# American Dialect Society Annual Meeting 2011 Pittsburgh, January 6–8

At the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

From Thursday, January 6, 2011, through Saturday, January 8, in Pittsburgh, the American Dialect Society will hold its annual meeting, hosted as usual by the Linguistic Society of America.

**HOTEL:** This year it will be the Grand Pittsburgh Downtown Hotel, recently divorced from the Hilton chain, at 600 Commonwealth Place in Pittsburgh. Go to the LSA website, <a href="https://www.lsadc.org">www.lsadc.org</a>, for special LSA rates, available also to ADS members: \$99 per night for a single or double, \$134 for the Executive Level, \$149 for a Junior Suite, provided you reserve by December 16.

**REGISTRATION:** As guests of the Linguistic Society, we must register with them. Thankfully, ADS members may preregister (deadline: December 20) at the LSA members' rate, even if they are not LSA members: \$140 for regular members, \$60 for students, \$70 for under-/unemployed. To preregister at these rates, go to this web page: <a href="http://www.lsadc.org/meetings/registration1.cfm?type=ssm">http://www.lsadc.org/meetings/registration1.cfm?type=ssm</a>.

**ADS REGISTRATION:** Additional and entirely optional, but those who attend ADS sessions are encouraged to register with the ADS Executive Secretary for \$20, students \$10. This helps defray the cost of our BYOB reception and earns you a distinctive decoration for your LSA badge.

**LUNCHEON:** At 12:15 p.m. Saturday, January 8. The speaker will be ADS President **Connie Eble**, University of North Carolina. Topic: The literary representation of New Orleans speech.

Menu to be announced soon. Cost is \$45; students who are members of ADS may attend free. Reservations may be made in advance with ADS Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf at americandialect@mac.edu.

**WOTY:** The nominating meeting for Words of the Year 2010 is at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, and the final vote at 5:30 p.m. Friday (see schedule below). All members and friends are invited to participate.

Name of the Year: At the start of our WOTY session on Friday, we will also host the American Name Society's vote on Name of the Year 2010. ADS members and friends are welcome to participate in this vote too.

**BYOB Reception:** After the Friday voting on Words of the Year, you're invited to our annual Bring-Your-Own-Book reception from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Bring your new book or books; we'll have tables along the walls where you can display them.

**NOMINATIONS for ADS offices**: See the agenda for the Annual Business Meeting below.

**Future LSA-ADS meetings:** Portland, Hilton Portland and Executive Tower, Jan. 5–8, 2012; TBD, Jan. 3–6, 2013; Minneapolis, Hilton Minneapolis, Jan. 2–5, 2014.

*Program Committee:* Luanne von Schneidemesser, Dictionary of American Regional English, chair; Connie Eble, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; William A. Kretzschmar, Jr., University of Georgia; Sali Tagliamonte, University of Toronto; Joseph Salmons, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Walt Wolfram, North Carolina State University; Benjamin Zimmer, Visual Thesaurus.

## Thursday, January 6

### **Executive Council**

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Open meeting; all members welcome. Presiding: ADS President Connie Eble, University of North Carolina.

## **Annual Business Meeting**

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Most of the business of the Society is conducted at the preceding Executive Council meeting, to which all members are invited (see above). But it is this Business Meeting that elects new ADS officers.

*Nominating Committee report:* The committee (Joan Hall, chair; William A. Kretzschmar, Jr., Richard W. Bailey) proposes:

President-elect for the two-year term 2011-12, **Jesse Sheidlower**, Oxford University Press.

Member of the Executive Council for the four-year term 2011-14, **Allison Burkette**, University of Mississippi.

Member at large of the Nominating Committee for the two-year term 2011-12, **Sali Tagliamonte**, University of Toronto.

Additional nominations may be made by a petition signed by at least ten members in good standing, to be received by the Executive Secretary no later than December 17.

Those elected take office after the conclusion of this Annual Meeting.

### **ADS Session 1**

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Chair: Allison Burkette (University of Mississippi)

- 4:00 *Patrick-André Mather (University of Puerto Rico)*. Phonological variation in the English of Puerto Ricans in New York City.
- 4:30 *Lauren Hall-Lew (University of Oxford)*. L-vocalization among Asian Americans in San Francisco, California.
- 5:00 *Jennifer Thorburn (Memorial University of Newfoundland)*. Present temporal reference in Indigenous English.
- 5:30 *Tamara Lindner (University of Louisiana at Lafayette).* "What is Cajun French?" Definition of a dialect by young community members.

### **Words of the Year Nominations**

6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Open meeting of the New Words committee; ADS members and friends welcome. This meeting reviews nominations for Words of the Year 2010. Final candidates will be identified in preparation for the vote at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

## Friday, January 7

#### **ADS Session 2**

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Chair: Anne Curzan (University of Michigan)

- 9:00 William A. Kretzschmar, Jr. (University of Georgia) & Josh Dunn (University of Georgia). Implicational scaling in Southern speech features
- 9:30 Lucas Annear (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Emily Clare (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Alicia Groh (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Mary Simonsen (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Thomas Purnell (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Eric Raimy (University of Wisconsin-Madison), & Joseph Salmons (University of Wisconsin-Madison). Emerging regional differences in final obstruents
- 10:00 Douglas S. Bigham (University of Texas at Austin). Reconsidering Vowels as mathematical and statistical entities: How much variation should there be?

