Dear SCMLA colleagues:

Texas Christian University, with additional support from the University of North Texas, Texas Women’s University and The University of Dallas, welcomes you to the 63rd Annual SCMLA convention, to be held October 26-28 at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Dallas. Right off of Interstate 35, a main thoroughfare near downtown Dallas, the Renaissance, in the heart of Market Center, is close to a number of local attractions and restaurants in the Arts District and the West End.

In keeping with the western location of this year’s conference in Texas the theme is “Cultural Roundup.” With this theme, sessions at the convention will be exploring the juxtaposition of our disciplines’ cultural heritages with emerging frontiers in our respective fields. Highlights for the conference include Memory Speaker Emily Toth of Louisiana State University, better known to her fans as Ms Mentor, the academic advice columnist for the Chronicle of Higher Education. The Keynote Speaker will be Doug Stewart, the MLA’s Associate Director for English Programs and the Association of Departments of English.

The Arts District is located off Woodall Rodgers Freeway and includes the world famous Dallas Museum of Art, which will be hosting Van Gogh and James Brooks exhibitions during the conference. Throughout the fall, the museum will also be featuring an exhibit on American political activism. To end your day, visit nearby Reunion Tower and travel up 55 stories to the Dome Lounge to get a breathtaking 360-degree view of Dallas.

For those who wish to experience true Texan culture, just head west on Interstate 30 to Fort Worth, known by locals as “Cowtown.” You will find downtown in Sundance Square, named for Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, a rich array of restaurants and attractions. Or head north of downtown to the Stockyards and see a real Longhorn cattle roundup or a rodeo, or do some two-stepping at the world’s largest honky tonk, Billy Bob’s Texas. Within walking distance of each other in the Cultural District are the Amon Carter Museum, the world renowned Kimbell Museum and The Modern. And don’t miss the National Cowgirl Museum or the Sid Richardson Collection of Western Art.

We look forward to sharing with you all that Texan culture has to offer, both cowboy and cosmopolitan!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jill C. Havens
Texas Christian University
Chair, Local Arrangements

WELCOME TO DALLAS

Dallas, Texas is the site for SCMLA’s 63rd Annual Meeting, October 26-28, 2006. Our convention hotel for 2006 is the Renaissance Hotel in Dallas. The hotel is conveniently located just off of I-35 close to Downtown Dallas. The SCMLA has a group room rate of $105 for a single and a double. Please be sure to do one of the following in order to reserve your hotel room for the SCMLA conference rate. The RESERVATION NUMBER is: 1800-HOTELS-1

or you can now reserve your room ONLINE at www.ou.edu/scmla

In order to receive the special SCMLA conference rate, please be sure to reserve your room before October 4, 2006. After this date the rate of $105 will no longer be on offer.

Hotel Address: The Renaissance Hotel
2222 Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75207

Airports & Directions to the Renaissance:

Dallas Love Field
(214) 670-6073
Hotel Direction: 5 mi W
Driving Directions: Right on Mockingbird to I-35 south toward downtown. Exit Wycliff, turn left, go under bridge, hotel is on your left. Estimated taxi fare: 15 USD (one way)

Dallas/Fort Worth - DFW
(214) 574-8888
Hotel Direction: 16 mi NW
Driving Directions: South airport exit to 183 E. to I-35. Exit Wycoff, make a left at Wycoff, hotel on left. Estimated taxi fare: 40 USD (one way)

Transport to and from the Renaissance:

Shuttle Numbers
Dallas Love Field ($12 est. cost)
Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport ($30 est. cost)

City Shuttle
(214) 760-1998
Super Shuttle
(800) 258-3826
Yellow Checker Shuttle
(972) 222-2000

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**CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS**

**SCLMA Welcome Social:**
Thursday, October 26 from 7:30PM - 9:00PM in the Ellipse Ballroom after the keynote presentation.

**Plenary Address**
Emily Toth will give the plenary address on Friday, October 27, from 5:45-7:00PM in Ballroom A of the Renaissance. After Professor Toth’s address all are invited to attend the President’s Reception for complimentary wine and cheese in the Ellipse Ballroom.

