

contact Roger Guy at roger.guy@uncp.edu. The online application for scholarship assistance can be found at <http://www.appalachianstudies.org/conference>.

HOWARD DORGAN SILENT AUCTION (for scholarship support)

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CALL FOR CONVENERS/LEADERS

If you are willing to act as a **convener** for a concurrent session during the conference, please contact Cassie Robinson at cassie.robinson@gmail.com and let her know. Information and guidance will be given to conveners prior to the conference. Conveners/moderators are needed for each concurrent session. This is a wonderful way also to participate in ASA. If you are willing to **lead** a community conversation (for example, respond to questions regarding mentoring, teaching, community organizing, running a community organization, etc.), please contact Cassie Robinson at cassie.robinson@gmail.com. Guidance will be given to leaders of community conversation tables/areas prior to the conference.

CONFERENCE SITE AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Surrounded by the Chattahoochee National Forest, the North Georgia area is an outdoor enthusiast's dream, with endless places for hiking, mountain climbing, hunting, fishing, bird-watching, whitewater rafting, canoeing and camping. This area of North Georgia draws many visitors who enjoy its lush forests, stunning waterfalls and abundant wildlife.

Dahlonega is Cherokee for "yellow money" and is the site of the first major gold rush in the U.S. It is a quaint mountain town with a prominent public square with plenty of gift shops and restaurants. One of the nation's 150 Preserve America communities, Dahlonega is in close proximity to beautiful waterfalls, the Appalachian Trail, and several rivers.

Founded in 1873, North Georgia College & State University has more than 5,000 students and is the second oldest university and the first to admit women in the state. Located in historic Dahlonega, Ga., North Georgia is one of only six senior military colleges in the United States, with its Corps of Cadets comprising 13 per cent of the undergraduate student population. North Georgia is a coeducational public university emphasizing strong liberal arts, as well as pre-professional, professional and graduate programs. The university offers more than 50 majors to prepare students for nearly any career. The campus is in easy walking distance to the town center, Dahlonega. Campus buildings in which conference activities will take place are on relatively level ground and in close proximity to each other. North Georgia will be on spring break during our visit and there will be plenty of convenient parking for us on the campus. Check out these websites to learn more about the campus and the area: www.northgeorgia.com and <http://www.dahlonega.org/>.

For those who will fly to the conference, the closest airport is the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, which is about 1 1/2 hours from Dahlonega.

Several accommodations, all close to the conference venue, are holding blocks of rooms on a first-come, first-served basis. Ask for the Appalachian Studies Association Conference rates.

Best Western Dawson Village Inn, 76 N Georgia Ave, Dawsonville, GA 30534-6625, (706) 216-4410, www.bestwesterngeorgia.com, 10% conference rate (release date is March 1)

Comfort Inn Dawsonville, 127 Beartooth Pkwy, Dawsonville, GA 30534, (706) 216-1900, 20% conference rate, www.comfortinn.com

Days Inn, 833 South Chestatee St, Dahlonega, GA 30533, (706) 864-2338, 10% conference rate (release date is March 1), www.daysinn.com