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"Sorry, Chum, I’m with the American Dialect Society . . .

**Deluxe at the Ritz!**

Yes, that’s what you’ll say with a smile when your pals ask you where you plan to stay during the American Dialect Society’s Annual Meeting this December 27-30.

They’ll have plain fare, while you’ll save enough to pay your plane fare—and still have Deluxe (or better!) accommodations at the Ritz-Carlton San Francisco.

**Deluxe for Less**

How about rooms that are not just Minimum, not just Superior, but Deluxe—or better?

For the general public, Minimum rooms at the Ritz-Carlton are $185. Superior are $235. Deluxe are $285.

How about Deluxe Ritz-Carlton rooms for just $75 a night? Single or double! Your choice of smoking or non-smoking, too. (If you have special needs, even a suite might be available. Consult the Executive Secretary.)

**Putting on the Ritz**

Picture this. After a long day of travel, you arrive in the heart of San Francisco at a glistening neoclassical building, a little reminiscent of the White House, encompassing an entire city block. You enter a lobby floored with marble, furnished with antiques of the 18th and 19th centuries.

You ascend to your Deluxe room and admire more antiques, a marble bathroom with double marble sinks, terrycloth robes, an honor bar—even your own private safe in the closet, to secure those valuable notes and papers.

Walk over to the big double windows and look out. You’ll have a Courtyard, Bay, or City View, and a very good view at that, because Deluxe rooms are literally above the Minimum and Superior ones on the lower floors. What’s more, you can actually open the windows and enjoy the fresh San Francisco air.

Fresh air! Ah, if you happen to have a Courtyard View, you can look down at the hotel’s little park with trees, flowers, and brick walks. Flowers grow even in the fountain, which doesn’t flow because of the water shortage.

On a nice day, you can enjoy your déjeuner sur l’herbe in another corner of the Courtyard, at the only outdoor tables of any San Francisco hotel restaurant.

And then—fitness time! The Ritz-Carlton’s complimentary Fitness Center has sauna, whirlpool, exercise equipment, and an indoor swimming pool. (If you want a massage, herbal wrap or a mud wrap, you do have to pay extra.)

**Lower Price, Lower Aspirations**

We have to admit—if you pay your hundred bucks and register for MLA, they’ll have rooms at the Ritz-Carlton too, and for a slightly lower price. But their accommodations are—ahem—Minimum. We thought ADS members deserved something superior. No, something superior to Superior—Deluxe.

**Where It’s At**

The Ritz-Carlton occupies an entire block between California and Pine, Grant and Stockton. It’s right on one cable car line, a block from the other. Next to Chinatown, three blocks from Union Square, three blocks more to the Hilton, where our MLA session meets.

**A New Old Landmark**

In 1909, a monumental alabaster building opened in the heart of San Francisco as the West Coast headquarters of Metropolitan Life, in the days when life insurance wasn’t a risky business. Later transmogrified into a college, the building underwent complete renovation to emerge this April as the City’s newest and finest hotel.

**Reserve Now!**

The number of Deluxe rooms being held for us is strictly limited. And they’re available first come, first served. So make your reservation now, while space is still available. Telephone the hotel at (415) 296-7465 or call the national Ritz-Carlton toll-free number, (800) 241-3333. Ask for the special American Dialect Society group rates.

You may also write Ritz-Carlton Reservations at 600 Stockton St., San Francisco CA 94108-2305. Again, be sure to mention ADS.
We do not charge a registration fee. Visitors are welcome.

ANNUAL MEETING 1991
San Francisco • December 27-30

Poised on the Pacific Rim at the start of its 102nd year, the American Dialect Society looks westward to Japan, southward to Brazil, eastward to Russia and many points between; inward to Yankees and Reconstruction, doughnuts and movie sets. Bring your book to the BYOB Exhibit (Page 6) and your word to New Words of 1991 (below); celebrate another DARE (Pages 6, 22) and enjoy luncheon (Page 8) and lodging at the city’s finest hotel (Page 2).

Neologists Seek Nominations
For Mother of All New Words

What new word best expresses the linguistic spirit of 1991, the year of Desert Storm and the Russian revolution? What words are most original, most amazing, most useful, most outrageous, most unnecessary, and most likely to succeed?

With your help, ADS’ new-word spin doctors will attempt to answer those questions in the second annual session on New Word of the Year at the Annual Meeting. John Algeo and David Barnhart welcome nominations in advance.

Send your suggestion with a citation (tearsheet or photocopy for printed sources, note of circumstances for oral ones) to either of the neologists:

• John Algeo, English Department, Univ. of Georgia, Athens GA 30602.
• David Barnhart, PO Box 247, Cold Spring NY 10516.

