

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

2008 SIGMA TAU DELTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

March 5–8, Louisville, Kentucky

The convention includes over 125 sessions to choose from, featuring the works both of Sigma Tau Delta students and alumni, and of members of Sigma Kappa Delta, the English honor society for two-year colleges.

National Service Project: Book Drive

The Student Leadership Committee has selected the **Neighborhood House**, as the focus of the National Book Drive project. Located in one of Louisville's most disadvantaged areas, the Neighborhood House has expressed a need for books appropriate for middle-school-aged children. All $\Sigma\tau\Delta$ and $\Sigma\kappa\Delta$ chapters are encouraged to bring books to the Annual Convention and to make a lasting impact on this city. A \$100 donation will also be given in the name of the chapter that makes the most substantial contribution.

2007-2008 Common Reader

Kim Edwards' first collection of stories, *The Secrets of a Fire King*, has been selected as the 2007–2008 common reader. The goal of the common reader is to celebrate the works of our featured speakers, to provide a common text for our own reading and enjoyment, and to establish a focus for chapter activities fostering literacy and the pleasures of reading in our local communities.

Convention T-shirts: Purchase by February 22

Purchase your T-shirt when you register! Only a limited number of T-shirts will be for sale at the convention. View T-shirt designs on the convention website at www.english.org. T-shirts are only \$10 each. Select color and size when filling out your registration form and include payment with your registration fee.

Chapter Merchandise Sale: March 6 and 7

If your chapter has a unique T-shirt or other merchandise you would like to sell at the conference, please contact the Central Office at sigmatd@niu.edu to reserve a table and time slot.

What to Wear at the Convention

Attendees should wear business or professional attire during the sessions and dressier attire for the Awards Banquet.

Sigma Tau Delta makes every effort to accommodate those who have special needs relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Please use the reverse side of the Registration Form to outline any special needs you may have or contact the Central Office at 815-753-1612 or sigmatd@niu.edu.

Program Highlights

Wednesday, March 5

- Registration desk open from 3:30 – 8:00 PM.
- Wear your school T-shirt, share your school spirit, and meet others on Wednesday evening at 8:00 PM! Enjoy listening to members read their work published in *The Rectangle*.

Thursday, March 6

- Learn from $\Sigma\tau\Delta$'s most successful chapters! The Student Representatives and Student Advisors are sponsoring *Necessary Contradictions: Serving to Lead* on Thursday morning. The workshop features breakout sessions on fundraising, service, publishing a literary journal, small-, large-, and new-chapter development, integrating technology (getting your chapter online), and Alumni Epsilon membership (making the most of your membership).
- Attend the **Chapter Sponsors' Workshop** on Thursday morning. Discuss issues that sponsors face in fostering chapter involvement, recruiting new members, and developing chapter leaders. This workshop is led by some of Sigma Tau Delta's most successful chapter sponsors.
- General session with Naomi Shihab Nye
- **(Dry) T-shirt and Skit Competition/Bad Poetry Contest** Enjoy while your peers and professors recreate humiliating childhood scenes, conjure up adolescent turmoil, and expose their wounded hearts in poetry that will make you weep uncontrollably, laugh out loud, or do both.

Friday, March 7

- Workshop with Naomi Shihab Nye
- Lunch for Sigma Kappa Delta attendees
- Business Meeting and the Regional Caucuses—chapters must send a voting delegate to both meetings in order to receive the \$200 voting delegate reimbursement (\$400 for chapters outside the 48 contiguous states)
- President's Reception for faculty and alumni
- General session with Suzan-Lori Parks
- Open Microphone night

Saturday, March 8

- An Interview with Suzan-Lori Parks
- General session with Kim Edwards
- Workshop with Kim Edwards
- Awards Banquet

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Registration Form—Please, PRINT clearly!

Instructions:

- All participants, including guests, must fill out a **separate** registration form. Additional forms can be downloaded at www.english.org.
- Early registration forms and payment must be postmarked by **February 5, 2008**. After this date, participants must pay the \$80.00 late registration fee.
- All mailed registration forms must be postmarked by **February 22, 2008**. After this date, participants must register on-site at the convention desk and pay the \$80.00 late registration fee.
- The registration fee is nonrefundable.
- A confirmation letter will be **emailed** to the email address provided below. Print or type your email address clearly.
- The confirmation letter is your receipt.

Membership:

- Sigma Tau Delta
 Sigma Kappa Delta

Name — Please print your name as you wish it to appear on your name badge:

PRINT First Name Last Name

School

School City School State

Personal Contact Information:

Street Address Apt. Number

City State ZIP Code

email address — **PRINT CLEARLY** — confirmation is sent by email

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 Telephone Number

Awards Banquet – Saturday, March 8

(This dinner is included in the registration fee)

Please select one of the following:

- Regular (entrée: grilled chicken breast)
 Vegetarian (entrée: rattatouille)
 Other (specify): _____
 Unable to attend

Workshops: Thurs., March 6, 9:30–11:30 am

- Student Leadership Workshop (no charge)
 Chapter Sponsor Workshop (no charge)

Registration Fees (all fees include Awards Banquet)

- *Early Registration*—Postmarked by February 5, 2008
- *Late Registration*—Postmarked after February 5, 2008
- *On-site Registration*—After February 22, 2008

CLASSIFICATION:	EARLY	LATE/ON-SITE
Student presenter	___ \$50	___ \$80
Student nonpresenter	___ \$60	___ \$80
Alumni Epsilon* presenter	___ \$60	___ \$80
Alumni (nonpresenter)	___ \$60	___ \$80
Chapter sponsor	___ \$60	___ \$80
Faculty (nonsponsor)	___ \$60	___ \$80
Guest	___ \$60	___ \$80

* Alumni must be members of the Alumni Epsilon chapter to present a paper at the convention. Go to www.english.org/alumni.shtml to join.

Convention T-shirt (purchase by February 22)

- BROWN: Size S M L XL XXL
 TAN: Size S M L XL XXL

Quantity of T-shirt(s): _____ @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Extra Tickets for the Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet dinner is included in your registration fee; however, you can purchase an extra ticket for a family member or friend who wishes to accompany you to the banquet.

Meal Type (check one): Reg Veg. Other

Quantity of Ticket(s): _____ @ \$30 each = \$ _____

Payment

Total amount enclosed.....\$ _____

Please select one of the following payment methods:

- Check (payable to **Sigma Tau Delta**)
 MasterCard
 Visa

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Cardholder Name (print) _____

Cardholder Signature _____

Send this form and payment to:

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