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# SOUTH CENTRAL NEWSLETTER

## Baton Rouge Convention News

The 66<sup>th</sup> annual SCMLA convention will be held at the **Hilton Capitol Center Hotel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana**. The College of Arts and Sciences at **Louisiana State University** will host the gathering, and the convention theme, “Continuities and Displacements,” allows for consideration of the disciplines of languages and literatures in light of the Louisiana experience. No state felt the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina more than Louisiana, especially the city of New Orleans. Out of the destruction have come many changes, including displacements, diasporas, ruptures, and the erasure of communities and cultural elements. However, much rebuilding and picking up the pieces has also occurred, with those affected by the storm adapting to new circumstances in which they maintain continuities in their heritage and their lives. What happens to people and cultures also occurs in the parallel lives of literatures and languages, in which tradition and habit are struck by the storms of change and innovation and yet manage to survive, and

even to prosper, by incorporating the new into the old.

Convention highlights include the plenary address by **David Madden**, entitled “Reconfiguring the South as Fact and as Fiction” on Friday, October 29, at 5:45p.m. For more information on Professor Madden see page 2. **May Waggoner** will give Thursday afternoon’s 6:00p.m. keynote, “Waiter! There’s some French in my Naturalism: the Franco-phone Literature of Nineteenth-Century Louisiana,” before the SCMLA Social, which starts at 7:00p.m. Waggoner is Laborde-Neuner Professor of French and Francophone Studies at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She has published poetry and short stories in French, Belgian, and American journals, and as director from 1995 to 2007 of the Louisiana Acadian folkloric troupe Renaissance Cadienne, she produced three CDs and arranged and choreographed over fifty traditional songs and old dances.

The Hilton Capitol Center will provide space for 75

regular and allied sessions as well as 22 special sessions. Registration packets will arrive in late August or early September and will include hotel reservation information as well as the conference registration form that will allow you to reserve your space at receptions, breakfasts, luncheons, and socials. Again this year, members will be able to register, pay dues, vote, and make hotel reservations on-line. Find links and more information on how to **pay by credit card** on page 6 and on-line at [www.ou.edu/scmla](http://www.ou.edu/scmla). If you would like to reserve your room at the Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge before you receive the registration information, call (800) HILTONS (445-8667) and ask for the South Central Modern Language Association rate (\$129 single & double). To assure that you receive the SCMLA rate, you must make your reservations by September 28, 2009. You can make your hotel reservations on-line using [www.ou.edu/scmla](http://www.ou.edu/scmla) and clicking on the link on the main page.

We look forward to welcoming you to Baton Rouge!

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## 2009 Baton Rouge Plenary Speaker David Madden

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David Madden is more than a triple threat. His fields include creative writing, short story, poetry, drama, non-fiction, literary and film criticism, and the Civil War, and the SCMLA is pleased to announce that he will deliver the 2009 Plenary Address, entitled "Reconfiguring the South as Fact and as Fiction." Madden is the Robert Penn Warren Professor Emeritus of Creative Writing, Creator and Founding Director of the United States Civil War Center, Louisiana State University, and Chair of the Louisiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Madden was born in Knoxville, Tennessee. His first novel, *The Beautiful Greed*, was based on his merchant seaman experiences, and his best-known novel, *The Suicide's Wife*, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and made into a movie by CBS. His short novel, *Abducted by Circumstance*, is forthcoming in spring 2010. A wide variety of publications, including *Redbook* and *Playboy*, have printed his poems and short stories. His plays have won state and national contests. He has published essays on William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, Tennessee Williams, and James Dickey.

Founded in 1993 by Madden, the mission of the United States Civil War Center, located at Louisiana State University, is to promote interdisciplinary study of the American Civil War. Appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to the Louisiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, Madden serves as the Commission Chair, and he is the governor's liaison to the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Governor's Council. His address will be on Friday evening, October 30, at 5:45p.m.

