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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Thirty-Second Annual
Appalachian Studies Conference**

March 27 – 29, 2009

Shawnee State University
Portsmouth, Ohio

Carol Baugh, President
Deanna Tribe, Program Chair
Ginnie Moore, Local Arrangements Chair

**Thirty-Third Annual
Appalachian Studies Conference**

March 19 – 21, 2010

North Georgia College & State University
Dalton, Georgia

Alice Sampson, President Elect
Cassie Robinson, Program Chair Elect
Donna Gessell, Local Arrangements Chair

A YEAR OF MANY CONTRASTS

For me, this past year as ASA President has been a year of many contrasts. I have learned much in this position and have met and worked with some fantastic people. I have also faced tough challenges and shared laughter and some sadness with all of you. Through the good and the bad, it has been a rewarding experience and I wish to thank the entire membership for providing me the opportunity to serve as President this past year.

As we prepare for the 32nd ASA Conference, *Connecting Appalachia and the World Through Traditional and Contemporary Arts, Crafts, and Music*, to be held March 27-29, 2009, at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio, the following overview will give you a sense of the work and events that have occurred since March 2008.

First, the Steering Committee worked long and hard to begin the implementation of our Long Range Plan entitled *The Road Ahead: ASA's Plan for Action 2008-2013*. The many accomplishments made on the Long Range Plan were outlined in the Fall 2008 issue of *Appalink* which can be found at www.appalachianstudies.org. All of this work resulted in numerous proposed by-law changes. A list of these proposed changes can be found in this newsletter. Please take the time to review these proposed by-law changes and become an informed voter. Voting will take place at the ASA business meeting during the conference on Saturday, March 28, at the noon meal.

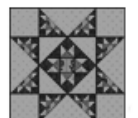
Second, the tough challenge this year is raising funds for the conference. I will use a current, popular saying, "There is no I in team." The monies raised thus far have been a joint effort of the Program Committee, Steering Committee, and myself. Grants were written, contacts were made, and arms were gently twisted. Deanna Tribe, Program Chair, has been instrumental in helping secure funding from sources in Appalachia Ohio. However, due primarily to the downturn in our economy, fund-raising has been a most difficult task this year. So, please keep this in mind when attending the conference – prime rib will not be the main course at the banquet. We will provide you with a positive experience while still living within our budget.

Third, one of the goals of the Long Range Plan is to make ASA more participatory; therefore, a call went out recently for volunteers and several members responded. Thank you so very much. You will notice, however, there are still opportunities to get involved. We need a Website Chair; we need additional steering committee members; and we need members to volunteer for committees. With all the new technology, many of the meetings are conducted in a combination of in person, telephone, and TV linkup. This solves the dilemma of travel costs – so please consider volunteering.

And fourth, sadly we lost a good friend and colleague. Danny Miller passed away unexpectedly on November 9, 2008. Danny was chairperson for the English Department at Northern Kentucky University. He was a long time member of ASA, a professor of Appalachian literature, and an author. I always knew when Danny was around – I could hear his infectious laugh across a huge auditorium. And everyone knew that when they got close to Danny, they were sure to receive a big bear hug. I will surely miss Danny's presence at the conference, but know he wants us to continue on with a smile on our faces and laughter in our hearts.

Carol Baugh
ASA, President
March 2008-March 2009

**32nd ASA Conference
Shawnee State University
Portsmouth, Ohio**



*"Connecting Appalachia and the World Through
Traditional and Contemporary Arts, Crafts, and Music"*

Registration and Payment due by March 6, 2009
(in-person registrations will be accepted with some restrictions)

Deadline for Applying for Registration Scholarship is February 16, 2009

For additional information about registration, scholarship, and travel please go to
www.appalachianstudies.org.