John Algeo and Adele Algeo conduct “Among the New Words” in American Speech (See Page 23). Contributors to that collection become members of the ADS New Words Committee and get the Algeos’ occasional newsletter. David Barnhart edits The Barnhart Dictionary Companion, a new-word quarterly.

The new-words session is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29. After discussion, those present will vote on the overall new word of 1991.

Friday, December 27

MLA Session
9:00-10:15 p.m., Tiburon A, Hilton

ADS-sponsored session at the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association. MLA registration required ($75 for members before December 7). Write MLA Convention Office, 10 Astor Place, New York NY 10003-6981; phone (212) 614-6372.

Presiding: ADS President Michael D. Linn, Univ. of Minnesota, Duluth.

• The English Language in Japan: The 19th Century. Richard W. Bailey, Univ. of Michigan.—A little-noticed episode in the spread of world English began with the proposal by Mori Arinori, the legate from the Emperor to Washington, to abolish the Japanese language and replace it with English. Mori (1847-1889) spent only two years in the United States, but he was persuaded that American culture could offer Japan a means for modernizing. His proposal met with considerable popular approval in America, and what dissent there was arose from his assertion that English spelling would first have to be reformed.

• Early American Literary Sociolinguistics. Marianne Cooley, Univ. of Houston.—Literary dialect may serve as evidence for the social and interpersonal function of language in historical periods, thereby constituting an historical literary
sociolinguistics and complementing other sources of historical evidence such as variant textual spellings, rhymes, grammars and dictionaries, journalistic comments, and trial transcripts. It provides a contextual social dimension and corroborating support for explanations established on other grounds, and it may also suggest hypotheses to investigate further.

Study of literary dialect use and language commentary in approximately 50 American literary texts before 1800 shows 11 dialects appearing regularly; within the next decade or so, another two appear and continue through the first half of the 19th century.

- Wordplay and Humor in Gay and Lesbian Slang. Leonard R.N. Ashley, Brooklyn Coll., City Univ. of New York.—Slang always has been used to distinguish those who are with it (a carnival term) from civilians. With homosexuals before coming out was as (partly) safe as it is today, slang also had codeword use and wit was admired in ingroup dishing and camp language. Homosexual stereotypes may have changed, and gays and lesbians may now have less of a private language (or a less private language) than before because of political and media realities, but mindset, inventiveness, and some of the basic methods of new-word creation, especially for humorous and sarcastic purposes, are well illustrated in gayspeak, used by many of the ten percent of Americans who are homosexual and increasingly by straight America, sometimes without even realizing it.

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American Name Society at MLA

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**

MLA session, Shasta Room, Hilton, 5:15-6:30 p.m. Chair, Wayne H. Finke, Baruch Coll., CUNY.


“Name Changes, Character Development, and Textual Confusion in Shakespeare’s Plays.” Grant Smith, Eastern Washington Univ.


“Botanical Naming in Fowle’s The French Lieutenant’s Woman and Daniel Martin.” Merrilee Cunningham, Univ. of Houston, Downtown.

Annual Banquet, University Club, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Presidential Address by Andre Lapierre.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

MLA session, Belmont Room, Hilton, 3:30-4:45 p.m. Chair, Andre Lapierre.

“Lewis and Clark’s Onomastic Influence on the Northern Plains.” Thomas J. Gasque, Univ. of South Dakota.

“Thalia Revisited: A Study of Character Names in Larry McMurtry’s The Last Picture Show and Texasville.” Patricia E. Cearley, South Plains Coll.

“South Carolina County Names.” Sarah E. Jackson, Georgia Inst. of Technology.

“Behind Missouri's Nickname The Show-Me State.” Gerald L. Cohen, Univ. of Missouri, Rolla.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

ANS Business Meeting, Whitney Room, Hilton, 12 noon-1:15 p.m.

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Lexicography

Discussion Group at MLA

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 8:30 A.M.**

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Chair, Thomas Creamer, CETA Group.

“Etymologies in Commercial Lexicography.”
David Jost, American Heritage Dictionary.

“Popularized Scholarly Etymology in the Atlantic and DARE.” Craig Carver, DARE.

“Reconstructing Ideology.” Frederic Dolezal, Univ. of Georgia.
Sunday, December 29: ADS at the Ritz-Carlton

**ADS Executive Council**

8:00-10:00 a.m.

The meeting is open and all ADS members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The Executive Council discusses and sets policy for the Society and hears reports from officers, editors, committee chairs, and regional secretaries. To get an advance copy of the agenda in early December, write the Executive Secretary.

**English and Other Languages**

1:00-3:30 p.m.