## Convention Socials & Opportunities

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### French, German, & Spanish Receptions

Once again there will be a French, German, and Spanish reception on Friday afternoon from 4:00-5:30. The French, German, and Spanish representatives will host the reception for members to share ideas and information pertinent to their disciplines. Please mark your registration form in the convention packet to participate.

### Breakfasts

The **South Central College English Association (SCCEA)** and the **Women's Caucus** will hold professional breakfasts on Friday and Saturday mornings. The Women's Caucus will meet on Friday at 7:30a.m. and the SCCEA will meet Saturday at 7:45a.m. Please pre-register on your convention registration form to participate.

### Mock Job Interviews

The workshop for academic job seekers that provides informal advising and mock interviews will be **Saturday morning, October 31, 2009**. The workshop is sponsored by the **South Central Association of Departments of Foreign Languages and Departments of English**. If you are interested in scheduling a mock interview, contact Grady C. Wray, SCMLA Executive Director, at [scmla@ou.edu](mailto:scmla@ou.edu). Volunteers may also be needed to conduct the interviews. Volunteer by contacting [scmla@ou.edu](mailto:scmla@ou.edu).

## SCMLA 2009 Conference Paper Prizes

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### Deadline: September 1, 2009

Members with appropriate papers scheduled for the Fall 2009 conference are encouraged to compete for two conference paper prizes, jointly sponsored by the SCMLA. Please submit your paper to: SCMLA, U of Oklahoma, 104 Fourth Street, Baker House B46, Norman, OK 73019-6410 by **September 1, 2009**. For more information on all SCMLA prizes go to: [www.ou.edu/scmla/grants.html](http://www.ou.edu/scmla/grants.html)

**Historical Literary and/or Cultural Studies Paper Prize / \$250**  
**Bill L. and Gerre D. Andrist Hispanic Gender Studies Paper Prize / \$250**

## 2009 Sustaining Departmental Members

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SCMLA is proud to announce its Sustaining Departmental Members for 2009. If your university is not listed here, please contact SCMLA@ou.edu or www.ou.edu/scmla to become a member.

Louisiana State U (Foreign Languages & Literatures)  
Midwestern State U (Foreign Languages)  
Southwestern Oklahoma State U (Language Arts)  
St. Mary's U (English and Communication Studies)  
St. Mary's U (Languages)  
U of Oklahoma (English)  
U of Oklahoma (Modern Languages, Literatures, & Linguistics)  
U of Texas - Austin (Germanic Studies)  
U of Texas - San Antonio (Modern Languages and Literatures)  
U of Tulsa (English)  
Xavier U of Louisiana (English)  
McNeese State U (English)  
Stephen F. Austin U (English)  
Sam Houston State U (Foreign Language)

## SCMLA Deadlines 2009-2010

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### SEPTEMBER 2009

**01** Deadline for SCMLA office receipt of **2009 Conference Paper Prize** submissions.

**28** Deadline for **2009 convention hotel reservations** at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center

**28** Deadline for SCMLA office receipt of **2009 convention pre-registration and ballots**.

### NOVEMBER 2009

**20** Deadline for SCMLA office receipt of **items to be included in the Winter Newsletter**, including Regular/Allied and Special Session Calls for Papers for 2010.

**20** Deadline for SCMLA office receipt of **Baton Rouge post-convention reports**

### JANUARY 2010

**22** Nominations/Self nominations for SCMLA officers and representatives to J. Morris.

### FEBRUARY 2010

**01** Deadline for **Humanities Research Center/SCMLA award**. Apply directly to the HRC. See Grant / Award information at www.ou.edu/scmla.

**19** Deadline for receipt of **SCMLA Research and Travel Award** and the **Graduate Student Grant** applications to the SCMLA office.

**19** Deadline for SCMLA office receipt of **Final Proposals for Special Sessions**, Fort Worth.

### MARCH 2010

**01** Deadline for application for **Newberry Library/SCMLA award**. Apply directly to the Newberry Library. See Grant / Award information at www.ou.edu/scmla.