Long Range Planning Session

For an update of the ongoing implementation of the ASA's Long Range Plan, please attend the Long Range Planning Session on Saturday, March 28, 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

2009 Howard Dorgan Silent Auction

The Howard Dorgan Silent Auction has become a regular part of the Appalachian Studies Conference over the years. Howard Dorgan, from Appalachian State University, started the auction and ran it for many years with a dedicated cadre of volunteers. The success of the auction depends, first on people donating items and then, on people bidding on them.

What is appropriate to donate to the auction? Books are always popular. Handmade crafts and antiques are especially appreciated. Many household items that have outlived their usefulness have found happy homes with others. Several members have cleaned their offices and given us posters, magazines, or things not in active use. We have been the recipient of several gifted items. Sometimes I am good at guessing which things are popular and other times I am really surprised. I do know that everything is bid on—some just end up being better bargains than others.


APPALINK

APPALACHIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Appalink is published twice a year. We welcome submissions for announcements and news. Subjects may include upcoming conferences, lectures, meetings, fellowships, award nominations, or other events of interest to the membership of the ASA. Submissions should be sent by e-mail or regular mail to Mary Thomas at asa@marshall.edu. Space is limited, and all submissions are subject to editing. Paid advertisements will be considered for inclusion. Contact the managing editor for rates. Deadline for Fall 2009 edition is 08/01/09.

Editor—Kevin Barksdale
Managing Editor—Mary Thomas

At the conference do check the auction location several times. Bid often—it is for a good cause. Make sure that your friends have the satisfaction of helping us by bidding against them. You can help recycle useful items while making it possible for someone to attend our conference. In these difficult times, be generous in both giving and spending.

Our conference is unique in many ways because we strive to reflect the region that we celebrate and study. So, besides academics, we encourage artists, college students, activists, community organizers, writers, public school teachers, environmentalists, independent scholars, and anyone with an interest in the delights and problems of Appalachia to attend our yearly gathering. To back up our hospitality, we offer scholarships that cover the cost of registration.

Over the years, conference exhibitors, publishers, social service agencies, and area businesses have generously donated items to the auction. We have also had groups that are promoting a cause use the auction to help them get their messages out. However, the major portion of donations come from conference participants, who contribute gently used items, pass along no longer needed books or other resources, or make original crafts. So, please think of recycling things you no longer use or gifts that do not fit your lifestyle or sharing your personal creativity. You will be helping someone else attend the conference.

If you know of a business or institution in your area that would like to make a contribution to the auction, I can supply them with a receipt so that they can take the deduction on their taxes. We will be happy to hand out business cards or make a sign acknowledging the donation. Although I feel people give more readily if someone they know asks, I would be happy to contact a potential donor if you send me information on how to reach them.

You can either send items to me or bring them with you to the conference. The location of the auction will be posted at Registration. Getting items to me on either Thursday afternoon or Friday morning will be greatly appreciated. We will accept bids as soon as the bid sheets are made. The auction will close on Saturday, in the late afternoon.

Over the years, the auction has raised over \$30,000. This year, we realize demands on the fund will be greater than usual, so please help us beat all the previous totals. Thanks.

Phillis Alvic, Acting Chair of the Howard Dorgan Auction Committee
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phillis@phillisalvic.info

2008 Weatherford Award Nominations Non-Fiction

Rebecca J. Bailey, *Matewan Before the Massacre*

John R. Burch, Jr., *Owsley County, Kentucky, and the Perpetuation of Poverty*

Hazel Dickens and Bill C. Malone, *Working Girl Blues: The Life and Music of Hazel Dickens*

Wilma A. Dunaway, *Women, Work, and Family in the Antebellum Mountain South*

Ronald D. Eller, *Uneven Ground: Appalachia Since 1945*

Thavolia Glymph, *Out of the House of Bondage*

Melanie Beals Goan, *Mary Breckinridge: The Frontier Nursing Service and Rural Health in Appalachia*

John C. Inscoe, *Race, War, and Remembrance in the Appalachian South*

Loyal Jones, *Country Music Humorists and Comedians*

Thomas Kiffmeyer, *Reformers to Radicals: The Appalachian Volunteers and the War on Poverty*

