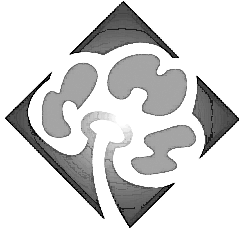
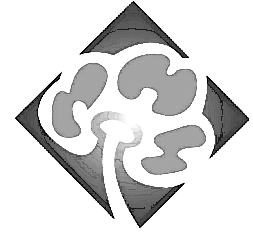


ANNOUNCEMENT AND FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS



21st Southern Writers Symposium February 25-26, 2011



Methodist University
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Conference Theme: Intra/Inter-American Connections

Created in 1982, the Methodist University Southern Writers Symposium is designed to encourage scholarship on southern literature and culture, as well as to celebrate the writings of contemporary southern authors.

For the 2011 conference, organizers seek papers that explore connections between the literature of the U.S. South and that of the rest of the Americas, including Latin American literature, Canadian literature, and literature associated with the United States as a whole rather than with the South in particular. Presenters might explore ways in which specific southern writers, general trends in southern literature, and themes considered uniquely southern connect to writers, trends, and themes outside the U.S. South but within the Americas.

The organizers especially solicit proposals for papers or panels exploring the relationship between southern and Latin American literature. Building on Gabriel Garcia Marquez's claim that "Latin America begins at the Mason Dixon line," the twenty-first Southern Writers Symposium will highlight similarities and influences connecting the literatures produced below that line. However, papers exploring connections between the South and the rest of the United States, and/or Canada, are also welcome.

A second call for papers will be forthcoming in September 2010, and 250-word abstracts will be due by October 15. For further information, or for instruction on submitting proposals for complete panels, please contact Emily Wright, Department of English and Writing, Methodist University, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville NC 28311. Phone: 910-630-7551. Email: ewright@methodist.edu.

EMERGING WRITERS CONTEST

In 2011 the Southern Writers Symposium will launch its first ever emerging writers contest. Winning writers will share their work in a Saturday session. For further information on the contest, please visit our website at <http://www.methodist.edu/sws/index.htm> or contact Brenda Jernigan, Department of English and Writing, Methodist University, 5400 Ramsey St., Fayetteville NC 28311. Phone: 910-630-7454. Email: bjernigan@methodist.edu.