimore “in the exciting Inner Harbor district downtown,” 401 West Pratt Street, phone 443-573-8700. ADS members are eligible for special LSA rates: Single or double rooms \$125 per night, \$20 additional for each additional person. LSA has negotiated free high-speed Internet access, wired and wireless, for these rooms, as well as free access to the Hilton’s sumptuous fitness area. Executive-level rooms are \$155 per night, including complimentary breakfast and cocktail-hour hors d’oeuvres in the Concierge Lounge. These rates will also be honored, by advance reservation only and subject to availability, January 4–6 and January 11–13. To qualify for LSA’s special rates, reservations must be made by December 15.

You may make room reservations by calling 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667) and requesting the LSA rate. Reservations may be made online at the Hilton Baltimore’s LSA Reservations website, accessible by a link from the LSA website, www.lsadc.org.

REGISTRATION: As guests of the Linguistic Society, we must register with them. Thankfully, ADS members may register at the LSA members’ rate, even if they are not LSA members: \$140 for regular members, \$60 for students, \$60 for under-/unemployed. Deadline for preregistration at these rates is December 15. For details and to register, go to the LSA website.

ADS REGISTRATION: Additional and entirely optional, but those who attend ADS sessions are encouraged to register with the ADS Executive Secretary for \$20, students \$10. This helps defray the cost of our BYOB reception and earns you a distinctive decoration for your LSA badge.

LUNCHEON: At 12:15 p.m. Saturday, January 9. The speaker will be **Richard W. Bailey**, Fred Newton Scott Collegiate Professor of English Language and Literature emeritus at the University of Michigan and ADS Delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies. Menu: Tomato and Fresh Mozzarella Salad with Grilled Onion, Seasonal Greens, and Asiago Basil Vinaigrette; Twin Maryland Lump Crab Cakes, Corn Flan and Broccolini, Chardonnay and Lemon Butter Sauce; Apple Cranberry Strusel Tart with Caramel Sauce and Berries; coffee or tea. Cost is \$45; students who are members of ADS may attend free. Reservations may be made in advance with ADS Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf at americandialect@mac.edu.

WOTY: This time, in addition to choosing Words of the Year 2009, we will also have the solemn responsibility of choosing a Word of the Decade 2000–2009. The nominating

meeting is at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, and the final vote at 5:30 p.m. Friday (see schedule below). All members and friends are invited to participate.

Words of the Year for the past decade were: 2000 chad, 2001 9/11, 2002 weapons of mass destruction or WMD, 2003 metrosexual, 2004 red/blue/purple states, 2005 truthiness, 2006 to be plutoed/to Pluto, 2007 subprime, 2008 bailout. Word of the Decade may come from these but is not limited to them.

In 2000, *web* was chosen as Word of the Decade 1990-99.

Name of the Year: At the start of our WOTY session on Friday, we will also host the American Name Society's vote on Name of the Year 2009. ADS members and friends are welcome to participate in this vote too.

BYOB Reception: After the Friday voting on Words of the Year, you're invited to our annual Bring-Your-Own-Book reception from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Bring your new book or books; we'll have tables along the walls where you can display them.

NOMINATION for ADS offices: The Nominating Committee (Joan Hall, chair; William A. Kretzschmar, Jr.; Richard W. Bailey) proposes this nomination:

Executive Council member for the years 2010 through 2013: **Anne Curzan**, University of Michigan.

Additional nominations may be made by a petition signed by at least ten members in good standing, to be received by the Executive Secretary no later than December 22. The election takes place at the Annual Business Meeting on Thursday afternoon.

Future LSA-ADS meetings: Pittsburgh Hilton, Jan. 6–9, 2011; Portland Hilton, Jan. 5–8, 2012; Boston, Marriott Copley Place, Jan. 3–6, 2013; Minneapolis Hilton, Jan. 2–5, 2014.

Program Committee: Luanne von Schneidemesser, Dictionary of American Regional English, chair; Connie Eble, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Joan Hall, Dictionary of American Regional English; Joseph Salmons, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Walt Wolfram, North Carolina State University; Gerard Van Herk, Memorial University of Newfoundland; Benjamin Zimmer, Visual Thesaurus.

Schedule: Thursday, January 7

Executive Council

Room: Latrobe
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Open meeting; all members welcome. Presiding: ADS President **Connie Eble**, U. of North Carolina.

