American Dialect Society Annual Meeting 2009
San Francisco, January 8–10

At the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOTEL: As usual, ADS will meet as one of the “sister societies” at the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. This year it will be at the Hilton San Francisco, 333 O’Farrell St., San Francisco 94102; phone 415-771-1400. ADS members are eligible for special LSA rates: Single or double room $99 per night, triple or quad $129, executive floor $149, the latter with access to the Executive Level Lounge featuring 180 degree views from the 45th floor, continental breakfast, and hors d’oeuvres in the evening.

You may make room reservations by calling 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667) and requesting the LSA rate; online reservations should be made directly at the Hilton San Francisco’s LSA Reservations website, accessible by a link from the LSA website, www.lsadc.org. These rates will also be honored, by advance reservation only and subject to availability, from January 4-7 and January 11-14. To qualify for LSA’s special rates, reservations must be made by Dec. 16. For further details, see the LSA website.

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: $110 for regular members, $45 for students, $85 for emeriti. Deadline for preregistration at these rates is December 12. 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 10. The speaker will be Bill Kretzschmar, Harry and Jane Willson Professor in Humanities at the U. of Georgia and ADS President. His title: Postmodern Dialectology. Cost is $45 for a three-course meal of basil tomato and cheese tortellini soup, Caesar salad with shrimp, and chocolate caramel pecan tart; with rolls and butter, coffee (Starbucks) and tea. 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.

Words of the Year: As we have done every year since 1990, we will look back at the preceding year and choose Words of the Year. The nominating meeting is at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, and the final vote at 5:30 p.m. Friday (see schedule below). All members and friends are invited to participate.

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 2008. 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 6:30 to 7:30 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 election takes place at the Annual Business Meeting on Thursday afternoon. The Nominating Committee (Michael Montgomery, chair; Joan Hall, Matt Gordon) proposes these nominations:


Executive Council for the years 2009 through 2012: Julie Roberts, U. of Vermont.

Nominating Committee member for the years 2009 and 2010: Richard W. Bailey, U. of Michigan.


Program Committee: Connie Eble, U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, chair; Charles Boberg, McGill U.; Allison Burkette, U. of Mississippi; Patricia Cukor-Avila, U. of North Texas; Matthew Gordon, U. of Missouri, Columbia; Thomas Nunnally, Auburn U.; Benjamin Torbert, U. of Missouri-St. Louis; Benjamin Zimmer, Thinkmap Inc.

PROGRAM
In serendipitous tribute to William Labov’s Social Stratification of English in New York City, all ADS meetings will be on the fourth floor.
Thursday, January 8

Meetings in Hilton San Francisco, Union Square 3&4

*Executive Council Meeting, 1:00–3:00 p.m.* Open meeting; all members welcome. Presiding: ADS President **William A. Kretzschmar, Jr.**, U. of Georgia.

*Annual Business Meeting, 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).

**Session 1: 4:00–5:30 p.m. Hilton San Francisco, Union Square 3&4. Chair: Malcah Yaeger-Dror, U. of Arizona.**

1. Divergent and Convergent Patterns in the Phonetics of Canadian English. **Charles Boberg**, McGill U. [charles.boberg@mcgill.ca](mailto:charles.boberg@mcgill.ca)

2. Linguistic Variation and Ethnic Identity: The case of Native American French in Louisiana. **Nathalie Dajko**, Tulane U. [ndajko@tulane.edu](mailto:ndajko@tulane.edu)

3. Influence of Nasalization on Vowel Perception. **Eden Kaiser** and **Bartłomiej Plichta**, U. of Minnesota. [kaise113@umn.edu](mailto:kaise113@umn.edu) [plich002@umn.edu](mailto:plich002@umn.edu)

*Words of the Year Nominations, 5:45–6:45 p.m. Hilton San Francisco, Union Square 3&4.*

Open meeting of the New Words committee; ADS members and friends welcome. Chair, **Grant Barrett**, Double-Tongued Dictionary. This meeting reviews nominations for Words of the Year 2008. Final candidates will be identified in preparation for the vote at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

*Sister Society Meet and Greet Reception, 8:30–10:00 p.m. Hilton San Francisco, Yosemite C.*

Members of ADS, and of other “Sister Societies,” are invited to this cash bar sponsored by the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas.

Friday, January 9

Meetings in Hilton San Francisco, Union Square 3&4

**Session 2: 9:00–10:30 a.m.**

4. On the Ethnic Marking of /l/ in Chicano English: A Generational Study. **Janneke Van Hofwegen**, North Carolina State U. [jmvanhof@ncsu.edu](mailto:jmvanhof@ncsu.edu)
5. Monophthongal /aw/ in Pittsburgh: On the Social Meanings of “Pittsburghese” in the Local African American Community. Maeve Eberhardt, U. of Pittsburgh. maest38@pitt.edu

6. Language Attitudes and Pre-Service Teacher Preferences. Lisa Cohen Minnick, Western Michigan U., and Patricia S. Bills, Michigan State U. lisa.minnick@wmich.edu billspa2@msu.edu

Session 3: 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Hilton San Francisco, Union Square 3&4.

