

# South Central Modern Language Association

## Call for Special Sessions - Memphis, Tennessee 2007

### Theme: Memphis "Currents" - SCMLA 2007

We are pleased to announce that the 64th annual convention of the SCMLA will take place in Memphis, Tenn. There, serving as the backdrop for our convention is the general theme of "currents"—a theme suggested by the nature of this city known for the folkloric presence of the Mississippi river, the heady energy of rock and roll, and the mellow ebb and flow of the blues. As a rich metaphorical figure, "currents" may provide inspiration to scholars in the formulation of their papers and session proposals: for instance, with the notion of "currents" interpreted as the forces of movement and of time passing, represented in the swirling waters of the Mississippi, the longest river in the U.S. The allusion to "currency" may also attract notice among authors who wish to explore the dynamics of literary worth and cultural value, perceived as a medium of intellectual exchange in the contemporary marketplace of ideas. Further encouraged is the treatment of the thematic and theoretical currents of thought that stem from the freshest and, indeed, most current of ideas in linguistic and literary studies, as is the exploration of the motif of electrical currents, a topos that may spark interest among the more imaginative amongst us. We invite you to participate in our Memphis convention, surrounded by the vibrant diversity so characteristic of the cultural and topographic landscape of this multifaceted city.

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SCMLA invites Special Session proposals for the Memphis 2007 conference, November 1 - 3, 2007 at the Hilton Hotel. You may focus on the conference theme -- Memphis "Currents" -- 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, 2006 for posting in the Special Sessions Call for Papers section of the Winter 2006 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, 2007) 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, 2007. 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 Memphis 2007 will be notified in March 2007.

**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**

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**Department &  
School**

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**Full Address**

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

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