

2005 CALL FOR PARTICIPATION AND PAPERS



TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL APPALACHIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

March 18-20, 2005

*Hosted by Radford University
at Radford University
in Radford, Virginia*

*Melinda Wagner, President
Parks Lanier, Program Chair
Ricky Cox, Local Arrangements Chair*

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<http://www.appalachianstudies.org>

Vital Words and Vital Actions: Partnerships to Build a Healthy Place

The 2005 Appalachian Studies Conference theme strives to highlight connections, collaborations, and partnerships among local communities and the Appalachian Studies Association's constituents. When the Association was new, Jim Wayne Miller emphasized that the "creative folk" and the "action folk" should always see themselves as allies and collaborators. With the 2005 Conference theme's attention to Vital Words and Vital Actions, we remind ourselves that Vital Words of the storytellers, poets, writers, musicmakers, artisans, and performers among us give us inspiration, identity, and hope. Vital Actions of community-based organizations show us that struggle is worthwhile and people can make a difference. Educators, health providers, and scientists supply us and our children with information that can undergird power. We can educate and be educated by local governments, industries, and businesses that share a stake in Appalachia's future.

Over a century ago, Thomas Carlyle made the global observation, "Wondrous truly are the bonds that unite us one and all." The 2005 Conference invites exploration of these connections as we strive for health in all aspects of our lives. The Conference will carry forward the theme set in the past two conferences of building and rebuilding, claiming and reclaiming our region. We will ponder using Vital Words and Vital Actions - - Creating Partnerships and Collaborations -- to Build a Healthy Place.

For its 28th Annual Conference, the Appalachian Studies Association invites you to Radford University, Radford, Virginia, just off Interstate 81 in the beautiful New River Valley. Much has changed since Radford University last hosted the conference in 1988. Conference participation has nearly doubled. New issues and new concerns vital to the

health of Appalachia have energized our members. At Radford, we hope to hear what is important in *your* home area, and how the vital words and actions of individuals and partnerships have contributed to the well-being of your community.

We encourage you to join some 800 colleagues in sharing and participating in the conference through:

- Research papers
- Poster sessions
- Panel discussions
- Presentations of community-based research and projects
- Presentations of films, photography, painting, poetry, music, and dance
- Sponsorship of a reception for organizations, authors, etc.

Because a weekend conference is but a short time, we may not be able to accommodate every proposal. Every effort will be made to schedule diverse concurrent sessions and activities as our Conference grows ever larger.

TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR PARTICIPATION, PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN THE ORDER REQUESTED:

1. **Type of Presentation:** Paper, Poster, Panel, Film, Exhibit, Other
2. **Title** of your presentation or activity
3. A **keyword** (to help the Program Committee create sessions) such as, but not limited to, African American Issues, Appalachian Studies (collectively), Civil War, Coal, Community Organizing, Crime, Economic Development, Education, Environment, Family, Folklore/art, Gay and Lesbian Issues, Health, History, Land Use, Literature, Minority Issues, Music, Native American Issues, Politics and Government, Population and Ethnicity, Religion, Technology, Tourism, Women's Issues, Work and Labor (see *AJ* 31.1(2003) 67-69)
4. **Names** and **contact information** for all participants, and their roles (mail and e-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers)
All presenters must pay the conference registration fee
5. A brief **biographical sketch** of each participant
6. A one-page (or less) **abstract** of your paper, session, panel or activity
7. **Presentation rooms** are multi-media, equipped with IBM compatible computer with internet access, Powerpoint, VCR, CD, document camera/overhead projector. You may also bring your own equipment.

Individual presentations will be limited to 15 minutes. Sessions will be limited to 90 minutes.