Annual Business Meeting

Room: Latrobe
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Most of the business of the Society is conducted at the preceding Executive Council meeting, to which all members are invited (see above). This meeting hears a report on

that one and also votes on the Nominating Committee's recommendation for ADS elections (see above).

Thursday, January 7: ADS Session 1

Room: Latrobe

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Panel: Cultivating socially minded linguists: Service learning and engaged scholarship in linguistics and education

- 4:00 Anne H. Charity Hudley (College of William and Mary): Introduction to African-American English and undergraduate service-learning
- 4:15 Christine Mallinson (University of Maryland-Baltimore County) and Helen Atkinson (The Independence School Local 1): Graduate service-learning in a Baltimore, Maryland, high school
- 4:30 Jeff Reaser (North Carolina State University): Teachers as researchers: Facilitating inquiry into culture and place
- 4:45 Adrian Wurr (University of Idaho): Composing cultural diversity and civic literacy
- 5:00 Colleen Fitzgerald (University of Texas at Arlington): Developing language empowerment projects with diverse communities
- 5:15 Carolyn Temple Adger (Center for Applied Linguistics), moderator of discussion

Words of the Year Nominations

Room: Latrobe

6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

Open meeting of the New Words committee; ADS members and friends welcome. Chair, **Grant Barrett** (Double-Tongued Dictionary). Presenter: **Wayne Glowka** (Reinhardt College), former chair. This meeting reviews nominations for Words of the Year 2009 and Word of the Decade 2000–09. Final candidates will be identified in preparation for the vote at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Friday, January 8

ADS Session 2

Room: Latrobe

Chair: Tyler Kendall (Northwestern University)

- 9:00 Kara Becker (New York University): Back vowels on Manhattan's Lower East Side: A current look at New York City English [karabecker@nyu.edu]
- 9:30 Aaron Dinkin (Swarthmore College): Phonological transfer as a forerunner of merger in Upstate New York [ajd@post.harvard.edu]
- 10:00 Corrine McCarthy and Judith Hadley (George Mason University): Midland or South? The phonetics of Northern Virginia [cmcart6@gmail.com]

Friday, January 8: ADS Session 3

Room: Latrobe

Chair: Luanne von Schneidemesser (DARE/University of Wisconsin-Madison)

- 11:00 David Durian (Ohio State University): The “Canadian Shift” in the US Midland: Purely a chain shift? [ddurian@ling.osu.edu]
- 11:30 Thomas C. Purnell (University of Wisconsin-Madison): Upper Midwestern [o]: Differences between open- and closed-syllable word classes [tcpurnell@wisc.edu]
- 12:00 John M. Spartz (University of Minnesota Duluth): (Re)visiting the *with of come with* in the Upper Midwest dialect: Towards an extension of cross-dialectal, variationist methodologies [jspartz@d.umn.edu]

ADS Session 4

Room: Latrobe

Chair: Susan Tamasi (Emory University)

- 2:00 Jennifer Cramer (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign): Styles, stereotypes, and the South: Constructing difference at the linguistic border [jcramer2@illinois.edu]
- 2:30 Thomas C. Purnell (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Eric Raimy (University of Wisconsin-Madison) and Joseph Salmons (University of Wisconsin-Madison): Visualizing and simulating sociophonetics and linguistic mapping: New tools for teaching and research [tcpurnell@wisc.edu]
- 3:00 Stefan Dollinger (University of British Columbia): The realm of deontic and epistemic obligation/necessity in Canadian English: *must, have to, got to* and other usual suspects revisited [dstefan@interchange.ubc.ca]

ADS Session 5

Room: Latrobe

Chair: Ben Zimmer (Visual Thesaurus)

- 3:45 Rose Rittenhouse (University of Wisconsin-Madison): Hypercorrection in Wisconsin High German: The realization of schwa [rittenhouse@wisc.edu]
- 4:15 Nathalie Dajko (Tulane University): Style reduction and language death: A real-time study [timbits25@yahoo.ca]
- 4:45 Mary Blockley (University of Texas): Not just for punks: /oy/ the naturalized diphthong [blockley@mail.utexas.edu]

Words of the Year Vote

Room: Ruth

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Words in half a dozen categories as well as a Word (or Phrase) of the Year will be chosen from the slate of nominees determined at Thursday evening’s meeting. Before each vote, brief statements will be invited from advocates for or against the candidates. After the choice of words for 2009, there will be a vote on Word of the Decade 2000–09.