- **New England French in New York State: The French of Cohoes, N.Y.** Cynthia A. Fox, State Univ. of New York, Albany.—It is estimated that there are 900,000 people of French ancestry in New York State, a large proportion of them descended from the nearly one million French Canadians who left Quebec between 1840 and 1940 seeking better economic conditions. This paper reports preliminary findings of field work conducted in Cohoes, N.Y. during the summer of 1991. It is hypothesized that relegation of the New York Francos to the periphery of the Franco-American geographical space has contributed to accelerated language loss and placed its membership at the lower end of a Quebec-New England-New York continuum of French language maintenance in North America.

- **American English Influence on the Vocabulary of Fast Food in Brazil.** Brian Head, State Univ. of New York, Albany.—The influence includes some unusual reinterpretations and expansions that do not follow common patterns (neither of borrowing, nor of the two languages in question, in one or two cases).

- **Recent Borrowings from Spanish into English.** Garland Cannon, Texas A&M Univ.—This paper derives from current new-words collections: *Third Barnhart, 12,000 Words*, and the three Longman British collections. The many dozens of Spanish borrowings will be treated according to labels, semantic fields, variant forms, phonological or graphemic problems, grammatical information including word formation (e.g., is the item borrowed dually phonetically and in loan translation, is it borrowed dually in the original and in anglicized form as in *Castroismo* and *Castroism*), and possible place in general international English as partly reflected by any appearance in the eight current desk dictionaries of English. The dictionaries will also be checked for any use of already-naturalized Spanish forms, where the derivation or compound cannot be considered a borrowing and yet still has a connection to its ultimate Spanish etymon.

- **Linguistic Changes in an Apparent-Time Study: Pennsylvania German in Ohio.** Silke Van Ness, State Univ. of New York, Albany.—Pennsylvania German of secular speakers is facing extinction after an almost 300-year life span. Besides a variety of social and political factors, linguistic prudence has been cited as a contributing factor to the linguistic death of this group. In contrast, the language of conservative religious communities demonstrates its vitality through profound changes and innovations at all linguistic levels. In another generation’s time, a new norm will have emerged requiring a new description of Pennsylvania German.

- **Russian and Soviet Dialectology: Historical, Geographical and Social Aspects.** Maria Polyakova, Petrozavodsk State Univ.

**Dialectology**

3:30-5:00 p.m.

- **Dialect Shifting in the Teaching of Standard English.** Vivian R. Brown, Laredo Junior Coll.—Dialect shifting techniques employed by Professor Ron Chandonia at Atlanta Metropolitan College to help Black students improve their command of Standard Written English proved remarkably effective when used with Hispanic students at Laredo Junior College, most of whom had learned English as a second language. With these techniques, students in two sections of developmental English showed an average improvement of 12 percent in the quality of their writing during the spring semester 1991, while students in a control section taught by the same instructor, but without transcription techniques, improved an average of only 1 percent.
3:30-5:00 p.m. (Continued from Page 5)

- Semantic Variation and Core Semantics. Kim Sydow Campbell, Auburn Univ.—Some semantic variation and change can be described with the same theoretical apparatus as syntactic variation and change, namely misassignment of constituent structure. MCS explains the development of perfective have in English: In Ic hafde hit gebunden ("I had it bound"), for example, hafde could be assigned the constituent structure of either V or AUX, although only the variant with AUX survives in current usage. Applied to semantics, the theory proposes that semantic (highly abstract) meaning elements constitute the core, while pragmatic (experiential) meaning elements constitute the periphery of words. The word mother, for example, for one speaker might have a core meaning of ‘female progenitor’ or ‘nurturer’ and a periphery of ‘married to father’; for another speaker the core is ‘female progenitor’ and the periphery ‘nurturer’. This interpretation accounts for two previously unreconcilable observations: First, speakers disagree about the exact meaning of words—the same meaning element (e.g. ‘nurturer’ above) may be assigned the role of constituent in two different categories, and at least some meaning elements (e.g. ‘married to father’) appear to be optional. Second, speakers are able to communicate with many words that they disagree about—they may share only some of the same meaning elements for a word (e.g. ‘female progenitor’ and ‘nurturer’ above).

- Folk Dialectology. Dennis Preston, Eastern Michigan Univ.—Students of language attitude and perception are aware that their quantitative techniques may be subject to unexplained “protocols” lurking behind responses to surveys, checklists, and the like. Ethnomethodological approaches tease out such protocols. Recordings of informal conversations with nonlinguists on linguistic topics reveal a rich inventory of folk belief about language variety. Additionally, such discussions reveal the sorts of reasoning the respondents bring to bear on the solution of linguistic problems about which they do not have ready-made folk beliefs. This presentation analyzes folk belief about language variety among respondents from southeastern Michigan.

**Bring-Your-Own-Book Exhibit**
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Never before has ADS had its own book exhibit, and never before (well, to the best of our knowledge) has there been a book exhibit quite like this one.

