

Southeastern Conference on Linguistics
SECOL LXXIX (79)
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY
April 12-14, 2012
'Conference on Appalachian Language' (COAL)

Call for Papers

SECOL LXXIX (79) will be held at the Hyatt Regency Lexington Thursday through Saturday, April 12-14, 2012. The plenary speakers will be Michael Montgomery (University of South Carolina) and Mary Bucholtz (University of California, Santa Barbara). The conference theme, "Conference on Appalachian Language" (COAL), is designed to highlight the importance of the rich linguistic traditions of the people of the Appalachian Mountains, which make up the beautiful eastern landscape of Kentucky. Questions about venue and arrangements may be addressed to the local host, Dr. Jennifer Cramer (jennifer.cramer@uky.edu).

Twenty-minute papers and panels of 100 minutes relating to the conference theme are especially requested. Papers in all areas of language and linguistics are welcome, including papers and panels on the teaching of linguistics. Electronic submissions are strongly preferred, though hard-copy submissions will also be considered. Abstracts must arrive (via e-mail or post) no later than December 15, 2011. Please send abstracts to:

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Attach your abstract as an anonymous Microsoft Word document. If this is not possible, use WordPerfect, or include the abstract in the e-mail message. If your abstract includes tables, figures, diagrams, or special characters or fonts, also attach a copy as an anonymous PDF file. **Do not include your name on the abstract.** In a separate attachment, include the following information:

Author name(s)
Affiliation(s)
E-mail address(es)
Mailing address(es)
(Phone number)
Paper title
Special equipment/technology requests

If submitting hard copy, provide three (3) copies of the abstract and one (1) copy of the contact information.

****NOTE:** All authors must be members of SECOL in order to be included in the program. Membership information is available at <http://www.secol.org/membership.html>. All authors must also register for the conference. Information about contact persons, accommodations, registration, and the preliminary program will be available at <http://www.secol.org>.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS FOR 20-MINUTE PAPERS

1. Give the title of the paper at the top of the page. The Program Committee judges anonymous abstracts, so do not give author name(s) or other identifying information.
2. Limit the abstracts to 300 words.
3. Include a statement of the topic or purpose of the paper, preferably as the first paragraph.
 - a. If your paper involves the analysis of linguistic material, give appropriate examples and provide a brief indication of their relevance to your argument.
 - b. If your paper presents experimental results of experiments that are not yet available, indicate the nature of the experiment(s) and why the results are important.
 - c. State the relevance of your ideas to past work and/or to the future development of the field.
 - d. State your conclusions (however tentative); avoid statements like "A solution to this problem will be presented." If you are taking a stand on a controversial issue, summarize the arguments that lead to your position.
 - e. Do not include references in your abstract.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS FOR 100-MINUTE PANELS

1. Proposals for panels incorporating four or five participants speaking on a unified topic should be submitted as a single abstract by the panel organizer. Give the title of the paper at the top of the page. Do not give author name(s) or other identifying information. Only anonymous abstracts are judged by the Program Committee.
2. Limit the panel description to 1000 words.
3. Describe in detail similar to 3) above. Indicate the proposed contribution of each participant, listed as Participant I, Participant II, etc. If a give-and-take discussion is proposed, justify the worth of this departure from separate presentations on the Panel topic.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROGRAM

SECOL strongly discourages substitute presenters as this adversely affects all presentations. The above guidelines are written to provide sufficient flexibility so that even if your ideas change as you write the paper or if your experimental results are not as expected, your paper will be adequately reflected by the abstract. If, however, you cannot in good conscience read your paper within the framework of the abstract as accepted by the Program Committee, you may withdraw the paper prior to the meeting. If a participant must withdraw from a panel, the panel organizer(s)

must alert SECOL and must in good faith attempt to find a replacement, sending in a description of the new participant's participation on the panel.

To withdraw before the schedule is posted to the website, please notify Dr. Sasha Johnson-Coleman (srjohnson@nsu.edu). To withdraw after the conference schedule is posted, contact Dr. Jennifer Cramer (jennifer.cramer@uky.edu).

REZA ORDOUBADIAN AWARD

Student members of SECOL are reminded of the annual Reza Ordoubadian Award. This is a cash award and three-year membership in SECOL for the paper presented by a student at the previous year's SECOL meeting deemed best by a selection committee. To be considered, an electronic copy of the paper transmitted by e-mail as a PDF file (or three hard copies by regular mail) should be sent to Dr. Sasha Johnson-Coleman (srjohnson@nsu.edu) with a cover letter requesting consideration. The deadline for the 2011 ROA Competition (for papers that were presented at SECOL 78, in April 2011, in Pine Mountain, GA) is January 10, 2012.

THE BERNSTEIN AWARD

The Bernstein Award of \$100.00 for the best paper on Language and Politics is open to all SECOL members. To be considered, an electronic copy of the full paper transmitted by e-mail as a PDF file (or three hard copies by regular mail) should be sent to Dr. Sasha Johnson-Coleman (srjohnson@nsu.edu) with a cover letter requesting consideration. Your letter should contain contact information. The deadline for submission of the full paper is January 10, 2012.