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SSSA returns to Texas this year, with our two conference hotels in downtown Houston, the Hyatt Regency and the Doubletree Hotel Downtown. **We invite you to join us for what promises to be an engaging conference.**

The hotels are located just one block away from each other, and are also connected by an underground tunnel system. Situated in the center of downtown Houston's business and entertainment districts, the conference hotels are just a short walk or light rail ride to Minute Maid Park, Toyota Center, the vibrant theater District, the Museum District, the Zoo, Aquarium, the Texas Medical Center or Reliant Park. Events scheduled for Houston during our conference include the shows 'Speech and Debate,' 'Driftwood,' and the Houston Ballet's 'Imaginary Scenes.'

**Important Dates**

- ◆ **November 1, 2009:** Mail registration and hotel reservations open.
- ◆ **December 1, 2009:** Early online registration opens
- ◆ **February 28, 2010:** Regular Registration Begins – Prices go up!
- ◆ **February 28, 2010:** Hotel Reservation Deadline - Reservations made after this date are not guaranteed at the conference rates
- ◆ **March 31, 2010:** Panels and Workshops begin

**Convention Registration**

You may pre-register by mail or online ([sssaonline.org/registration.htm](http://sssaonline.org/registration.htm)). SSSA's convention registration fees continue to be lower than most national or regional conferences, making our conference one of the most reasonable to attend in the nation. Your registration cost depends on your professional status, membership status, and whether you stay in one of the convention hotels.

We offer an exception to the Conference Hotel rate policy for conference attendees who live within 100 miles of the conference hotels. The hotel's master listing of SSSA room block guests will be our core reference document showing whether attendees are staying at the hotel.

See the full hotel and registration policy statement at <http://sssaonline.org/index.php?page=additional-information>

Registration Rates		Staying in a Conference Hotel (or living, working or enrolled within 100 miles)		Not Staying in a Conference Hotel	
		SSSA Member	Non-member	SSSA Member	Non-member
Early Registration (ends 3/1/10)	Professional	\$65	\$125	\$95	\$155
	Student/Retired	\$35	\$60	\$65	\$90
Registration (after 3/1/10)	Professional	\$75	\$135	\$105	\$165
	Student/Retired	\$45	\$70	\$75	\$100

**Not A Member Of SSSA?** If you are not yet a member of SSSA, please consider joining when you register. Members save money through discounted annual meeting registration rates and receive a year's subscription to *Social Science Quarterly*, including the annual bonus issue on a special topic. Our membership services are maintained by Wiley-Blackwell, which publishes *SSQ*. You may join by accessing Blackwell's SSSA membership site: <http://www.wiley.com/bw/memb.asp?ref=0038-4941>

**International attendees:** All attendees traveling internationally to our conference may register at the pre-registration rate, even when registering on-site. Additionally, each affiliate receives two scholarships for international attendee registration. Contact your affiliate program chair for information about how they will distribute those scholarships.



**Hotel Reservations**

Room Rates

	Hyatt Regency	Double tree
Single	\$129	\$129
Double	\$154	\$129

Note: The Doubletree Hotel is completely non-smoking.

Reservations can now be made online through SSSA's Annual Meeting Hotel Information webpage or directly:

**Hyatt Regency Houston** (888-421-1442)  
[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_n ew&eventID=1467433](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_n ew&eventID=1467433)

**Doubletree Houston Downtown** (713-759-0202)  
<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/HOUBD DT-SSA-20100328/index.jhtml>  
(Rates do not include state & local taxes and are available for three days before and after the convention dates, based on guest room availability.)

**Registration policies and procedures**

- All conference attendees must register for the conference.
- Registration credentials, including name badge, name badge holder, and printed conference program will be distributed at the conference registration desk.
- Early Registration will begin November 1, 2009 and end March 1, 2010.
- Early Registrations and regular registrations received through March 15, 2010 will be confirmed by e-mail. Please print this e-mail confirmation, retain it for your records, and bring it to the registration desk at the conference. This will make it easier to resolve registration discrepancies promptly.
- Attendees claiming student classification must provide a valid current student ID card; early registrants should send a photocopy with their registration form (please block out ID numbers), or show their card to the staff at the conference registration desk. Without a valid student ID card, attendees will be charged the professional rate.
- **SSSA Hotel & Convention Registration Policy.** SSSA strongly encourages convention attendees to stay in the convention hotel. SSSA has contracted with the conference hotels to fill 1200 room nights during the convention, and is financially liable if we do not meet our contracted room block. Convention registrants who choose not to stay at the convention hotel must pay a \$30 surcharge in their registration fee. The conference hotels' master listings of SSSA room block guests will be our core reference document showing whether attendees are staying at the hotel. In the unlikely case that you are staying at a conference hotel, but your name is not on one of their lists, please bring proof of your hotel registration to the conference registration staff.
- **Roommates.** We recognize that people like to room together for the conference. If you will be sharing a room with another conference attendee, please be sure to have all roommates listed on the hotel reservation.

- **Exceptions** to the registration surcharge will be made for (1) attendees living within 100 miles of the Houston Hyatt Regency, and (2) attendees associated with high schools, colleges, universities, companies, or agencies located within 100 miles of the Houston Hyatt Regency. Proof of your local residency, employment, or enrollment is required. Without such proof, the SSSA Hotel and Conference Registration Policy and surcharge will apply. Google Maps (<http://maps.google.com>) will be the authoritative measure of distance from the conference hotel to the location in question.

For the most up-to-date conference information visit <http://sssaonline.org>

**Conference Contact Information**

For Questions about panel scheduling, audio-visual, and the printed program contact Tracy Dietz, SSSA General Program Chair, [Tracy.Dietz@unt.edu](mailto:Tracy.Dietz@unt.edu)

For Questions about conference registration, hotels, membership, or general logistics, contact Peter Wielhouwer, SSSA Executive Director, [peter.wielhouwer@sssaonline.org](mailto:peter.wielhouwer@sssaonline.org)

For Questions about your panel composition and expectations contact your Affiliate Program Chair:

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