Regional Meeting Programs for Fall 2001

**Rocky Mountain Region**

In association with RMMLA, Oct. 11–13; Vancouver, B.C., Canada, Sheraton Wall Centre.
Chair: **Glenn A. Martinez**, Univ. of Texas-Brownsville.


6. “Going Global—British or American English?” **Mary Morzinski**, Univ. of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

**Midwest Region**

In association with MMLA, Nov. 1–3; Cleveland, Sheraton City Centre Hotel.
Chair: **Beth Lee Simon**, Indiana U.-Purdue U., Fort Wayne.


Discussant: **Jean Livingston-Webber**, Western Illinois Univ.

**South Central Region**

In association with SCMLA, Nov. 1–3; Tulsa, Doubletree Downtown Hotel.
Chair: **David J. Caudle**, Northwestern State Univ.

The news fits on four pages this time, so we’re dispensing with a cover page.—Ed.
REGIONAL MEETINGS

South Central (Continued)
2. “Negotiating the Colorline: Dialectical Variation in Louisiana Fiction.” Suzanne Disheroon-Green, Northwestern State Univ.

ADS Regional Secretary 2001-2002: Michael R. Dressman, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Univ. of Houston-Downtown, One Main Street, Houston TX 77002; phone (713) 221-8009; DressmanM@zeus.dt.uh.edu.

Preregistration deadline is Oct. 22.
Membership in SCMLA is $30 full professors, $25 associate and assistant professors, $20 instructors and students, $35 international. Write SCMLA Membership Secretary, Texas A&M Univ., Dept. of English, College Station TX 77843-4227; phone (979) 845-7041; fax (979) 862-2292; www-english.tamu.edu/scmla/; scmla@tamu.edu.

Future Meeting: 2002 Oct. 31-Nov. 2 Austin, TX, Omni Austin Downtown Hotel.

South Atlantic Region
In association with SAMLA, Nov. 8-10; Atlanta, Peachtree Plaza.
Chair: Catherine Evans Davies, U. of Alabama.
1. “The Importance of Research in Dialectology.” Jan Tillery and Guy Bailey, Univ. of Texas-San Antonio.
5. “Vector Analysis of Phonetic Data: The Next Step in Dialectology.” Susan Tamasi, Univ. of Georgia.

ADS Regional Secretary 2001-2002: Michael Picone, Dept. of Romance Languages and Classics, Univ. of Alabama, Box 870246, Tuscaloosa AL 35406-0246; mpicone@bama.ua.edu.

Membership in SAMLA is $40 individual ($30 first year), $60 joint, $25 student and emeritus. Write SAMLA, Georgia State Univ., University Plaza, Atlanta GA 30303-3083; phone (404) 651-2693; www.samla.org; samla@samla.org.


New Books by ADS Members
If you have recently published a book, send pertinent information to Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf (address on back page), and we’ll mention it here.


David L. Shores. Tangier Island: Place, People, and Talk. Cranbury, New Jersey: Associated University Presses.Hardbound $47.50 (0-87413-717-9). Tangier (pop. 700) is in Chesapeake Bay. Part 3 of this book describes the relic dialect of the island.
Final Call for Papers: San Francisco, Jan. 2002

For next year’s annual meeting, ADS follows the Linguistic Society to the left coast and Tamony territory. We will meet alongside LSA at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in San Francisco, January 3–6, 2002.

**Monday, August 13** is our deadline for proposals. Please note the following specifications, which are a little different than previously announced. If you have already sent in a proposal, you don’t have to revise it, but if you haven’t, pay attention. Abstracts should be 150–300 words long. Send them by e-mail to Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf at AAllan@aol.com. Or, if you wish to use the postal service, send four copies of the abstract, with your name on an accompanying letter but not on the abstract, to Allan Metcalf, English Dept., MacMurray College, Jacksonville Illinois 62650-2590. Sessions on special topics are encouraged, but an abstract must be submitted for each speaker and abstracts will be judged individually, not collectively.

If you want an audiotape player, you must request it with your proposal. We will provide an overhead projector for all speakers; no need to request that. All other AV equipment is very costly, so please be prepared to do without it.

Proposals will be judged anonymously by a committee of ADS vice president and program chair Michael Montgomery and two colleagues. If your proposal is accepted, you’ll be asked for an abstract of no more than 200 words for the LSA program.