It’s an extension of the feature “New Books by ADS Members” in the Newsletter (on Pages 18 and 23 in this issue). If you’ve recently published a book, bring it along—and any ancillary materials like posters and flyers. If your book is being displayed at the MLA meeting, see if you can borrow it from their exhibit. Your publisher’s representative is welcome too.

Among other delectables, you’ll be able to look over DARE Volume II.

To make sure we have space for your book, please notify ADS Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf in advance about what you plan to exhibit.

This will be an opportunity to stretch our legs as well as our minds between ADS sessions. Not to forget our stomachs, we’ll have refreshments on hand too.

Like our other sessions at the Ritz-Carlton, it’s open to all. Bring your friends.

**New Words of 1991**
6:00-7:00 p.m.

- John Algeo, Univ. of Georgia, and David Barnhart, Lexik Books. (See story on Page 3.)

**DARE Celebration, Volume II**
7:00-8:00 p.m.

If you were lucky enough to catch the heady celebrations of DARE Vol. I in 1985 (see NADS 18.1, Jan. 1986) or of DARE in extensis in 1989 (see NADS 22.1, Jan. 1990), you won’t want to miss the rejoicing over Vol. II at this year’s Annual Meeting.

But what the D-H will we do? Well, at press time that wasn’t decided. You can inquire of the Executive Secretary in early December, or ask someone at DARE, or just show up and be surprised...
Monday Morning, December 30: ADS at the Ritz-Carlton

Annual Business Meeting
8:00-9:00 a.m.

Presiding: ADS President Michael D. Linn.
Reports of Executive Council, officers, committee chairs, editors, regional secretaries; election of Executive Council member 1992-95.

Nomination: The Nominating Committee (Richard W. Bailey, chair; Thomas J. Creswell, Amy J. Devitt) proposes for that Executive Council position Michael I. Miller, Chicago State University.

Additional nominations may be made by a petition with the signature of at least ten members, which must reach the Executive Secretary by Dec. 15.

Independent Session
9:00-12:00

- Modal Verbs and the Dialectologist. John M. Kirk, Queen’s Univ. of Belfast (Visiting Professor, Univ. of Michigan).—Central modal verbs found in corporuses from Scotland and Northern Ireland will be described morphologically and syntactically; they will be compared as synonyms within particular semantic sets; and they will be interpreted pragmatically. Two questions will be posed: what kind of question does the study of modal verbs raise, lexical, morphological, syntactic, semantic, pragmatic, or what? And why have dialectologists ignored or been very shy to tackle modal verbs? Variation is there, both qualitative and quantitative. So what is it, after all, that dialectologists are supposed to be studying? Are there new ways forward?

- The (W)hole Story of the Doughnut. Anne Lambert, Univ. of Florida.—Doughnut was first used in American literature in 1805, but it existed in America earlier. The Pilgrims learned to make doughnuts, originally a German and Dutch item, during their exile in Holland. A historical survey traces the term and its relatives (cruller, fried cake, etc.) to the present. The origin of the doughnut hole is also considered.

Bismarck also exist; new ones seem to rise as the old ones die out.


- J. R. Lowell’s Literary Yankee Dialect: The Courtin’ (1484-1873). Herbert Penzl, Univ. of California, Berkeley.—This unique poem of a dozen four-line stanzas, superficially linked to both series of J.R. Lowell’s Biglow Papers, will be analyzed as to its literary New England dialect. Words in it represent historical old dialect (cheer ‘chair’, ef ‘if’, fust ‘first’, littered ‘loitered’, hern ‘hers’), new (American?) folk dialect (ez ‘as’), colloquialisms (tomorrer, feelin’s ‘feelings’) and eye-dialect (kiss, sez ‘says’). The mixed dialect provides genuine local rural color. The use of only colloquial standard in the dialogue and the use of the urban Mister as the keyword in the entire poem suggest the social impact of Standard English.

- Written Evidence of Black English in the Mid-Nineteenth Century. Celia Millward, Boston Univ.—Six letters written by a young black man, Benewell Kemler, in 1851 and 1852 provide evidence for r-lessness; simplification of consonant clusters; realization of /θ/ and /ð/ as [s] and [d] respectively; neutralization of the /ŋ/ — /n/ distinction in final position; and a lack of distinction between /hw/ and /w/. More surprising is the extensive evidence for neutralization of the voiced-voiceless distinction in stops in all positions. The inclusion in the letters of carefully copied material that does not show any of these characteristics supports the hypothesis that Kemler’s writing is an unselfconscious representation of his own dialect.

- Reconstruction and the American Language: The End of Dialect? Randy Roberts, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia.—Significant events of the mid-19th century suggested to some writers and educators of the Reconstruction period that American English was rapidly losing its regional distinctiveness. The California Gold Rush and the Civil War, they noted, were two events which had brought together in unprecedented numbers speakers from all regions.

