

2008 SSA Call for Papers

“Specialization, Semiosis, Semiotics”

1. The **Semiotic Society of America** <<http://www.uwf.edu/tprewitt/SSA.htm>> invites the submission of abstracts, including ones for organized sessions, for presentation at its **33rd Annual Meeting** to be held beginning **Thursday 16 October through Sunday 19 October 2008** at the **Renaissance Hotel in Houston, Texas**, in conjunction with the University of St Thomas.
2. Hotel **reservations at \$99 USD per night** can be made by calling 1+800-627-7468: specify the SSA meeting and dates to get our special rate (*the last under-\$100 rooms in the 21st century*). A direct link for electronic reservation is <http://marriott.com/houbr?groupCode=semsema&app=resvlink>: simply enter your arrival date to begin the reservation process. The direct phone line to the hotel is 713-629-1200 (if all else fails). The cut-off date is 1 October 2008 for the SSA room rate, or sale of the reserved block, whichever comes first — so *early reservation is advised*.
3. The *non-restrictive* theme of the meeting is “Specialization, Semiosis, Semiotics”, intended to underscore the fact that semiotics provides the only perspective that is inherently transdisciplinary, resulting from the universal dependence of experience and knowledge upon semiosis — that is, the action of signs. *Papers on any aspect of the doctrine of signs, theoretical or applied, are welcome*. Explicit tie-in to the theme is *not* required.
4. Proposals should be made in the form of *abstracts* of approximately 150 words for evaluation by the Program Committee. *Email address & full information concerning institutional affiliation*, as applicable, should accompany the abstract submissions. Abstracts, together with index key-words and AV requirements (*only if necessary: try to avoid*) for individual papers and/or sessions should be submitted directly to *both* **Professor Thomas F. Broden** <broden@purdue.edu> and John Deely <deelyjn@stthom.edu>. The abstracts are not to have special fonts or graphics, and are to be in the body of the email. Professor Broden will circulate the submissions to the Program Committee members, and communicate acceptance/rejection decisions. His office phone is 765-494-3857 or 765-494-3828.
5. The Meeting Program has space for 104 papers in total. Submissions will be considered on a “first-come, first-served basis until the cut-off date for hotel registration, 1 October 2008, or until the program space is filled, whichever comes first. Session abstracts are to be submitted along with the individual abstracts for papers within sessions. Each speaker will have 30 minutes. Recommended use of the time is 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion.
6. **To be eligible for publication in the *Semiotics 2008* Proceedings Volume**, presented papers must be submitted to Professor Deely *in final form conformed to the SSA Style Sheet* in WordPerfect, Word, or RTF format no later than twelve days after the close of the meeting: In the final paper, use program defaults so far as possible — no special fonts, margins, or formats — **31 October is the SSA Proceedings submission deadline**.
7. Please note that in accord with Article 4, Section 4, of the *SSA Constitution*, “Only Individual, Student, and Honorary members in good standing may offer papers to the Program Committee for oral presentation at meetings of the Society”. **Membership** can be updated or established by contacting Ms Pam Swope at 1+800-444-2419, or on-line at <http://www.pdcnet.org/member-ssa.html>. Membership in good standing should be taken care of at or before the time of abstract submission. Only invited speakers are exempted from this constitutional requirement.
8. The **registration fee** is set at \$150 USD for regular members, \$75 USD for students. Luncheon and Banquet fees for the Friday and Saturday Plenary Papers will an additional \$70 USD, which will cover all four meals (the Society is subventing 50% of the actual meal cost). Registration for the 2008 Annual Meeting, as well as membership, is through <http://www.pdcnet.org/2008-ssa-conference.html>.

Note re Student Submissions: students submissions will be eligible for the Kevelson Award for “best student paper presented at the SSA Annual Meeting”