Ronald L. Lewis, *Welsh Americans*

Donald W. Linzey, *A Natural History Guide to Great Smoky Mountains National Park*

Frank S. Riddel, *The Historical Atlas of West Virginia*

Lynn Salsi, *The Life and Times of Ray Hicks: Keeper of the Jack Tales*

Gary Jackson Tucker, *Governor William E. Glasscock*

**Winners will be announced at the
2009 Appalachian Studies Conference
at Shawnee State University
in Portsmouth, Ohio,
March 27-29, 2009**

2008 Weatherford Award Nominations Fiction and Poetry

David Baldacci, *Divine Justice*

Tony Earley, *The Blue Star*

David Huddle, *Glory River*

Karen Salyer McElmurray, *The Motel of the Stars*

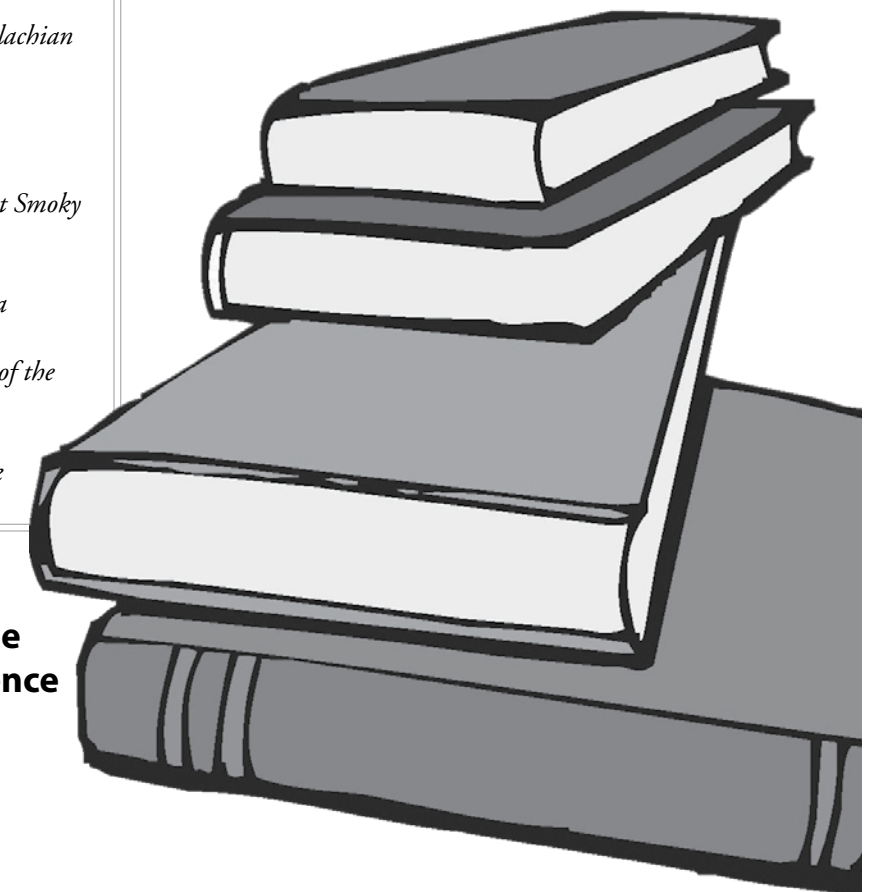
Jim Minick, *Burning Heaven*

Jim Minick, *Her Secret Song*

Ron Rash, *Serena*

Jane Sasser, *Recollecting the Snow*

M. Glenn Taylor, *The Ballad of Trenchmouth Taggart*



Nominations

NOMINATIONS for OFFICERS



Vice President/President Elect (2009-2012)

Alan J. Banks is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Center for Appalachian Studies at Eastern Kentucky University. His

research interests include historical sociology, environmental sociology, social theory, inequality and social change in southern Appalachia.