The hour will begin with the American Name Society’s vote on its choice of Name of the Year. All ADS members, ANS members, and friends are welcome to participate.

Friday, January 8: Bring-Your-Own-Book Exhibit and Reception

Room: Peale C

6:45–7:45 p.m.

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Saturday, January 9**ADS Session 6**

Room: Latrobe

Chair: Connie Eble (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

- 8:30 Douglas S. Bigham (University of Texas Austin), Jessica White-Sustaíta (University of Texas Austin), Kathleen Shaw Points (University of Texas Austin), and Lars Hinrichs (University of Texas Austin):
Apparent-time low vowels among Mexican-Americans and Anglos in Austin, Texas [jessicabwhite@gmail.com]
- 9:00 Christian Koops (Rice University): Southern and Post-Southern /ey/ and /ε/ variants in Houston EAE and AAE: An analysis of formant contours [ckoops@rice.edu]
- 9:30 Jessica White-Sustaíta (University of Texas Austin): The cross-dialectal development of pragmatic distinctions in questions [jessicawhite@mail.utexas.edu]

ADS Session 7

Room: Latrobe

Chair: William A. Kretzschmar, Jr. (University of Georgia)

- 10:30 Erica Britt (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign): “Can the church say Amen”: Strategic uses of black preaching style at the State of the Black Union [erbritt2@gmail.com]
- 11:00 Jennifer Renn (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill): Understanding stylistic variation: The influence of social factors in early AAE [jrenn@email.unc.edu]
- 11:30 Rita Turner (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) and Vered Nusinov (University of Maryland, Baltimore County): Integrating language awareness into interdisciplinary instruction [rturner@curveofastory.com] [vtasch1@umbc.edu]

ADS Annual Luncheon

Room: Ruth

12:15–1:45 p.m.

Speaker: **Richard W. Bailey** (University of Michigan): H.L. Mencken and the American language [rwbailey@umich.edu]

Published first in 1919, Mencken's *The American Language* was a surprising bestseller, and he continued to revise and expand it until his stroke prevented further work. In 1963, Raven I. McDavid, Jr., condensed the book (with sparing supplemental material). The book and the journal he founded with Louise Pound, *American Speech*, had a powerful impact on the Dialect Society.

During his lifetime, Mencken was known as the “sage of Baltimore,” and the house in which he was born and lived most of his life is now a museum. The Mencken Room at the Enoch Pratt Free Library preserves his books and papers, including the vast correspondence he had with contributors who added information to his great project.

Mencken was famous for his “prejudices,” and published two volumes of essays with that word in the title. My talk will explore those prejudices and their impact on his writings about our language.

(See General Information for the menu. Make luncheon reservations in advance with Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf, americandialect@mac.edu.)

Saturday, January 9: ADS Session 8

Room: Latrobe

Chair: Kathryn Remlinger (Grand Valley State University)

- 2:00 Tracey L. Weldon (University of South Carolina Columbia): Bougie banter: The representation of middle class AAE in film [weldont@mailbox.sc.edu]
- 2:30 Joseph Hill, Carolyn McCaskill, Robert Bayley (University of California, Davis, and Ceil Lucas (Gallaudet University): Signing outside the box: The size of signing space in Black ASL [jaceyhill@gmail.com] [cmccaskill@sprint.blackberry.net] [rjbayley@ucdavis.edu] [CeilLucas@aol.com]
- 3:00 Stephen L. Mann (University of South Carolina Columbia): When non-mainstream does not equal nonstandard: Toward an understanding of in-group assessments of intelligence by speakers of Gay American English [mannsl@mailbox.sc.edu]

ADS Session 9

Room: Latrobe

Chair: Julie Roberts (University of Vermont)

- 4:00 Sarah Bunin Benor (Hebrew Union College): Ethnolinguistic repertoire: Avoiding contradiction in research on language and ethnicity [SBenor@huc.edu]
- 4:30 Rebecca Starr (Tulane University): “Abbrevs is totes the lang of the fuche”: Variation and performance of abbreviation slang [rstarr@gmail.com]
- 5:00 Lisa Young (Claflin University) and John R. Rickford (Stanford University): Sociolinguistics lessons in *A Lesson Before Dying* [ljyoung2006@gmail.com]