

**American Dialect Society Annual Meeting 2012
Portland, January 5–7**

At the annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America

GENERAL INFORMATION

From Thursday, January 5, 2012, through Saturday, January 7, in Portland, 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 Hilton Portland & Executive Tower, 921 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204. Go to the LSA website, www.lsadc.org, for special LSA rates, available also to ADS members.

REGISTRATION: As guests of the Linguistic Society, we must register with them. Thankfully, ADS members may register at the LSA members' rate.

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 87. **Roger Shuy** will speak on "A Dialectologist's Progress: A Moral Tale."

Menu: salad of mixed garden greens, mandarin oranges, sliced almonds, citrus vinaigrette;
grilled salmon with orange cranberry relish, orzo pasta, roasted parsnips and squash;
dessert sampler with pecan bite, mini hazelnut crunch, candied orange dipped in dark chocolate caramel and vanilla sauce;
coffee or iced tea

Cost is \$40. 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 2011 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 2011. 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.

Future LSA-ADS meetings: Boston Marriott Copley Place, Jan. 3–6, 2013; Hilton Minneapolis, Jan. 2–5, 2014; Hilton San Francisco Union Square, Jan. 8–11, 2015; Washington (D.C.) Marriott Marquis, Jan. 7–10, 2016.

Program Committee: Jesse Sheidlower, Oxford U Press, chair.

Thursday, January 5

Executive Council

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Salon II

Open meeting; all members welcome. Presiding: ADS President **Luanne von Schneidmesser**, *DARE*.

Annual Business Meeting

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Salon II

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 (William A. Kretzschmar, Jr., chair; Connie Eble, Sali Tagliamonte) proposes:

Member of the Executive Council for the four-year term 2012-15: **Kathryn Remlinger**, Grand Valley State University.

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 16.

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

ADS Session 1

4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Salon I

Chair: Phillip M. Carter (Florida International University)

4:30 *Robert Bayley and Kristen Ware (U of California Davis)*. Frequency and syntactic variation: Evidence from U.S. Spanish.

5:00 *James Daniel Hasty (Michigan State U) and Robert Lannon (Verilogue, Inc.)*. My doctor said what? A study of language attitude towards the double modal.

5:30 *Anastasia Nylund (Georgetown U)*. /l/-vocalization among African Americans and European Americans in Washington, DC.

Words of the Year Nominations

6:15 – 7:15 p.m. Salon II

Chair: Ben Zimmer, Thinkmap Visual Thesaurus

Open meeting of the New Words committee; ADS members and friends welcome. This meeting reviews nominations for Words of the Year 2011. Final candidates will be identified in preparation for the vote at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Sister Society Meet and Greet Reception

8:30 – 10:00 p.m., Porto Terra Lounge, Executive Tower
Cash bar; hosted by the American Name Society

Friday, January 6

ADS Session 2

9:00–10:30 a.m., Salon I

Chair: Julie Roberts (University of Vermont)

9:00 *Charles Boberg (McGill U)*. Regional variants of the continuous short-a system in Canada.

9:30 *Michael Friesner (U Quebec) and Laura Kastronic (U of Montreal)*. Assessing ongoing change in Quebec City English.

10:00 *Laura Baxter (York U)*. The rise and fall of New England English in southern Quebec.

ADS Session 3

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Salon I

Chair: Ben Zimmer (Thinkmap Visual Thesaurus)

11:00 *Betsy E. Evans (U of Washington)*. “Everybody sounds the same”: ‘marginal’ data in perceptual dialectology.

11:30 *Brice Russ (Ohio State U)*. Examining large-scale regional variation through online geotagged corpora.

12:00 *Stephen Mann (U of Wisconsin-La Crosse)*. The relationship between listener identification of sexual orientation and gay men’s attitudes toward Gay American English.

ADS Session 4

2:00–3:30 p.m., Salon I

Chair: Allison Burkette (U of Mississippi).

2:00 *William A. Kretschmar, Jr. (U of Georgia)*. Variation in the traditional vowels of the eastern states.

2:30 *James Stanford (Dartmouth C)*, *Thomas Leddy-Cecere (U of Texas-Austin)* & *Kenneth Baclawski, Jr. (Dartmouth C)*. Farewell to the founders: Dramatic changes between eastern and western New England.

