South Atlantic Modern Language Association

SAMLA's seventy-second annual convention will be held in Baltimore at the Wyndham Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel from 15 to 17 November. Out keynote speaker will be Sander Gilman, distinguished professor of liberal arts and sciences and medicine at the University of Illinois, Chicago. One of the most prolific members of the profession, Gilman's works include *Love + Marriage = Death*, *Creating Beauty to Cure the Soul*, *Seeing the Insane*, and *Jewish Self-Hatred*. Gilman, who was president of the Modern Language Association in 1995, has research interests ranging from Kafka to AIDS to Freud.

Among the special sessions planned for this year's convention are panels on Anne Tyler; Arna Bontemps, in her centennial year; José Martí's discourses on Latin America, Spain, and the United States; Peter Taylor; Nathan Scott; Don DeLillo and the narratives of terror; Welty and material objects; transatlantic crossings: the British novel abroad in America; and cinematic images from the Portuguese-speaking world. This is just a small sampling of the 150 sessions that will be held. A full copy of the program will be available on the SAMLA Web site (www.samla.org) by early this summer.

The 2001 Graduate Student Essay Prize was awarded to Kathy Lyons for "Transcultural Cinema: Reading Race and Ethnicity in Neil Jordan's *The Crying Game*." Her essay, delivered at the 2000 Gay and Lesbian Studies session, is being published in *South Atlantic Review*. The *South Atlantic Review* Essay Prize was awarded to Sean Grass for his article "W. H. Auden, from Spain to 'Oxford,'" which appeared in the Winter 2001 issue of *SAR*. Honorable mention was awarded to Eve W. Stoddard and Grant H. Cornwell for their article "'The Island Nobody Spoiled' and Other Fantasies of Colonial Desire," which appeared in the Spring 2001 issue or *SAR*. The SAMLA Studies Book Award was given to Janet Gabler-Hover for *Dreaming Black / Writing White: The Hagar Myth in American Cultural History*, published in 2000 by the University Press of Kentucky.

Louis D. Rubin, writer, scholar, educator, publisher, and University Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was named an honorary member of SAMLA at the 2001 convention, and two special sessions were held in his honor. The Louisiana State University Press, publisher of Rubin's latest book—*An Honorable Estate: My Time in the Working Press* (2001)—threw a dessert reception in Rubin's honor.

The *South Atlantic Review* publishes essays and book reviews concerned with the study of languages and literature. Hugo Méndez-Ramírez and I serve as associate editors under the able editorship of Matthew Roudané. Book review editors are Calvin Thomas and Suzanne Hintz, and Joanne Berotti Baste is our managing editor. Assistant editors are Laura Shauger and Reinhold Elges. For information about submissions and proposals for special issues, contact Matthew Roudané at engmcr@gsu.edu.

New editorial board members are Roberto González Echevarría (Yale Univ.), Cristina Della Coletta (Univ. of Virginia), Robert Kirschten (Prairie View A&M Univ.), Lynée Gaillet (Georgia State Univ.), Nancy Goslee (Univ. of Tennessee), Norris Lacy (Penn State Univ.), and John McGowan (Univ. of North Carolina). We thank all the members of our editorial board, old and new, for their diligent service to *SAR*.

Current officers of SAMLA are *President*, Keith Bullivant (Univ. of Florida); *First Vice President*, Connie Eble (Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill); *Second Vice President*, Justo Ulloa (Virginia Polytechnic Inst. and State Univ.); *Past President*, Jewel Spears Brooker (Eckerd Coll.); *Executive Committee*, Sarah L. Larson (Georgia Perimeter Coll.), Phillip Stewart (Duke Univ.), Mary Kemp Davis (Florida A&M Univ.), Mark Pietralunga (Florida State Univ.), Rand Brandes (Lenois-Rhyne Coll.), and Bert Hitchcock (Auburn Univ.). Joanne Berotti Baste is our office manager, and Margaret Mills Harper, executive director, is on sabbatical in Ireland, which is why I'm holding down the fort. She will return, she promises, to resume her duties for the coming academic year.

For more complete information about the 2002 convention, contact the SAMLA office (Georgia State Univ., Atlanta 30303) by phone (404 651-2693), fax (404 651-2858), or e-mail (samla@samla.org). Membership forms, information about the organization and the convention, *SAR* book reviews, and various links are available on our Web site (http://www.samla.org).

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