7. Northern California Vowels in Southern Illinois. Douglas S. Bigham, U. of Texas at Austin. douglas.s.bigham@gmail.com

8. Diachrony and AAE: Sound Change Outside of the Mainstream. Cara Shousterman, New York U. cara.shousterman@nyu.edu

9. A Preliminary Analysis of Final /z/ Devoicing in Northwest Indiana. Brian José, Indiana U. bjohnson@alumni.indiana.edu

Session 4: 2:00–3:30 p.m. Hilton San Francisco, Union Square 3&4.

10. Plural all in wh + all Constructions. Stefanie Kuzmack and Rod Edwards, U. of Chicago. kuzmack@uchicago.edu redwards@uchicago.edu

11. On the Origins of Preposition Stranding in Louisiana French. Kevin J. Rottet, Indiana U. krottet@indiana.edu


Session 5: 3:45–5:15 p.m. Hilton San Francisco, Union Square 3&4.

13 and 14 (double presentation). Variation in Black ASL: Two Hands or One, High or Low? Robert Bayley, U. of California, Davis; Ceil Lucas, Carolyn McCaskill, Joseph Hill, and Roxanne Dummett, Gallaudet U. rjbayley@ucdavis.edu ceillucas@aol.com carolyn.mccaskill@gallaudet.edu jaceyhill@gmail.com roxieugenia@tmail.com

15. Word of Mouth: The Rise of Hip Hop’s “Third Coast” and Its Influence on African American English. Jennifer Bloomquist, Gettysburg Coll., and James Peterson, Bucknell U. jblomqu@gettysburg.edu

Words of the Year Vote in Hilton San Francisco, Union Square 22
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. 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.

Reception in Hilton San Francisco, Union Square 3&4

*Bring-Your-Own-Book Exhibit and Reception.* Bring your new book or books; we’ll have tables along the walls where you can display them.
Saturday, January 10

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Session 6: 8:30–10:00 a.m.

17. New York City English: Perceptual Dialectology and Research Design. **Renee Blake, Michael Cavallaro, Elizabeth Coggshall, Danny Erker,** and **Michael Taylor,** New York U. michael.taylor@nyu.edu
18. The Effect of Perceived Ethnicity on Evaluations of Students’ Spoken Responses. **Michael Shepherd,** U. of Southern California. mshepher@usc.edu

Session 7: 10:30 a.m.–12:00 noon. Hilton San Francisco, Union Square 3&4.

19. Not Just ‘One of them things’: Demonstrative *Them* in Appalachia. **Sarah Hamilton** and **Kirk Hazen,** West Virginia U. Kirk.Hazen@mail.wvu.edu
20. The Case of *actually* in North American English. **Cathleen Waters,** U. of Toronto. cathleenwaters@hotmail.com
21. So *eh* is still Canadian, *you know*? A Sociolinguistic Investigation of Discourse Particles in Canadian English. **Derek Denis,** U. of Toronto. derek.denis@gmail.com

Luncheon in Hilton San Francisco, Union Square 17&18

*Annual Luncheon, 12:15–1:45 p.m. Speaker: Bill Kretzschmar.* ADS President: *Postmodern Dialectology.*

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

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Session 8: 2:00–3:30 p.m.

22. “. . . and Testifying”: An Analysis of Women’s Linguistic Performance in a Black Church Community. **Andrea Kortenhoven,** Stanford U. testify@gmail.com
23. The Misinterpretation of AAE in Medical Examinations. **Susan Tamasi,** Emory U. stamasi@emory.edu
24. The Diversity and Stability of Vocalic Variation among Bidialectal and Bilingual Children. **Mary Elizabeth Kohn,** U. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and **Janneke Van Hofwegen,** North Carolina State U. maryekohn@gmail.com jmvanhof@ncsu.edu
Session 9: 4:00–5:00 p.m. Hilton San Francisco, Union Square 3&4.

Panel: The Job Market for Linguists

Panelists: Benjamin Torbert (moderator), U. of Missouri-St. Louis; Grant Barrett, Double-Tongued Dictionary; Christine Mallinson, U. of Maryland-Baltimore County; Rob Podesva, Georgetown U; Jeff Reaser, North Carolina State U.; Rebecca Roeder, Michigan State U., and Julie Sweetland, Center for Inspired Teaching.

This session will consist of a round-table panel discussion conducted by early-career linguists who work both inside and outside Academe. Members of American Dialect Society, these panelists will represent a variety of different career paths. Anyone who is or will soon be on the job market is encouraged to attend, as are senior scholars who may want to share advice during the Q&A portion. We will cover the application process for academic jobs in detail, including selecting which jobs to apply for, writing the CV and job letter, interviewing in the semifinal round on the phone or at convention, interviewing on the campus visit, and negotiating a contract. We will also discuss job opportunities for linguists who wish to work outside Academe.