The reunification of the nation following the Civil War signaled, for most, the sure end of sectionalism.
This would include the end of dialectal differences. From the ashes of the War emerged an army of patriotic teachers sent south by the Freedmen’s Bureau to combat illiteracy and, by association, the perceived linguistic provincialism of Southerners. “As public schools are fast dotting the hills and valleys of the South,” one observer noted, “the thick-lipped speech of that section will quickly hide itself before the pruning-knife of the educator.”

Plains Language

A special issue of Kansas Quarterly encompasses a comprehensive overview of the language and dialects of the Plains, a.k.a. the Midwest. There is nothing as complete and up-to-date as this survey, edited by Thomas E. Murray, which includes:

“Midwestern English: Facts and Fictions” by Timothy C. Frazer.

“The Development of Dialect Patterns in the Upper Midwest” by Michael D. Linn.

“Irregular Verb Forms in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota: Education Attainment and Gender Differences” by Virginia G. McDavid.

“Appalachian/Ozarkian English on the Plains” by Murray.

“Kansas Word Geography: A Summary of Findings” by Albert B. Cook.

“Linguistic Recollections of a Kansas Childhood, from the View of a Dictionary Editor” by Luanne von Schneidemesser.

“Belgian English in Wisconsin’s Door Peninsula” by Donald W. Larmouth.

“Style, Dialect Switching, and the Notion of ‘Standard’ in Missouri and Adjoining Areas” by Beth Simon.

New CD-ROM by ADS Member


Annual Luncheon

12:15-1:30 p.m.

Speaker: Arthur J. Bronstein, Univ. of California, Berkeley (and emeritus, CUNY Graduate School).

How can a Ritz-Carlton luncheon be anything but exquisite? The meal will cost about $25. Please notify the Executive Secretary in advance to reserve a place for you, and let him know if you have special dietary requests.

ADS at NCTE

ADS session at the convention of the National Council of Teachers of English, Nov. 22-27:

Seattle, Washington State Convention Center.

Session I-18, 4:45-6:00 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24.

Classroom Uses of the Dictionary of American Regional English.

Chair: Allan Metcalf, MacMurray College.

Presentation: Beth Lee Simon, DARE.

Preregistration for NCTE members is $70. For further convention information write NCTE, 1111 Kenyon Road, Urbana, Illinois 61801; phone (217) 328-3870, fax (217) 328-9645.

Annual Meetings ’92, ’93: Mark Your Calendar

ADS always meets in association with MLA, Dec. 27-30. Independent ADS sessions are held Dec. 29 and the morning of Dec. 30. Program proposals should be sent to the Executive Secretary.


1993 • Toronto. Deadline for abstracts: March 22.

LSA Meetings

ADS always sponsors a session at the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Deadlines for ADS proposals are the same as for our Annual Meeting.

1993, Jan. 7-10 • Los Angeles, Biltmore.

1994, January • Cincinnati or San Antonio.
Directory of Members, September 1991

In addition to the 554 individuals listed here, about 270 institutions belong to the ADS. Updated mailing labels and lists are available from the Executive Secretary, free for ADS mailings and at a reasonable fee for other purposes of benefit to members. Listings by locality are available to members who would like to get to know their neighbors.

Special categories include §Life Membership, available for $500 (minus the current year's dues, if paid); **Emeritus Membership, free to retired members, but including only the Newsletter; Presidential Honorary Membership, awarded to three students annually by the ADS President, and Student Membership, including all publications, at $10 per year for as many as three years. A student's application should be accompanied by a confirming note from an ADS member.

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News from California

Essays, squibs, letters and reviews on any linguistic topic, and subscriptions, are invited for the California Linguistic Newsletter, now in its third decade.

The newsletter reprints articles of interest from out-of-the-way publications apt to be missed. Editor Alan Kaye adds that he has no objection if CLN material is also published elsewhere. He calls it “a fast outlet for interesting material of all persuasions.”

The newsletter also announces past and future events, publications, and jobs.

Recent contributors include Charles-James Bailey, Lyle Campbell, Peter Daniels, Sheila Embleton, Ives Goddard, Joseph Greenberg, Eric Hamp, Carleton Hodge and Mats-Peter Sundström.

A free sample issue is available from editor Kaye at Dept. of Linguistics, California State Univ., Fullerton, CA 92634-9480. Subscriptions are $20 for the academic year 1991-92, $30 by airmail overseas. (This is an increased rate made necessary by the end of support from the hard-pressed State of California.)

XVth International Congress

of Linguists will be held in Québec Aug. 9-14, 1992. One of the 17 sections is on language and society. Registration is $214 (U.S.) if paid by Dec. 31. Write CIL 92, Dépt. de langues et linguistique, Université Laval, Québec G1K 7P4, Canada; phone (418) 656-2625; fax (418) 656-2019; cipl92@lavalvm1.binet.