**26** Proposers of approved Special Sessions will be notified.

**26** Deadline for receipt of **Book Prize** nominations.

**26** Deadline for submission of **Papers/ Abstracts for Fort Worth** to Regular/Allied Session Chairs.

### APRIL 2010

**09** Deadline for SCMLA office receipt of **Final Program copy** for all 2010 sessions.

**09** Deadline for requesting **audio-visual equipment** for Fort Worth 2010

### MAY 2010

**21** Deadline for **2011 Special Session** Calls for Papers for inclusion in the **Summer Newsletter**.

**21** Deadline for SCMLA office receipt of items to be included in the **Summer Newsletter**.

**21** Deadline for 2010 convention participants to **become members of SCMLA**.

## Executive Committee Elections 2009 & 2010 Nominations

The Fall Convention Packet will include a ballot and information on the candidates for Executive Committee Officers and Consulting Editors for the *South Central Review*. Ballots must be received by September 28, 2009 in order to be counted. You may also cast your vote on-line at [www.ou.edu/scmla](http://www.ou.edu/scmla). The candidates are as follows:

### *Vice President:*

- Gwendolyn Díaz, Department of English, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas
- Marjean Purinton, Department of English, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

### *At-Large Representative:*

- Melissa Bailar, Humanities Research Center, Rice University, Houston, Texas
- Richard Pressman, Department of English, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas

### *English Representative:*

- Joe Cash, Department of English and Foreign Languages, McNeese State U, Lake Charles, Louisiana
- Raymond Jean Frontain, Department of English, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas

### *German Representative:*

- Caroline Huey, Department of Modern Languages, University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Louisiana
- Joseph Sullivan, Department of Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

### *Consulting Editors:*

- Marian Eide (British Literature), Texas A&M University
- David Carroll, (Philosophy/Critical Theory), University of California-Irvine
- Bob Shandley, (German), Texas A&M University

Members are invited to submit nominations and self-nominations for the 2010 election of the **American Literature Representative**, an **At-Large Representative**, the **French Representative**, and the **Vice President**. Candidates for these positions should be ready to serve three-year terms and to meet twice a year, in the spring (in February or March) and on the first day of the fall convention. Executive Committee members are required to serve on various subcommittees. Expenses associated with the Spring Meeting, if held, are paid for by the Association. Expenses for the fall meeting must be paid for by the member or the member's institution. Nominations/self-nominations should be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae (max. 4 pages). Send by January 22, 2010 to John Morris, Professor of English, Cameron University, 2800 W. Gore Blvd., Lawton, OK 73505

## Nominations for Life & Honorary Members

If you would like to nominate someone for an SCMLA Life or Honorary Membership, please contact:

*Vicki Craig, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Department of Language and Literature, Weatherford, OK 73096*

## Future Conventions

### 2010

**Fort Worth Texas  
October 28-30  
Sheraton Fort Worth  
Hotel and Spa**

### 2011

**Hot Springs Arkansas  
October 27 - 29  
The Arlington Resort  
Hotel and Spa**

### 2012

**San Antonio Texas  
November 08 - 10  
Sheraton Gunter Hotel**

**Congratulations to the newest SCMLA Life Members!**

Thomas Bonner  
Department of English  
Xavier University of Louisiana

Janet Pérez  
Department of Classical &  
Modern Languages  
Texas Tech U

## Awards

### Available Prizes for 2010

- 1 Research Abroad Award
- Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center/SCMLA Award
- Graduate Student Award
- Newberry Library/SCMLA Award
- SCMLA Book Award
- Kirby Award

*Please check the website at [www.ou.edu/scmla](http://www.ou.edu/scmla) for more information on these awards.*

### 2009 Prize Winners

**Hester Baer  
U of Oklahoma**  
Research Abroad Award

**Julie Sievers  
St. Edward's U**  
Research Abroad Award

**Margaret Cotter-Lynch  
Southeastern Oklahoma State U**  
Newberry Library/SCMLA Award

**Kevin Morrison  
Rice U**  
Graduate Student Grant

### Reminder:

All SCMLA Conference Paper Prize submissions are due on **September 1, 2009**. For more information please visit [www.ou.edu/scmla](http://www.ou.edu/scmla)