**South Central College English Association Breakfast:**
Saturday, October 27, 2006, 7:30-9:00am
The speaker for the SCCEA Breakfast is Kenneth M Roemer, Distinguished Teaching Professor at the U of Texas – Arlington. Dr. Roemer will speak about “American Indian Literature: Yes, That’s a Capital S.” Please be sure to mark your registration form to attend the SCCEA Breakfast.

**Women’s Caucus Breakfast:**
Friday, October 27, 7:30-8:45AM. The Women’s Caucus speaker is Mary Trachsel, Chair of the Rhetoric Department at the U of Iowa. Dr. Trachsel’s topic is “Who Cares? How do Feminist Ethics, especially Ethic-of-Care Theories, figure into Academic Work Ethic?” Please be sure to mark your registration form to participate.

**French, German, & Spanish Social:**:
This year the language groups will once again host a social. On Friday, October 27, 2006 from 4:00-5:30PM the French, German, and Spanish representatives will host receptions sponsored by the Edwin Mellen Press for members to share ideas and information pertinent to their disciplines. Please be sure to mark your registration form if you plan to attend this social.

**SCMLA Luncheon and Business Meeting:**
Pre-register to join us for the SCMLA Luncheon and Business Meeting on Friday from 12:30-2:00PM in the Ellipse Ballroom. The program includes the Presidential Address by Jill T. Jones plus awards, announcements, and SCMLA news. Pre-ordered meal stickers will be in your packet at the SCMLA Registration desk.

**SCMLA Book Exhibit:**
The Book Exhibit, located on the second floor of the Renaissance near the SCMLA Registration Desk, will be open from 11:00AM-6:00PM Thursday, 7:00AM-5:00PM Friday, and 8:00AM-1:00PM Saturday. Please visit us for the latest offerings and leading commercial and university presses; order books at convention discount prices, or purchase display copies for 1/2 publisher’s prices. AUTHORS: Please use the letter provided to arrange with your publisher for the display of your book at the convention by The Scholar’s Choice.

**On-site Registration:**
Beginning at 11:00AM, Thursday, October 26, 2006, pre-registered members may pick up their convention packets, including badges (required for admission to individual sessions and Book Exhibit); packets will include any meal stickers ordered, plus Final convention program and information to Dallas sites and events. The Registration Desk will be located on the 2nd floor, with Local Arrangements Committee members available to assist with your convention needs. On-site registration fee is $60, $25 for Graduate students; a limited number of meal function tickets will be available for on-site registrants.

**Workshop for Academic Jobseekers & Mock Interviews:**
Saturday, October 27, 9:15-10:30 AM—Workshop followed by interviews from 11:00AM-12:30PM. All SCMLA members are encouraged to attend and to bring CVs, job letters, and questions relating to a job search. Please contact Grady Wray by email at scmla@ou.edu to schedule an interview.

**The Scholar’s Choice/Publisher Contact Form:**
With the help of The Scholar’s Choice, SCMLA has developed a contact form for you to send to your publisher(s) to request that your book(s) be displayed at the SCMLA Book Exhibit. Along with the contact form is a set of guidelines to aid you in making your request. The form is included in this mailing. Please submit by September 15, 2006.

**SCMLA Luncheon Choice of Entrée**
- Continental Breakfast @ $10.00  
- Mediterranean Chicken @ $20.00  
- Vegetable Napoleon @ $20.00  
- SCCEA Regional Breakfast @ $10.00  
- Women’s Caucus Continental Breakfast @ $10.00  

**SCMLA pays gratuity**

**REGISTRATION FORM & 2007 MEMBERSHIP**

Make checks or money orders payable to SCMLA. DO NOT SEND CASH. You must be a current member to register for the conference. Please mark and include the green election ballot also. Please send to the address on the back of this pamphlet (pre-addressed envelope included for your convenience).

**Name:**

**Department**

**University**

**Preferred Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip**

**Tel:**

**Email:**

**2006 Registration Fees**

- Pre-Registration @ $50.00
- On-Site Registration @ $55.00
- Graduate Student Pre-Registration @ $20.00
- Graduate Student On-Site Registration @ $25.00

**2007 Calendar Year Dues**

- Graduate student @ $20
- Instructor/Lecturer/Retired @ $25.00
- Assistant Professor @ $30.00
- Associate Professor @ $35.00
- Full Professor @ $40.00
- Joint (same mailing/address) @ $50.00

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