## **ADS Session 3 Canadian English and Influence**

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Chair: Julie Roberts (University of Vermont)

- 11:00 Gerard Van Herk (Memorial University of Newfoundland). "You'd have dances and everything": Habitual past reference in Newfoundland English
- 11:30 *Matt Hunt Gardner (University of Toronto) & Rebecca Childs (Coastal Carolina University).*Motivated to move: Traditional and supra-local variants and the Canadian Shift
- 12:00 David Durian (Ohio State University). The impact of the Canadian Shift on /aw/-fronting in Columbus, Ohio

#### ADS Session 4

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Chair: Benjamin Zimmer (Visual Thesaurus)

- 2:00 Eden Kaiser (University of Minnesota-Twin Cities). Regional features of Twin Cities English: A supplement to the Atlas of North American English
- 2:30 *Michael Friesner (Université du Québec à Montréal)*. Assessing the dialectological status of Southeast Florida
- 3:00 Wendy Baker (Brigham Young University) & David Bowie (University of Alaska Anchorage). Linguistic behavior and religious affiliation in Utah: Differentiation below the level of sociolinguistic awareness

#### **ADS Session 5**

3:45-5:15 p.m.

Chair: William A. Kretzschmar, Jr. (University of Georgia)

- 3:45 Julie Roberts (University of Vermont). Individual variation and affiliation: /au/ raising in Vermont.
- 4:15 Elizabeth L. Coggshall (New York University). Glottalization in New York City English.
- 4:45 *Tyler Kendall (University of Oregon) & Valerie Fridland (University of Nevada, Reno).* Vowel duration in regional U.S. vowel shifts.

#### Words of the Year Vote

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Words in half a dozen categories as well as a Word (or Phrase) of the Year 2010 will be chosen from the slate of nominees determined at Thursday evening's meeting. Before each vote, brief statements will be invited from advocates for or against the candidates.

The hour will begin with the announcement of the American Name Society's vote on Name of the Year. All ADS members, ANS members, and friends are welcome to participate.

## Bring-Your-Own-Book Exhibit and Reception

6:45–7:45 p.m.

Bring your new books; we'll have tables where you can display them.

### Saturday, January 8

#### ADS Session 6

8:30-10:00 a.m.

Chair: Paul De Decker (Memorial University of Newfoundland)

- 8:30 Rebecca Childs (Coastal Carolina University) & Matt Hunt Gardner (University of Toronto). Staking claims: Two communities and one salient local marker
- 9:00 *Jennifer Cramer (University of Kentucky)*. Folk perceptions and the "mixed up" language of Louisville
- 9:30 Dennis R. Preston (Oklahoma State University). Linguistic insecurity 40 years later

## ADS Session 7 Editions, Databases, Surveys

10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Chair: Luanne von Schneidemesser (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

- 10:30 Peter Grund (University of Kansas). "Know thy text": Textual history and linguistic evidence in the witness depositions from the Salem Witch Trials
- 11:00 *Jack Grieve (University of Leuven).* A dialect survey of grammatical variation in written Standard American English
- 11:30 Michael Montgomery (University of South Carolina, emeritus) & Paul Reed (University of South Carolina). The Multiple Modals Database: A new resource for researchers

## **ADS Annual Luncheon**

12:15–1:45 p.m.

Speaker: ADS President Connie Eble. The literary representation of New Orleans speech.

Menu to be announced soon. Cost is \$45; students who are members of ADS may attend free. Reservations may be made in advance with ADS Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf at <a href="mailto:americandialect@mac.edu">americandialect@mac.edu</a>.

### **ADS Session 8**

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Chair: Jennifer Cramer (University of Kentucky)

- 2:00 *Jennifer Renn (University of North Carolina Chapel Hill).* Patterns of shift: Longitudinal trajectories of style shifting among African American youth
- 2:30 Ralph Fasold (Georgetown University, emeritus). Do it be Be<sub>3</sub> in Ebonics?
- 3:00 *Joseph Hill (), Robert Bayley (University of California, Davis), Ceil Lucas, & Carolyn McCaskill.* Signing space in black and white: A cross-generational study

## **ADS Session 9**

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Chair: tba

- 4:00 *Lal Zimman (University of Colorado, Boulder).* On the homogeneity of heteronormative masculinity: Explaining straight-sounding speech
- 4:30 Stephen L. Mann (University of South Carolina Columbia). Southern, working class, gay male English varieties and the Gay American English continuum
- 5:00 Paul De Decker (Memorial University of Newfoundland). Organizational identity and phonetic variation at the local coffee shop