Program Co-Vice-Chairperson/Co-Program Chairperson Elect (2009-2012)

Anne Blakeney is a Professor of Occupational Therapy at EKU. She teaches Providing Health Services in Appalachia and is an Advisory Board member of the EKU Center for Appalachian Studies. Her current research in the region focuses on poor water quality and its impact on the daily lives of people living in the coalfields.

Program Co-Vice-Chairperson/Co-Program Chairperson Elect (2009-2012)



Rob Weise teaches United States, Southern, and Appalachian History at Eastern Kentucky University. He is the author of *Grasping at Independence: Debt, Male Authority, and Mineral Rights in Appalachian Kentucky, 1850-1915* (Knoxville: 2001) and is currently

working on social and environmental landscapes in Eastern Kentucky from 1915 to 1970. He received his doctorate from the University of Virginia in 1995 and has been a member of the Appalachian Studies Association since 1991.

Candidates for the Steering Committee (2008-2010)



Roberta Campbell is a visiting assistant professor of Sociology at Miami University, Hamilton. She has been a member of the ASA for over 20 years. She was the editor of the Race, Ethnicity, and Identity section of the *Encyclopedia of*

Appalachia and was a Rockefeller Scholar with the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia at Marshall University.



Lynn Crabtree is Professor of English and former Division Chair for Humanities and Fine Arts at Somerset Community College. After earning a B.A. in English from Eastern Kentucky

University in 1973 and an M.A. from the University of Kentucky in 1978, she completed additional graduate work at Appalachian State University and Eastern Kentucky University. At Somerset Community College, she has filled a variety of roles, having served as Director of the Writing Program and Coordinator of Developmental Studies as well as Division Chair. She was instrumental in creating and sustaining the Arnow Conference on Appalachian Literature and Culture. A native Appalachian, she is involved in an ongoing research project to document the history of Bowlingtown, a small community on the banks of the Middle Fork of the Kentucky River in Perry County, Kentucky, displaced by the building of a dam.



John Richards is Professor of Sociology and Philosophy at West Virginia State University and an Adjunct Associate Professor of Humanities at Marshall University Graduate College. John teaches courses in Appalachian Studies at both

institutions. His interests include Appalachian religion and folklore, community development and tourism. John has co-edited two books and published numerous articles on Appalachian religion and folklore. He received his Ph.D. from Ohio University and enjoys playing the mountain dulcimer in his spare time.

Four Program Committee Candidates (2008-2009)

Maura Conway is Staff and Adjunct Instructor of Sociology at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia.

Donna Gessell is Professor of English and Executive Director for Regional Engagement at North Georgia College & State University, Dahlonega, Georgia, site of the 2010 ASA conference.

Robert L. Ludke is Professor of Family Medicine and Senior Research Scientist with the Center for the Study of Health at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Janice T. Pope is Professor of Communication and Interim Chair of the department, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina.

Susan Spalding is Associate Professor of Dance and Director of Dance Programs at Berea College, Kentucky.

In Honor of Danny Miller

On Behalf of the Appalachian Studies Association and the ASA Steering Committee, we extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Danny Miller. Those of us who knew Danny will truly miss him. Thank you, Danny, for all of the contributions you made to Appalachian Studies.

Carol Baugh
ASA, President

Past Presidential Challenge: Let's Raise \$3 K for ASA Endowment by April!

In December 2008, ASA Past President Shaunna Scott made a generous contribution to the ASA Endowment Fund Drive in memory of Danny Miller. She challenges all ASA past presidents to also make a donation to the Endowment Fund in memory or honor of whomever they choose. Designated honorees will be listed on the ASA website and in other documents pertaining to the organization and conference. Shaunna has set a goal of raising at least \$3,000 by April 1, 2009.

Send a check before Jan. 1 to qualify for a tax deduction this year. Donations can be sent to:
Mary K. Thomas, Exec. Director, ASA, One John Marshall Dr., Marshall University, Huntington, WV, 25755.