New Books by ADS Members

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Nominate a Student: Last Call

Nominations for the 1992 Presidential Honorary Memberships are still welcome—but the deadline is November 15. The complimentary four-year memberships are awarded to outstanding students, graduate or undergraduate, to encourage them to be active in our field and in the Society.

Send letters of nomination to ADS President Michael Linn at English Department, 420 Humanities Building, University of Minnesota, Duluth MN 55812. If possible include a sample of the student’s work.
CALENDAR OF REGIONAL MEETINGS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL MEETING
IN ASSOCIATION WITH RMMLA, OCT. 17-19
TEMPE, ARIZONA STATE UNIV. CONFERENCE CENTER
(Housing at Sheraton Mission Palms, Holiday Inn, Howard Johnson’s; rates $49 to $82.)
3:30-5:00 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18; Yavapai Room.
Chair: Marianna Di Paolo, Univ. of Utah. ADS Regional Secretary: Grant W. Smith, Eastern Washington Univ. Program:
• Fugitive Sources in a Dictionary of English of Western North America. Thomas L. Clark and Michael Wise, Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas.—The notion of fugitive sources has two parts. One refers to the format, creation and distribution of sporadic publications, the other to difficulties in locating citations for earliest meanings (as per Barnhart, Bailey, Schaeffer and others). This paper explores problems in locating citations for a dictionary constrained by domain and region.
• Language Attitudes Towards Phonetic Variants of / / and / / . Marianna Di Paolo.—Seventy-three native speakers of American English living in the Salt Lake City area were asked to respond to 11 “speakers” in a matched guise experiment. Each speaker read two texts, one which gave the listeners a cue about whether the speaker had an / / - / / contrast and one without a cue. Listeners generally rated the Utah English speakers lower on traits related to personality, success and speech. Listeners’ ratings were also found to interact with the presence or absence of an / / - / / contrast cue.
• An Update on the Variable (aw) in the Urban Dialects of the Salt Lake Valley. Neil H. Olsen, Univ. of Utah.—Cook (1969) postulated that a fronted form of /aw/ was a potential marker of an emerging urban dialect among Salt Lake City speakers. Based on recent field observations, Olsen (1989) challenged Cook’s hypothesis. Social and acoustic analysis of (aw) tokens sampled from the Intermountain Language Survey show that this variable patterns differently than previously thought.
Registration for RMMLA is $30, including Friday noon banquet with speaker Katherine Hayles, “Chaos Unbound: Post-Chaotic Bodies and the Post-Human.”

Membership in RMMLA is $15 regular, $10 student. Write RMMLA Executive Director Charles G. Davis, Dept. of English, Boise State Univ., Boise ID 83725; phone (208) 385-1199, 385-1246.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING
IN ASSOCIATION WITH SCMLA, OCT. 31-NOV. 2
FORT WORTH, HYATT REGENCY HOTEL
9:00 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, Rose Room.
Chair: Garry Ross, Northwestern State Univ., Louisiana. ADS Regional Secretary: Charles B. Martin, Univ. of North Texas. Program:
• Readin’, Writin’ , an’ Rappin’. Janis Sawyer, Henderson State Univ.—This paper addresses the similarities and differences between Black English and Standard English as well as linguistic-cultural issues and their implications for teaching. A knowledge of the rules of Black English would be useful to teachers of Standard English.
• A Survey of Oklahoma Dialects. Guy Bailey, Tom Wilke and Lori Sand, Oklahoma State Univ.—SOD includes a random-sample telephone survey and a field investigation. For the telephone survey, a proportional sample determined the number of informants to interview in each county. Within each county, we did a random sample of telephone exchanges to determine which household to survey. We then did 20-minute telephone interviews with the person over 18 in each randomly selected household who had the most recent birthday. For the field investigation, the state was divided into 33 grids based on the township/range division used to allot the land for initial settlement. Within each grid four informants, each representing a different generation, were interviewed with an expanded version of the protocol for the telephone survey. The two surveys give a representative sample of the state that is useful for studying spatial distribution and diffusion as well as social constraints on language variation.
• Speech Act Processes in the Conversation of Children. Martha Dale Cooley, Henderson State...
South Central Meeting (Cont.)

Univ.—Children’s egocentric speech resembles the thought processes of adults. This paper analyzes the oral responses of six children to my questions about things they do. I examined the responses (speech acts) for evidence of the cooperative principles and for any repairs.

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Future meeting: 1992, Memphis.

Midwest Regional Meeting

In association with MMLA, Nov. 14-16

Chicago, McCormick Center Hotel
8:30-11:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, Room 8. Chair: Donald M. Lance, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia.