3:00 *Sali Tagliamonte (U Toronto) with students from LSA Summer Institute: Jon Bakos, Julia Cheng, Jessica Delisi, Amelia Dietrich, Devin Grammon, Ashley Hesson, Kinda Konnerth, Hank Lester, Justin McBride, Jane Mitsch, Meredith Moss, Jenna Nichols, Colin Pitet, Rachelle Price, Gabe Radovsky, Wil Rankinen, Na-Young Ryu, Hayley Smith, Nick Toler, & Jack Toner*. A weird and peculiar story: Variation and change in North American adjectives.

ADS Session 5: Celebrating the Publication of the *Dictionary of American Regional English*.

3:45–5:15 p.m., Salon I

Chair: Joan H. Hall, *DARE*.

3:45 *Michael Adams (Indiana U - Bloomington)*. *DARE* and the idea of dialect.

4:15 *Grant Barrett (A Way with Words)*. Restarting the public conversation about language.

4:45 *Thomas Purnell (U of Wisconsin-Madison)*. Hearing the American language change: The state of *DARE* recordings.

Words of the Year Vote

5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Salon I//II/III

Words in half a dozen categories as well as a Word (or Phrase) of the Year 2011 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 American Name Society's vote on its choice of 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., Salon III

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Saturday, January 7

Special Breakfast Session: Digital *DARE*

7:30–8:20 a.m., Salon I (Complimentary Continental breakfast hosted by Harvard University Press.)

Chair: Joan H. Hall, *DARE*.

Presenter: Emily Arkin, Harvard University Press.

Arkin, Editor for Digital Publication Development at Harvard University Press, will offer a first look at the future digital *DARE* and solicit feedback on its potential features and functionality.

ADS Session 6

8:30–10:00 a.m., Salon I

Chair: Connie C. Eble (University of North Carolina).

8:30 *Vicki Michael Anderson (Indiana U)*. Obstruent devoicing revisited: Changing patterns in the course of the obsolescence of Pennsylvania Dutchified English.

9:00 *Jennifer Renn (U of North Carolina Chapel Hill)*. The impact of caregiver language on rural African American children's developing literacy skills.

9:30 *Rachael Allbritten (National Science Foundation)*. Just another Southern city slicker? Correlations of "rural" and "Southern" in dialect perception.

ADS Session 7 10:30 a.m.–12:00 noon, Salon I

Chair: Luanne von Schneidemesser (*DARE*).

10:30 *Jacqueline Hettel (U of Georgia)*. Composing Southern: Using dialect to teach Standard American English, promote linguistic diversity, and tackle language attitudes.

11:00 *Lisa Lena Opas-Hänninen (University of Oulu, Finland)*, *William A. Kretzschmar, Jr. (University of Georgia)*, *Ilkka Juuso (University of Oulu)*, *Jacqueline Hettel (University of Georgia)*, & *Tapio Seppänen (University of Oulu)*. The Linguistic Atlas projects online.

11:30 *Gail Davidson (U of Alaska Fairbanks)*. The low back vowel in mid-coast Maine.

ADS Annual Luncheon

12:15–1:45 p.m., Salon II

Speaker: Roger W. Shuy, *A Dialectologist's Progress: A Moral Tale*

The story of how one dialectologist started off in this field then faced unexpected events along the way, including new directions to explore, several harsh setbacks, lots of excitement and finally, how things eventually came together for him.

(Make luncheon reservations in advance with Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf, americandialect@mac.edu.)

ADS Session 8

2:00–4:00 p.m., Salon I

Chair: Kathryn Remlinger (Grand Valley State U)

2:00 *Erin Schneider, L. Viola Kozak, Roberto Santiago, & Anika Stephen (all Gallaudet U)*. The effects of electronic communication on American Sign Language.

2:30 *Jon Bakos (Oklahoma State U)*. Beginnings of change: Early evidence Northern Cities Shift in the Lebanese community of Dearborn, Michigan.

3:00 *Wil Rankinen (Indiana U)*. Where'd the preposition go? An account of locative prepositional deletion in Michigan's UP speech community.

3:30 *Kirk Hazen (West Virginia U)*. Third-wave dialectology: Are old school methods compatible with third-wave variationist analysis?