

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

We are pleased to announce that the 67th annual convention of the SCMLA will take place in Fort Worth, Texas. 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"?

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SCMLA invites Special Session proposals for the Fort Worth conference, October 28-30, at the Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel and Spa. You may focus on the conference theme – "New Frontiers"-- but proposals on any topic are welcomed.

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 20, 2009 for posting in the Special Sessions Call for Papers section of the Winter 2010 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).**

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 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 Fort Worth 2010 will be notified in March 2010.

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

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

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**Abstracts or Papers Required?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Due Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of proposer and school address to receive papers. 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.**

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

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

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Info: Phone Fax** \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE: Session call will include address and email only**