### Paper Prizes:

- *Historical Literary and/or Cultural Studies*
- *Hispanic Gender Studies*

*Please mail four (4) copies to SCMLA, University of Oklahoma, 104 Fourth Street, Baker, B46, Norman, OK 73019-6410.*

# Call for Special Sessions - Fort Worth 2010

## South Central Modern Language Association Call for Special Sessions - Fort Worth Texas 2010 Theme: "New Frontiers"

The SCMLA invites Special Session proposals for its 67th annual convention in Fort Worth, Texas, October 28 - 30, 2010 at the Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel and Spa. You may focus on the conference theme -- "New Frontiers" -- but proposals on any topic are welcome.

In 1849 U. S. troops led by Major Ridley Arnold established a post called Camp Worth on a bluff overlooking the Trinity River, part of an attempt to mark off the West Texas frontier. It became Ft. Worth, also known as "Cowtown" during its cattletown era on the Chisholm Trail, and "Where the West Begins"--reputedly the lair of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Once on the very edge of civilization, it grew into a thriving home to the meat packing industry, the petroleum business, aviation, the railroad, and ranching. Ft. Worth has world-class museums such as the Kimbell and the Amon Carter, the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, opera, the symphony, and ballet. It continues to reinvent itself. The fields of language and literature studies have often found themselves in a similar predicament at the very edge of what is known, or more likely, pushing beyond what is known. What happens to these disciplines in a culture that foregrounds technology and moves away from traditional methods of creating and processing texts? How do professors deal with the effects of habitual texting on the way students write academically? What qualifies as a text for examination? How do we handle electronic literacy, CAI, mobile technology, distance delivery of teaching? We invite our members to explore what the "new frontiers" might be for us as a profession in 2010. What is the "extreme limit" of our "settled land," what the "wilderness"?

To propose a Special Session, you must be an SCMLA member in good standing; to issue a Call for Papers, return this form to the SCMLA office by **November 20, 2009 for posting in the Special Sessions Call for Papers section of the Winter 2009 Newsletter**. We will continue to post "Calls" on our website as they are received. The "Due Date" indicates the date by which you would like to receive abstracts or papers for consideration; please keep the final proposal deadline (February 19, 2010) in mind when choosing a due date. **Please note you may also submit proposals by email to [scmla@ou.edu](mailto:scmla@ou.edu).**

**Return Call to:** SCMLA, U of Oklahoma, 104 Fourth Street, Baker, B46 Norman, OK 73019-6410; Phone: (405) 325-6011; FAX: (405) 325-3720; Email: [scmla@ou.edu](mailto:scmla@ou.edu)

Session Title \_\_\_\_\_

Description (limit to 30 words) \_\_\_\_\_

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Papers Required or Abstracts Required ? Word Limit \_\_\_\_\_ Due Date \_\_\_\_\_

Proposer Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

Address (to where paper abstracts should be sent) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate email address (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposers of Special Sessions (but not Regular Sessions) may read in their session. No one may present more than one paper or chair more than one session at the conference.**

Upon receipt of the Call for Papers Form, you will be sent a Final Special Session Proposal Form, to be returned by **February 19, 2010**. Completed panels, whether or not they are listed in the Call for Papers, must be submitted on an SCMLA Special Session form by **February 19, 2010**. This Special Session form will include a detailed description of your panelists' papers. These proposal forms will be refereed by the SCMLA Program Committee. Organizers of Special Sessions accepted for Fort Worth 2010 will be notified in March 2010.



# On-line Registration for Baton Rouge and 2010 Membership Payment

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## SAVE TIME, REGISTER FOR BATON ROUGE 2009 AND PAY 2010 DUES ON-LINE

Beginning in July, you will be able to register for the Baton Rouge convention and pay your **2010** membership dues on-line. You can pay for the following on-line via [www.ou.edu/scmla](http://www.ou.edu/scmla):

### **Baton Rouge 2009**

**Conference registration**

**Conference meals including the Friday business luncheon, the Women's Caucus breakfast and the SCCEA breakfast**

### **Calendar Year 2010**

**2010 Membership Dues**

You will not have to wait for the pre-convention mailing to send a check to the SCMLA for **2009 conference registration** and **2010 membership**. On-line you may register for Baton Rouge 2009, pay 2010 dues, vote for new executive committee members, and vote for consulting editors. Also, there will be a link to the convention hotel for you to make your on-line hotel room reservation.

