South Central Modern Language Association

The 2002 SCMLA meeting will be held 31 October–2 November at the Omni Austin Downtown Hotel in Austin, Texas. Baylor University will host the convention, with Maurice Hunt and Sarah Ford, both of Baylor's Department of English, acting as local arrangements chair and treasurer. This year's theme, "Literature and Language in Global Contexts," will be reflected in many of our 112 regular, allied, and special sessions; highlights will include plenary speaker William Ferris, former director of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

SCMLA membership remains strong, with approximately 1,400 dues-paying members. Publications received by 2002 members will include three issues of the *South Central Review* journal, including a double issue centered on responses to 11 September by Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Tzvetan Todorov, and René Girard, among others; summer and winter newsletters; and the Austin convention packet. To join SCMLA, please write to Ede Hilton-Lowe, SCMLA, Dept. of English, 4227 TAMU, Texas A&M Univ., College Station 77843-4227, or download a membership form from our Web site (http://www-english.tamu.edu/scmla/). Dues for joint members are $35; full professors, $30; associate or assistant professors, $25; instructors, retired professors, and graduate students, $20. The Web site features our online newsletter, which includes current calls for papers, deadline and grant application information, and information on all upcoming conferences.

SCMLA sponsors or cosponsors six grants annually. The 2002 research stipend winners were Theresa Strouth Gaul (Texas Christian Univ.) and Jill Tedford Jones (Southwestern Oklahoma State Univ.). Richard Barney (Univ. of Oklahoma) received the joint SCMLA/Huntington award; Christopher LeCluyse (Univ. of Texas, Austin) was awarded the SCMLA/Humanities Research Center fellowship; and Eric Gary Anderson (Oklahoma State Univ.) won the SCMLA/Newberry award. Lingui Yang (Texas A&M Univ., College Station) won the graduate student award. The book prize went to Gary Stringer (Univ. of Southern Mississippi) and Paul Parrish (Texas A&M Univ., College Station). The Kirby Prize for an outstanding article in the *South Central Review* went to Deborah Reisinger (Duke Univ.). Prizes for the best conference papers in gender studies and historical literary/cultural studies were awarded to Dennis Lensing (Univ. of New Mexico) and A. E. B. Coldiron (Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge).

The 2001 convention ("Technologies: Cultural, Textual, Linguistic, Pedagogical"), despite being held just weeks after 11 September, drew nearly 500 attendees to the Doubletree Downtown Hotel in Tulsa. Convention highlights included Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko's plenary address, "September 11th as a Teacher of Teachers," and a screening and film presentation on Will Rogers by Peter Rollins (Oklahoma State Univ.) The 2003 convention will be held from 30 October to 1 November at the Arlington Resort Hotel and Spa in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Special session proposals on any topic, including those related to the convention theme ("Communities"), will be accepted until 20 February 2003. To request forms for proposing a special session, call (979 845-7041), fax (979 862-2292), or write by e-mail (scmla@tamu.edu) to the SCMLA office. The 2004 convention is scheduled for New Orleans, 28–30 October.

The *South Central Review* (Richard J. Golsan, editor) publishes articles, interviews, and book reviews written in English on any aspect of literature, literary history, film, and cultural studies. Melanie Hawthorne and Howard Marchitello continue as associate editors.

Current SCMLA officers are *President*, Mark Busby (Southwest Texas State Univ.); *Vice President*, Cida Chase (Oklahoma State Univ.); *Past President*, James Barcus (Baylor Univ.); *Executive Director*, David McWhirter (Texas A&M Univ., College Station); *Editor*, South Central Review, Richard J. Golsan (Texas A&M Univ., College Station); *Associate Editor and Business Manager*, Melanie Hawthorne (Texas A&M Univ., College Station); *American Literature Representative*, Violet Bryan (Xavier Univ. of Louisiana); *English Literature Representative*, Joyce Zonana (Univ. of New Orleans); *French Literature Representative*, Mary Anne Garnett (Univ. of Arkansas, Little Rock); *German Literature Representative*, Tiiu Laane (Texas A&M Univ., College Station); *Russian Literature Representative*, Elena Doshlygina (Univ. of Tulsa); *Spanish Literature Representative*, Stephen Miller (Texas A&M Univ., College Station).

At its Spring 2002 meeting, the SCMLA executive committee accepted a bid from Texas A&M University to continue housing the association for the five-year period beginning 1 January 2003. At that time Donald Dickson (Dept. of English) will replace David McWhirter as executive director; Richard Golsan will serve another five-year term as editor of *South Central Review*. SCMLA wishes to thank Texas A&M University for its continuing support; we are especially grateful to College of Liberal Arts dean Charles Johnson, English Department head J. Lawrence Mitchell, and Department of Modern Languages acting head Craig Kallendorf.

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Executive Director

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