SESSION A: 90 minutes

- Female and Male Dialogue in Lillian Hellman’s Plays: A Linguistic Analysis. Lucille M. Bailey, Indiana Univ. at Kokomo.
- Dialect Is a Virus: Speech and Pathology in the Pages of Dial. Lisa Woolley, Univ. of Minnesota.

SESSION B: 90 minutes

- Southern English Glide Deletion: Alive or Dead? Betty S. Phillips, Indiana State Univ.
- The Syntactic Features of Muncie African-American English: Eight Case Studies. Lawrence M. Davis and Xiaozhao Huang, Ball State Univ.
- More on the Language and Social Structure of a Midwestern College Campus. Thomas E. Murray, Kansas State Univ.

Midwest Dinner: The customary speech-less dinner for dialectologists and friends will follow at a Chinese restaurant a short taxi ride from the hotel. To reserve a place, please notify ADS Regional Secretary Michael I. Miller, Dept. of English and Speech, Chicago State Univ., 95th St. at King Dr., Chicago IL 60628-1598; phone (312) 995-2189, Bitnet BFCTYIO1@ECNCD.

Membership in MMLA is $20 full and associate professors, $15 other faculty, $10 students. Write MMLA, 302 English/Philosophy Bldg., Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City IA 52242-1408: phone (319) 335-0331.

Future meetings: 1992 Nov. 5-7, St. Louis, Marriott Pavilion Hotel; 1993 Minneapolis, Hyatt Regency.

South Atlantic Regional Meeting

In association with SMLA, Nov. 14-16

Atlanta, Hyatt Regency Peachtree Center
2:00-3:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, Tudor Room. Chair: Bethany K. Dumas, Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville. ADS Regional Secretary: Cynthia Bernstein, Auburn Univ.

- Pragmatics and the Law of Evidence: Adoptive Admission and Legislation. Jeffrey P. Kaplan, San Diego State Univ.—Judicial interpretation of “adoptive admissions” follows Gricean principles but judicial interpretation of legislation may not. Evidence law prohibits “hearsay” but makes an exception for “adoptive admissions” by suspects on the basis of silence in the face of an incriminating assertion by another. Suppose Friend said that $p$, which incriminates Defendant (D), in presence of D and potential Witness (W). Because $p$ incriminates D, D has incentive to get W to disbelieve $p$. But the Quality maxim encourages W to believe $p$, and D knows this. If D believed $p$ false, D must, by Quantity, deny $p$. But if D believes $p$ true, Quality may supervene to block D from denying $p$. Thus we may reasonably infer that D “adopted” Friend’s statement as D’s “admission.” And so the courts hold.

With the interpretation of legislation the courts are not always so rational. A Federal Rule of Evidence, an exception to the hearsay rule, allows into evidence written reports of “matters observed pursuant to duty.” But this exception has an exception: (A) “excluding, however, in criminal cases matters observed by police officers.” Later, the same Rule allows as evidence reports which set forth (B) “factual
South Atlantic Meeting (Cont.)

findings resulting from an investigation... against the Government in criminal cases.” The courts implicitly use the Quantity maxim to interpret B as disallowing use by the government in criminal cases of such factual findings. But A does not get that analysis, which would interpret A as prohibiting use by either side, in criminal cases, of reports of “matters observed by police officers.” Rather, according to the Supreme Court, A is to be read “in harmony with [B] to [allow Defendant’s use of police reports].”

Why the difference between judicial interpretations of adoptive admissions and legislation? Perhaps legislation is illocutionary, shaping the future (and unknowable) world, so the question about its interpretation has to do not with truth value, but rather with how to apply legislation to an unforeseen situation (often a public policy question), while the only question about a possible adoptive admission is whether the silent “speaker” intended to admit the proposition in question, which is just a factual issue.

• Witnesses, Defendants, Attorneys and Judges: Legal Satire in New Yorker Cartoons. Richard K. Redfern, Bradenton, Fla.—New Yorker cartoons make fun of almost everyone and everything in the American legal system. Verbal humor is probably the most common source of amusement. It often combines with incongruity. For example, a woman who is leaving her husband says to him, “The Constitution is quite clear on this point, Geoffrey. Congress shall make no law abridging my freedom to split.” A judge speaking to a man awaiting sentencing begins impressively (“The Court takes cognizance of your plea”) but ends slangily (“requires me to slap you in the jug”). A jury foreman addresses the judge thus: “Your Honor, the jury finds the defendant guilty of insensitivity to the appearance of impropriety in the murder of the deceased.” Only one or two cartoons touch on the technical language of the law, as in Handelsman’s drawing of a judge speaking on the telephone: “Miss Antonacci, please have a regular coffee and a cheese Danish remanded to my chambers.”