New Craft Revival Website at Western Carolina University

Western Carolina University's Hunter Library has received two grants to support its growing digital collection of early 20th century crafts. Under the direction of Research Professor Anna Fariello, the project has been awarded \$47,000 from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation and \$90,000 from the North Carolina State Library. The focus of this year's research activity is the documentation of Cherokee baskets and basket makers and the production of a booklet, *From the Hands of our Elders*. Funds support the development of an online digital archive, a series of web-based interpretive essays, and several student internships. To date, the project has received over \$400,000 of Institute of Museum and Library Services funding. Project partners include: John C. Campbell Folk School, Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Penland School of Crafts, Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, and the Southern Highland Craft Guild. University partners include the Mountain Heritage Center and Hunter's own Special Collections. "Western North Carolina's Craft Revival focused national attention on a regional movement

that produced a wealth of objects, identified traditional skills, and revitalized handwork production," explained Fariello. The website — accessible from <http://craftrevival.wcu.edu> — currently holds 3,000 images in its database and over 100 pages of historical essays published on the site. "This collaborative undertaking promises to become a significant resource for material culture studies," Fariello said.

Undergraduate Research Experience—Carbon Cycling and Appalachian Headwater Health

We invite students from all majors to join us for a summer research experience for undergraduates focused on watershed health in the Appalachian headwaters of Kentucky, jointly hosted by environmental researchers at Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky.

Participants in the 10-week program funded by the National Science Foundation will employ a variety of laboratory, field, and geotechnical approaches to examine carbon cycling and storage in soils and sediments in headwater streams, and the impacts of different surface coal mining methods on carbon budgets and erosion in forested and mined watersheds. The program will include two weeks of field camp centered at Lilley Cornett Woods in Letcher County, Kentucky—the first and largest preserved remnant of old-growth forest in eastern Kentucky.

Participants earn a \$450 per week stipend, and housing will be provided on the UK campus in Lexington, Ky.

Program dates are June 1 - August 7, 2009, and the application deadline is February 27, 2009.

For more information and application materials visit http://www.eri.eku.edu/REU09/reu_home.html.

**The Appalachian Studies
website has
a lot to offer!
www.appalachianstudies.org**

Proposed ASA By-Law Revisions

Below is a list of the proposed by-law changes that must be voted on by the membership during the annual business meeting at the ASA conference. Please read them and be prepared to ask questions and vote in March.

Add “Mississippi, New York” to Article VIII, Section 2
Rationale: In order to reflect all Appalachian Regional Commission designated Appalachian areas and people and to include these states in the rotation system for selecting conference sites.

Add “Section 10. Communications Committee” to Article XI.

Add “Communications Committee Chairperson” to Article IX Officers; Section 1, b (10).

Add “Communications Committee Chairperson” to Article X Duties of Officers, Section 16 and add: “The Communications Committee Chairperson, appointed by the ASA President, shall be responsible for ensuring that information for all association communication formats is submitted for publication and is completed in a timely manner.”

Add “Section 10. Communications Committee” to Article XI Committees and add: “a). Membership. The Communications Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Website Chairperson, and member responsible for public relations. In addition, the Communications Committee chairperson may appoint three (3) additional ASA members to the committee. b). Duties. The committee will request, collect, and report information for Appalink and the ASA website. The committee will coordinate with ASA President, Conference Program chair, and Local Arrangements Chair for release of conference news.”

Add “Shall be a member of the Communications Committee” to Article X Duties of Officers, Section 10. Website Committee Chairperson.

Rationale: The addition of a Communications Committee will ensure that communication is seamless and up-to-date throughout the Association. The Communications Committee will consist of a chair (appointed by the ASA President), the Website Committee Chairperson, Public Relations person, and three other members to be appointed by the Communications Committee Chairperson.