PROPOSALS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 1, 2004

...by e-mail to asc2005@radford.edu

...by mail to Dr. Parks Lanier
Box 6935 RU
Radford, VA 24142

CALL FOR 2005 AWARD NOMINATIONS

CARL A. ROSS STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The Carl A. Ross Appalachian Student Paper Competition is open to students in two categories: middle/high school and undergraduate/graduate students. The authors of the winning papers will receive \$100 each. Costs of attending the conference are the winners' responsibility. All papers must adhere to guidelines for scholarly research. To submit a paper for consideration for the 2005 competition, e-mail a Microsoft Word copy of a 20 to 30-page paper by December 10, 2004, to Tyler Blethen at: blethen@wcu.edu. Students who wish to present their papers at the conference must also submit a *Proposal for Participation* following the guidelines above. Questions should be addressed to Tyler Blethen, Department of History, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723, tel 828-227-3868.

CRATIS D. WILLIAMS/JAMES S. BROWN SERVICE AWARD

The Cratis D. Williams/James S. Brown Service Award is given to an individual who has made exemplary contributions to Appalachia and/or the ASA. Nominations should include a statement regarding the individual's or organization's specific contributions to the region, accompanied by at least two letters of support. Send nomination materials to Steve Fisher, PO Box BBB, Emory VA 24327 or to slfisher@ehc.edu before February 1, 2005.

HELEN M. LEWIS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Helen M. Lewis Community Service award is given to an individual or an organization that has made exemplary contributions to Appalachia through involvement with and service to its people and communities. Nominations should include a statement regarding the individual or organization's specific contributions to the region or its people, accompanied by at least two letters of support. Send nomination materials to Pat Beaver, Director, Center for Appalachian Studies, Appalachian State University, University Hall, Boone, NC 28608 or to beaverpd@appstate.edu before February 1, 2005.

e-APPALACHIA AWARD FOR AN OUTSTANDING WEBSITE

This award is given annually in recognition of an outstanding website that provides insight on Appalachia and its people, or provides a vital community service to Appalachians. Nominations should be sent to Roy Silver at 606-589-2145 x 2069 or at rsilver@uky.edu before February 1, 2005.

WEATHERFORD AWARDS

There are two Weatherford awards: one for books of fiction and poetry; the other for nonfiction works. The only requirement is that the subject matter of the books be Appalachian or that they be set in Appalachia. All nominations for the Weatherford Awards must be made by December 31. The entries must be originally published in 2004. The nomination and seven copies of each book should be sent to Gordon McKinney, CPO 2166, Berea College, Berea, KY 40404.

For more details on these awards, please visit our website at <http://www.AppalachianStudies.org/>

SILENT AUCTION

Help those with financial needs to participate in future ASA conferences! Please contribute to the ASA annual silent auction: crafts, quilts, memorabilia, special foods, tickets to events, music, art, a weekend get-away, a rafting trip, a fine meal, your autographed book. Proceeds go to the ASA scholarship committee. For information contact Howard Dorgan at dorganch@charter.net.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Blocks of rooms are being held at these hotels/motels on a first-come, first-served basis until they are gone. Please call the numbers below directly (not 800 numbers) to make reservations. Ask for the Appalachian Studies Conference rates. **These rates are guaranteed only until February 18, 2005.**

Name	I-81 Exit #	Phone Area Code 540	Rm. Description	ASC Rate
Best Western Radford Inn (Headquarters Hotel)	109	639-3000	Regular	\$64.00
Super 8 Radford	109	731-9355	Regular	\$50.00
Comfort Inn & Suites Radford	109	639-4800	Regular	\$64.00
Sleep Inn Dublin	101	674-4099	Regular	\$55.00
Sleep Inn Dublin	101	674-4099	Suites	\$65.00
Hampton Inn Dublin	98	674-1600	Regular	\$79.00
Holiday Inn Express Dublin	98	674-1600	Regular	\$79.00
Econo Lodge Christiansburg	118C	382-6161	Regular	\$59.00
Marriot Fairfield Inn & Suites	118C	381-9596	Regular	\$55.00
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Super 8 Christiansburg East	118C	382-7421	Regular	\$45.99
Days Inn Christiansburg	118C	382-0261	Regular	\$44.00
Quality Inn Christiansburg	118C	382-2055	Regular	\$69.00
Hampton Inn C-burg/B-burg	118B	381-5874	Regular	\$75.00

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