

TO: 2010 REGULAR/ALLIED SESSION CHAIRS AND SECRETARIES-this form is due by November 20, 2009
Please note: This information is essential to the continuation of your session. Please take the time to fill in *complete* and *accurate* answers below. The information you provide here for your Regular/Allied session for Fort Worth 2010 will be reflected in the Call for Papers, published in the Winter *Newsletter* 2009/2010.

Chair of 2010 Session completes this section:

**The following information requested in bold will be used as the
Call for Papers for Fort Worth 2010**
Please note that the Fort Worth 2010 conference theme is:
“New Frontiers”
You may, but are not required to, apply this theme to your session.

“New Frontiers” SCMLA 2010

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”?

The Call for Regular and Allied Sessions will request papers or 500 word abstracts, and will specify **March 26, 2010** as the deadline for submissions of papers or abstracts to Session Chairs. If your session wishes to take advantage of this opportunity to issue a more detailed call, please use the form below and **return it to the SCMLA office by the November 20, 2009 deadline.** Calls for sessions that do not specify a theme and/or topic will be listed as “Open Topic.”

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