

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.

1. "Perceptions of National and Local Dialects by Residents of Southeastern Idaho." **Janna Graham, Patti Kurtz, Sean McCoy, and Emily Mulick**, Idaho State Univ.

2. "The Snake River Region Revisited: A Comparison of Lexical Survey Responses from 1985 and 1999/2000." **Sonja Launspach**, Idaho State Univ.

3. "Language Diversity in Colonial America." **Marianne Cooley**, Univ. of Houston.

4. "On and On: The Malefactive Particle in 21st-Century Southern English." **Tom DuBose**, Louisiana State Univ.-Shreveport.

5. "Dialect Change in St. John's, Newfoundland: The Case of Two General Canadian Innovations." **Alexandra Faith D'Arcy**, West Vancouver-British Columbia.

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

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Registration by Oct. 1 is \$75 faculty and \$55 students. *Membership* in RMMLA is \$30 individual, \$35 joint, \$20 student and emeritus. Write RMMLA, Washington State Univ., P.O. Box 642610, Pullman WA 99164-2610; phone (509) 335-4198; fax (509) 335-6635 ext. 54198; rmmla@rmmla.wsu.edu; http://rmmla.wsu.edu/rmmla/.

Future meeting: 2002 Oct. 10-12 Scottsdale, AZ, Holiday Inn Old Towne Scottsdale.

Midwest Region

In association with MMLA, Nov. 1–3; Cleveland, Sheraton City Centre Hotel.

Topic: Current Research in Dialectology.

Chair: **Beth Lee Simon**, Indiana U.-Purdue U., Fort Wayne.

1. "Looking for Roots in the Substrate: The Cases of Ebonics and Anglo-Irish." **Terence Odlin**, The Ohio State Univ.

2. "A New Look at Address in American English: The Rules Have Changed." **Thomas R. Murray**, Kansas State Univ.

3. "Mapping the North Central States: Changing Views." **Beverly Olson Flanigan**, Ohio Univ.

4. "Vowels in Chandlerville, Illinois." **Jeanna C. Hollada-Robson**, Western Illinois Univ.

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

ADS Regional Secretary 2001-2002: **Beth Lee Simon**, Dept. of English and Linguistics, IPFW, Fort Wayne IN 46805-1499; fax (219) 481-6985; simon@ipfw.edu.

Preregistration is \$40 reg. (includes 12 papers), \$50 joint (includes 12 papers and two badges), \$20 special (no papers). *Membership* in MMLA is \$35 full and associate professors, \$30 assistant professors and school teachers, \$20 adjunct and part-time, \$50 joint, \$15 students, retired, and unemployed. Write MMLA, 302 English-Philosophy Bldg., Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City IA 52242-1408; phone (319) 335-0331; mmla@uiowa.edu; www.uiowa.edu/~mmla/.

Future meeting: 2002 Nov. 8-10 Minneapolis, MN, Marriott City Center.

South Central Region

In association with SCMLA, Nov. 1–3; Tulsa, Doubletree Downtown Hotel.

Chair: **David J. Caudle**, Northwestern State Univ.

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1. "Creative Wordplay in Modern American English: An Old Process that Keeps on Working." **Charles Martin**, Univ. of North Texas (retired).

2. "Negotiating the Colorline: Dialectical Variation in Louisiana Fiction." **Suzanne Disheroon-Green**, Northwestern State Univ.

3. "The Subversive Use of Dialect in African-American Literature." **Shalesa Theuss**, Louisiana 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.

2. "The Future of Dialectology: Efficient Field Work with a One-Hour Interview." **William A. Kretzschmar, Jr.**, Univ. of Georgia.

3. "Quantification of Prosodic Features: A Frontier for Dialectology in the 21st Century." **Anne Marie Hamilton**, Univ. of Georgia.

4. "The Linguistic Atlas Spoken Corpus: The Next Generation of Dialectology Research." **Betsy Barry** and **Lamont Antieu**, Univ. of Georgia.

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,

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Future meetings: 2002 Nov. 15-17 Baltimore, Omni Inner Harbor; 2003 Nov. 6-8 Atlanta, Marriott Marquis; 2004 Nov. 12-14 Roanoke, VA, Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center.

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.

Christine Ammer. *Unsung: A History of Women in American Music*. New Century Edition. Portland, Oregon: Amadeus Press. Hardcover \$34.95 (1-57467-058-1), paperback \$19.95 (1-57467-061-1). Biographical sketches of hundreds of musicians.

Jürgen Eichhoff. *Wortatlas der deutschen Umgangssprachen*, Vol. 4. München: K.G. Saur Verlag, 2000. Hardcover DM 98 (3-907820-55-X), paper DM 68 (3-907820-56-8). A hundred maps of variant terms for household items, eating and drinking, plants and animals, as well as variations in pronunciation and grammar. Last of a series begun in 1977.

Ingrid Neumann-Holzschuh and **Edgar W. Schneider**, eds. 2001. *Degrees of Restructuring in Creole Languages*. Creole Language Library 22. Amsterdam, Philadelphia: Benjamins. 492 pp. Hardcover \$120 (1-58811-039-7). Nineteen papers from a 1998 colloquium at the University of Regensburg discuss structural, sociohistorical and theoretical aspects of creoles, building upon case studies of both Romance-based and English-oriented creoles. Contributors include ADS members **John Holm**, **Salikoko S. Mufwene**, **Schneider**, and **John M. Lipski**.

David L. Shores. *Tangier Island: Place, People, and Talk*. Cranbury, New Jersey: Associated University Presses. Hardcover \$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.

Future LSA-ADS meetings: 2003 Jan. 2–5 Atlanta, Hilton; 2004 Jan. 8–11 Boston, Sheraton; 2005 West Coast; 2006 Midwest.

ADS at MLA, Dec. 27–30: Two Sessions

December 27–30: ADS-sponsored sessions at the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association of America, New Orleans. Chair: **Michael Adams**, Albright Coll.

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. Lanehart**, 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

"What Neutral Theory and Punctuated Equilibrium Offer Dialectology." **Lesa Dill**, Western Kentucky Univ.

"Telling the Fortune of English: Prescription and Its Limits." **Anne L. Curzan**, Univ. of Washington.

"English is Changing Now." **Richard W. Bailey**, The Univ. of Michigan.

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.")

scissor—For "a pair of scissors." This has been observed several times in Wisconsin; is it also found elsewhere?

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.

(See the inside back cover of *American Speech* for instructions on how to submit manuscripts.)

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