

Dear Anthropology Colleague,

You may already have seen the call for papers for the 2009 meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society in Wilmington, North Carolina next March 12-14, 2009. If so, take this as a further invitation to participate in the meeting. If not, then let us extend a hearty invitation to you now. The theme of the 2009 meeting is "**Beyond Southern Borders.**" We invite papers, panels, and posters are invited that explore any and all aspects of the South, Southern Boundaries -- both actual and imagined -- Southern Culture, and who comments on and investigates the pieces of this puzzle. As always, we also welcome papers and organized sessions on any subject in anthropology and allied fields.

The annual SAS meetings are a wonderful opportunity to develop and share ideas and results of fieldwork in the form of paper presentations and sessions in the context of an intimate and related meeting atmosphere. We especially encourage graduate student and even undergraduate submissions. Renew contacts and network with colleagues.

Our program will conclude with a banquet and awards ceremony on the Saturday evening. Our keynote speakers on that occasion will be James Peacock and, tentatively, Virginia Dominguez. Since Jim is an former president of both SAS and the AAA and Virginia is the president-elect of the AAA, they are planning to lead a round-table discussing the theme, "**Beyond Southern Borders,**" from their considerable experiences. We will also announce the recipients of the James Mooney Award and the Zora Neale Hurston Award, and the prizes for the best graduate and best undergraduate research papers. Book publishers from the south will attend and display at the conference.

The SAS meetings will be held at the Wilmington Hilton Riverside [<http://www.wilmingtonhilton.com/>] in the historic port city of Wilmington, NC. Wilmington, whose roots reach back almost 300 years, has many grand old southern homes, riverboats, historic museums, the USS North Carolina Battleship, splendid gardens and Civil War sites. Located in the southeastern corner of North Carolina between the Cape Fear River and the Atlantic Ocean, the city retains its historic district with 300 blocks of historic sites, homes, landmarks, churches, cemeteries, and markers. Walking tours and horse-drawn carriage or trolley tours are available to the visitor. The University of North Carolina Wilmington is located with 4 miles of the downtown and welcomes the SAS to Wilmington!

The deadline for submitting abstracts for papers or sessions is December 16. Please send these to Christina Beard-Moose, Program Chair, at [beardmc@sunysuffolk.edu](mailto:beardmc@sunysuffolk.edu) or at Department of Social Science and Criminal Justice, Suffolk Community College, 533 College Rd. Selden, NY 11784. The deadline for submissions to the Student Research Paper competitions is December 2. Note that participants in the competitions must submit the whole paper, as well as an abstract for the program.

You can find full information about the meeting, including registration forms, at our website [www.southernanthro.org](http://www.southernanthro.org). We hope you'll plan to attend the meeting and that you'll encourage your students to participate as well.

With best regards,  
Christina Beard-Moose and Pat Lerch