**Hotel:** The Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in downtown San Francisco: 5 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco CA 94111. As guests of the Linguistic Society, we’re expected to pay their registration fee, but we’re also entitled to their nicely reduced rate: $109 single or double. (The regular rate is $375). Call 415-788-1234 and ask for the Linguistic Society of America rate for the dates of the meeting.

As usual, we’ll have a luncheon, a Bring Your Own Book exhibit and reception, and a vote on Words of the Year. You can send WOTY nominations any time to New Words Committee Chair Wayne Glowka, Dept. of English and Speech, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville GA 31061, wglowka@mail.gcsu.edu.; or to David Barnhart, PO Box 2018, Hyde Park NY 12538, Barnhart@highlands.com.


**ADS at MLA, Dec. 27–30:** Two Sessions


**SESSION I: LANGUAGE IN THE SOUTH**

“Local Language and Local Identity in New Orleans.” Connie C. Eble, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

“Louisiana as a Site of Regional Variation in AAVE.” Sonja L. Lanchart, Univ. of Georgia.

“Talk Like a Turkey, Look Like a Bush: The Lexicon of Postmodern Hunting.” Wayne Glowka, Georgia College & State Univ.

**SESSION II: ENGLISH IS CHANGING NOW**


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**Honor Thy Student**

There’s still time to nominate your graduate or undergraduate student for one of next year’s three Presidential Honorary Memberships. All that is needed is a letter of recommendation, although supporting material is also welcome.

The four-year complimentary memberships are intended to encourage interest and participation in our field.

Write our president, Dennis Preston, Dept. of Linguistics and Languages, Michigan State Univ., East Lansing MI 48824; preston@pilot.msu.edu.
Snag a Schnitz or a Slippery Dumpling for DARE

If you are familiar with any of the following words or expressions, please let us know. It is most helpful if you can give an example or examples of how it is (or was) used, and as much detail as possible about when, where, and by whom. Address DARE Editor Joan Hall, 6125 Helen White Hall, 600 N. Park St., Madison WI 53706, or by e-mail at jdhall@facstaff.wisc.edu.

schnitz, schnit, snit—From German Schnit a small beer. We have some evidence from WI and MN for its use in this sense and more broadly for a small amount of other liquids. Is this known anywhere else? (We're not looking for more evidence for schnitz, snits in the sense “(dried) apple slices.”)
scoff off—We have two New England quotations in which the moon is said to “scoff off” bad weather—i.e., to prevent it from developing.
scramble (dinner)—A potluck dinner. All our evidence is from northern Illinois. Is it still used there or elsewhere?
scrimmage, scurmage, skirmish—1) Some kind of bat-and-ball game for a small number of players. Four informants, from Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania, offered this name, but that’s all we know about it. 2) A light fall of snow, a flurry.
sermon tack—A paper fastener (the kind with a flat head and two flexible metal strips).
skag—To split, chop. Heard in the 20’s from an elderly man from Maine. It shows up in English dialect, but we have been unable to find any other US evidence.
skipper, skipjack—A coasting sled. If you know either of these terms, please describe the sled.
skunk barn—One rural Pennsylvania informant gave this as his name for a one-level barn, with no stable underneath it. Does the term have any currency, or was this just a private joke?
sky blue—A name for hopscotch or a variant thereof. We have three examples, all from Chicago and Detroit.
slippery dumpling, slippery potpie—We have a few, somewhat contradictory, quotes, all from the central Atlantic area. If you know either of these terms, please tell us what it is.
snag tree—The tupelo or black gum (Nyssa sylvatica). An 1850 book reports this name from Massachusetts; it reappears in some later books, but they are perhaps not independent witnesses. Is this still in use?
snake guarder, snake header, snake eater—A dragonfly. Our evidence is from the Pennsylvania German area. (N.B.: We don’t need more evidence for snake feeder or snake doctor in this sense.)

Call for Cassidim
From Connie Eble, editor of American Speech:
The December 2002 issue of American Speech will be dedicated to Fred Cassidy, and the editors are seeking submissions concerning matters that Fred Cassidy was interested in. Although submissions from his former students and all generations of DARE workers are welcomed, the authors need not have been directly influenced by Fred.
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