If you would like to continue to pay by check, you will still have the option of pre-registering for Baton Rouge 2009 and paying 2010 dues by sending a check to the SCMLA offices at the U of Oklahoma. Hard copies of the conference registration form will be sent to paid members in August, and pre-convention registration will be accepted until September 28, 2009. Members will also receive a reminder e-mail message in September from the SCMLA office with instructions on how to register for Baton Rouge 2009 on-line.

**To pay by credit card go to:**

[www.ou.edu/scmla](http://www.ou.edu/scmla)

**To pay by check send registration forms after August to:**

Diana L. Hodges  
SCMLA, U of Oklahoma,  
104 Fourth Street, Baker House B46  
Norman, OK 73019-6410

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## Baton Rouge Information

### **COMPLIMENTARY AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE TO AND FROM THE HILTON CAPITOL CENTER HOTEL**

You may pre-arrange for a pick-up time by calling the hotel directly at 225-344-5866 or you may call once you arrive to the airport. The shuttle takes about 15-20 minutes to arrive at the airport.

### **CATS-CAPITAL AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM**

**Adult Fare \$1.75**

**Children under 5 ride free**

Single-day passes are also available. A single day pass for a weekday is \$4, and for a Saturday or Sunday is \$2. These are also sold at the terminal, and are generally available 2 days in advance.

### **Events in Baton Rouge during our stay:**

#### **Living Color: the Photographs of Judy Cooper**

Location: LSU Museum of Art

Contact: 225-389-7200

*Louisiana State Museum Baton Rouge*, 660 North Fourth Street on Capitol Park, <http://lsm.crt.state.la.us>

#### **Greater Baton Rouge State Fair**

Time: 5:00 PM - 12:00 AM

Location: Airline Highway Park/Fairgrounds

Contact: 225-755-3247

Admission: \$5 General Admission

**For more information about Baton Rouge:**

[www.VisitBatonRouge.com](http://www.VisitBatonRouge.com)  
BATON ROUGE AREA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

## Convention Hotel Information

# Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center

201 Lafayette Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

## Room Reservations

1-800-HILTONS (445-8667)

Reservation Code: South Central  
Modern Language Association

(Please use this code to obtain the  
special SCMLA rate)



## SCMLA Conference Reservation Deadline Date: September 28, 2009

All conference attendees must reserve their rooms with the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center by September 28, 2009 to receive the conference rate of \$129 single/double per night

Pre-convention packets with conference registration materials will be mailed to members in August

Make reservations on-line at our main page  
[www.ou.edu/scmla](http://www.ou.edu/scmla)

The hotel offers valet parking *only* at the entrance of the Hilton Capitol Center Hotel: \$16.00 overnight  
\$9.00 for short term/event parking

There is a self-park: "Allright" lot adjacent to the hotel (corner of Lafayette and Florida)- \$5.00 per day

Off-site Parking Garage: Third Street Parking Garage (corner of Third Street and Convention Street-) \$6.00 per day

# Directions to the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center

## 201 Lafayette Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**From Lafayette:** Take I-10 East and merge From I-110. Take North Street exit heading West toward the river. Turn left on Lafayette Street. Hotel is located on the right 2 blocks down.

**From BTR Airport:** Take I-110 South to North Street Exit. Head West toward the Mississippi River. Turn left on Lafayette Street. The hotel is located on the right, 2 blocks down.

**From New Orleans:** Take I-10 West through Baton Rouge and take I-110 North to North Street. Head West toward the Mississippi River. Turn left on Lafayette Street. Go 2 blocks, and the hotel is on the right at 201 Lafayette Street.



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