• The Syntax of Cognitive Negation in Bunyan’s Life and Death of Mr. Badman. Mary Jane Curry, Auburn Univ.—Reacting against the secular appeal of late 17th-century popular romances, rogue biographies, and perhaps even his own well-received Pilgrim’s Progress, Bunyan in The Life and Death of Mr. Badman creates a text that negates the techniques of secular literature while it communicates Biblical truths. His primary methods are semantic and syntactic negation and interruption of the main narrative with digressions which provide negative examples of conduct. Bunyan keeps a dual focus on the explicitly Christian allegory and on the significance of the Word by developing an implied analogy: just as the person laboring toward repentance must negate sinful secular actions, first by confronting, then avoiding them, so also the writer laboring to create a text that communicates scriptural truth must negate the techniques of secular literature. The result is an anti-progressive, hence anti-modern, narrative on an anti-pilgrim, Badman, whose life concludes in a void. Writers of the next century, developing the techniques he opposes, created the novel as a genre grounded in subjectivity, narrative progress, and the self-sufficiency of literal plot.

• Changes in Continuity in Military Experience Narratives. Carl J. Arseneault, Univ. of Tennessee.—As context and audience change, the details—information units designed to orient the reader or listener—that veterans include in their narratives vary with each telling while the general structure of temporal events remains unchanged. This is demonstrated by comparing a MEN written in 1989 with a retelling recorded in March 1991.

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Happy 100th: Hans Kurath

In the list of ADS members for 1921 (Dialect Notes 5: 128), the name of Hans Kurath appears, as it does today. This Dec. 13 he attains his centennial, two years after the Society. He needs no introduction, but while he has yet to reach a conclusion we hope to celebrate him with remarks by ADS Historian Audrey Duckert in the next Newsletter.
No Kansas Scale for DARE;

With editing for Volume III well under way, we still have queries about some puzzling I, J, and K words. Any help you can provide will be appreciated. Please include in your responses all that you know about the time and place of usage, the background of the speaker(s), currency of use, etc. Send your comments to Prof. F. G. Cassidy, Dictionary of American Regional English, 6125 Helen White Hall, 600 North Park St., Madison, WI 53706. Thanks to all contributors!

inkling—The sense “slight or vague notion” is standard, but we have one quotation in which inkling means “desire or inclination (to do something).” Does anyone else know it in this sense?

jagasee (also abbreviated jag)—This is a Cape Cod dish made of lima beans, salt pork, rice, and vegetables. It is said to be from Portuguese, but we’ve found no likely source. Any ideas? Is the term still current?

Japanese checkers—A Hawaiian informant, in response to the question about games played on paper by two people, responded: “Japanese checkers—try to get five in a row.” Does anyone else know the game? Can you give more detail?

jap-stick—For the question “A game in which a short stick lying on the ground is flipped into the air and then hit with a longer stick,” we have 7 informants (scattered) who said jap-stick. We have no written sources, so our earliest date is 1965-70. Can you help us antedate this? Why this name? (It is also called car, chiefly in the Northeast.)

Jefferson pine—Two California informants, from Redlands and Lone Pine, offered Jefferson pine in answer to a question about local pine trees. Is this for Jeffrey pine (Pinus jeffreyi), or do they mean a different tree?

jigger—A small fishing vessel once common in coastal New England. Our last quote is from 1880. Can anyone attest to more recent use of the term?

joe buckety guys—A children’s game, reported only once, from Pennsylavania. Other evidence? How is it played? Could it be related to buckety buck (a variant of buck buck)?

johnny humpback—This seems to be a night crawler. One instance, from a novel set in Ken-
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Chair: Anthony Kroch, Univ. of Pennsylvania.

Panelists: Deborah Schiffrin, Georgetown Univ. “Narrative Analyses and Research Advances in Sociolinguistic Inquiry.”

John Baugh, Stanford Univ. “Sociolinguistics, Dialectology, and the Quest for Educational Excellence Among Culturally Diverse Students.”

Guy Bailey, Oklahoma State Univ. “Spacial Dimensions of Language Change.”

Panel II: The Significance of Slang.

In the inaugural issue of *Language in Society* in 1972, William Labov characterized articles on slang as belonging to “an outer, extralinguistic darkness,” as indeed slang at that time did not ordinarily constitute the subject matter or data of professional scholarship. Twenty years later, slang is coming in from the outer darkness to be recognized and studied. College campuses in particular have offered the opportunity for glimpsing this lexical phenomenon in everyday use. The panelists have all contributed to the developing identification and analysis of slang through studies of student vocabulary.

Chair: Connie Eble, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Author of *College Slang 101*, a selection of and commentary on undergraduate slang 1972-89.


Pamela Munro, UCLA. Editor of *Slang U*, a dictionary of UCLA slang of 1988-89.

Thomas Nunnally, Auburn Univ. Principal investigator for an ongoing computerized study of the rate of change of slang on the Auburn University campus.

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