

South Central Modern Language Association
Call for Special Sessions –San Antonio, Texas 2008

Theme: “Borders” - SCMLA 2008

The SCMLA invites Special Session proposals for its 65th annual convention in San Antonio, TX, November 6 - 8, 2008 at the Sheraton Gunter. You may focus on the conference theme -- “Borders” -- but proposals on any topic are welcomed.

Close to the border between Mexico and the United States, San Antonio offers a fitting venue for discussions that cross borders in the many fields that SCMLA members represent: languages, literatures, linguistics, cultural studies, theory, etc., and it is hoped that many sessions can address this theme. While “borders” can represent current political debates on immigration, security, boundaries, and division, the theme also invites more expansive definitions. Not only do borders divide, but they can also unite and hinge together two separate areas or topics. They conjure up images of passage, embarkation, arrival, new challenges, and interchange, as well as blending, blurring, being “on edge,” “on the fringe,” and “in the margins,” to name only a few of the ways that borders affect us.

To propose a Special Session, you must be an SCMLA member in good standing; to issue a Call for Papers, return the form to the SCMLA office by **November 19, 2007 for posting in the Special Sessions Call for Papers section of the Winter 2007 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 18, 2008) in mind when choosing a due date. **Please note you may also submit proposals by email to scmla@ou.edu.**

Return Call to: SCMLA, U of Oklahoma, 104 Forth Street, Baker, B47 Norman, OK 73019-6410; **Phone:** (405) 325-6011; **FAX:** (405) 325-3720; **Email:** scmla@ou.edu; <http://www.ou.edu/scmla>.

Session Title _____

Description (limit to 30 words)

Abstracts or Papers Required? _____ **Due Date** _____

Proposer Name _____

Department & School _____

Full Address _____

Optional Info: Phone _____; **Fax** _____; **Email** _____

NOTE: Session call will include address and email only (or Fax/phone if email is not provided)

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 18, 2008. Completed panels, whether or not they are listed in the Call for Papers, must be submitted on an SCMLA Special Session form by that date. This form will include a detailed description of your panelists’ papers. These proposal forms will be refereed by the SCMLA Program Committee. Proposers of Special Sessions accepted for San Antonio 2008 will be notified in March 2008.