Change the duties of the Vice President/President Elect, President, and Immediate Past President. New Model: the vice president/president elect will submit by-law changes to the association and present a conference budget for the conference two years hence to the steering committee. The president will provide steering committee leadership, implement the long range plan, and present nominations to the association. The immediate past president will serve as the conference chair for the current year, mentor the president, and raise money for the current year’s conference.

Rationale: The current model places a double slate of demands on the sitting president: producing and financing the association’s conference and seeking to advance the association and its plan. The new model will allow the association leadership to operate the association more effectively, grow more leaders, and mentor new steering committee members.

Add “The Vice President/President Elect will serve as a member of the Finance and Development Committee.” to Article X Duties of Officers, Section 2. Vice President/President Elect.

Rationale: To provide Vice President/President Elect with additional insight into the operations of the association and to allow the Vice President/President Elect to have input into financial decisions that might affect his or her term as association president.

Add “Vice President/President Elect” to Article XI Committees, Section 8. Finance and Development Committee.

Process: The Vice President/President Elect will create a preliminary conference budget based on the three most recent conference budgets. This preliminary conference budget is to be reported and updated to the Steering Committee at its regularly scheduled meetings.

Rationale: To keep conference costs transparent, to give ample time and support to the Vice President for conference preparation, and to facilitate the learning curve of the organization and conference budget procedures.

Change “At-large members shall serve for two (2) years, with three new members being elected each year.” to “At-large members shall serve for three (3) years, with two new members being elected each year.” to Article XI, Section 1, 9(a).

Rationale: This provides at-large Steering Committee members with the time to become active, productive members of the ASA Steering Committee.

Change “Program Chairperson” to “Program Chairperson/Immediate Past Program Chairperson” in Article IX Officers, Section 1 (a)(6).

Change “Program Chairperson-one year” to “Program Chairperson/Immediate Past Program Chairperson-two years” in Article IX Officers, Section 3(5).

Change “Program Chairperson” to “Program Chairperson/Immediate Past Program Chairperson” in and add “The Immediate Past Program Chairperson will assist with conference program continuity and serve in an advisory capacity,” to Article X Duties of Officers, Section 5.

Change “Program Chairperson” to “Program Chairperson/Immediate Past Program Chairperson” in Article XI Committees, Section 2 Program Committee a. (1) and remove “Immediate Past Program Chair” from Article XI Committees, Section 2 Program Committee a. (7).

Move “Website Chairperson” and “Scholarship Chairperson,” Article IX, Section 3 (a) Elected Officers to Article IX, Section 3(b) Appointed Officers.

Add “Awards Chairperson-three years” to Article IX, Section 1, b. Appointed Officers and Section 3, b. Appointed Officers.



B. J. AND DICKSIE BANDY CHAIR IN HISTORY

The Department of Social Sciences at Dalton State College invites applications for the Bandy Chair in History, a newly endowed position whose responsibilities will include establishing the Bandy Heritage Center for Northwest Georgia. Candidates should have a PhD in history or a related discipline and should have a record of scholarship sufficient for initial appointment at the rank of professor. Ideally, the successful candidate’s area(s) of specialization will touch in some way on the history and/or cultural development of the Northwest Georgia region. The holder of the Bandy Chair will teach a reduced number of courses in addition to managing the activities of the Bandy Heritage Center. This is an academic year position which will carry tenure upon appointment in addition to summer support.

The position becomes effective on August 1, 2009. Review of applications will begin on February 2, 2009, and will continue until the position is filled. A complete application will include (1) a letter of interest and summary of qualifications, (2) a full curriculum vitae, (3) a representative publication, and (4) at least three letters of recommendation which specifically address this position. Materials may be submitted online or in hard copy and are to be sent to Dr. Judy Cornett, Chair, Department of Social Sciences, Dalton State College, 650 College Drive, Dalton, Georgia, 30720, or to jcornett@daltonstate.edu. An on-campus interview and teaching demonstration will be required prior to an official offer of the position. A background check will be processed for any candidate who accepts an offer of employment. Dalton State College is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer, and strongly encourages the applications and nominations of women and minorities.