Call for Papers & Panels
2009 Sigma Tau Delta International Convention, March 25–28
Hyatt Regency Minneapolis — Minneapolis, MN

Guidelines for Paper Submissions

All currently-enrolled members of Sigma Tau Delta and Sigma Kappa Delta, and Alumni Epsilon chapter* members, are invited to submit **critical essays**, **creative nonfiction**, **original poetry**, **fiction**, **drama/screenplays**, **panel proposals,** and/or **works focusing on the common reader**, Michael Perry's *Population 485: Getting to Know Your Neighbors One Siren at a Time,* to be considered for inclusion on the annual convention program. Essays on any topic of interest in the discipline are welcome; essays on the works of our featured speakers are especially encouraged. Paper submissions must conform to the following guidelines:

- Each member in good standing may submit a maximum of two works for consideration. (Faculty members may not submit papers, but they are invited to moderate panels and sessions.)
- To be considered, the two works must represent separate categories: critical essay, creative nonfiction, poetry, fiction, drama/screenplay, or common reader. Two works from the same category will not be considered.
- Prose submissions must be double-spaced, in a standard 10 to 12-point font, the text (exclusive of notes) limited to a **maximum of 2000 words (NEW: 1000 word minimum)**.
- Poetry submissions must be typed in a standard 10 to 12-point font and may include a single poem or a group of poems. The submitted body of work (including any introductory comments necessary to contextualize the work), must be presentable within **15-minutes (NEW: minimum of 8 minutes)**. A group of poems must have a title.

NEW: Email Paper Submissions

- **Email submission is strongly encouraged.**
- **Address email to** convention09@uwec.edu .
- In the **subject line**, type **PAPER SUBMISSION**.
- In the **cc line**, type the **chapter sponsor's email address** so that the email with paper submission and Paper Submission Form will go to the sponsor to verify that the author is a member in good standing with ΣTΔ or ΣKΔ (waived for Alumni Epsilon chapter* members).
- **Submit paper as an attachment.**
- **Also attach a completed Paper Submission Form** (available at www.englishconvention.org) **for each work being submitted for consideration.** Submissions without this form will not be considered.
- Other than its title, no identification may appear on the work.
- Forms and submissions should be in Word with *doc* or *rtf* suffix (not *docx*).
- For **mail submissions**, see Paper Submission Form.
- **Fax submissions** will not be considered.

DEADLINE FOR ALL PAPER AND PANEL SUBMISSIONS: November 21, 2008, 11:59 p.m.

(Email confirmations will be sent within two weeks of submission deadline.)

Guidelines for Panel Proposals

Students, faculty sponsors, and Alumni Epsilon* chapter members may propose panels on topics of general interest to both the discipline and the society. Panel presentations will be 75 minutes in length and might consider such topics as chapter activities, service projects, service learning, graduate school and/or career options, pedagogical issues surrounding canon formation or assessment, etc.; that is, topics that can best be explored in interactive, round-table discussions.

Panels are not meant to be sets of correlated essays.

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- In the **subject line**, type **PANEL PROPOSAL**.
- In the **cc line**, type the **chapter sponsor's email address** so that the email with Panel Proposal Form will go to the sponsor to verify that the author is a member in good standing with ΣTΔ or ΣKΔ (waived for Alumni Epsilon chapter* members).
- **ATTACH a completed Panel Proposal Form** (available at www.englishconvention.org). Submissions without this form will not be considered.
- Forms should be in Word with *doc* or *rtf* suffix (not *docx*).
- For **mail submissions**, see Panel Proposal Form.
- **Fax submissions** will not be considered.

Submission Policies for Papers and Panels

- Submissions will be read in the order they are received. Acceptance is based on merit.
- Notification of acceptances will be sent on or before **January 30, 2009, by email only** to the address on the submission form.
- Space permitting, two submissions from one person may be accepted; as noted above, those works must be submitted in different categories and conform to all submission guidelines.
- **Authors must be present at the convention to read their own papers. Papers will not be read in an author's absence.**
- Works accepted for paper presentation and presented at the convention will automatically be considered for the convention awards available in each category. **Authors must present their works at the convention to be eligible for awards.**
- Paper submissions and panel proposals not meeting these stated requirements will not be considered.
- **Everyone attending the convention, including presenters and panelists, must register for the convention.** Those registering by **February 25, 2009**, will receive an early-registration discount. Those registering after the deadline will pay the full fee. See www.englishconvention.org for details.

Questions? Email Convention Chair, Gloria J. Hochstein, at HOCHSTGJ@uwec.edu.

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* Sigma Tau Delta members no longer affiliated with a college or university chapter must be members of the ΣTΔ Alumni Epsilon chapter to present at the convention. See www.english.org for details.