

**2011 SIGMA TAU DELTA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION****March 23–26, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania****www.englishconvention.org**

The convention includes over 125 sessions (nearly 700 papers), featuring the works both of Sigma Tau Delta students and alumni, and of members of Sigma Kappa Delta, the English honor society for two-year colleges. Submissions for this year's event closed in December.

Early Registration: January 10–February 21

Register online by credit card, or download a registration form to pay by check, at www.englishconvention.org.

Common Reader: *Black Ice*, by Lorene Cary

The goal of the common reader is to celebrate the works of our featured speakers, to provide a common text for our own reading and enjoyment, and to establish a focus for chapter activities fostering literacy and the pleasures of reading in our local communities.

Convention T-shirts: Purchase by March 7

Purchase your T-shirt for \$10 when you register! Only a limited number of T-shirts will be for sale at the convention. This year's T-shirt design will feature the *Beyond Words* convention logo.

Chapter Merchandise Sales: March 25 and 26

If your chapter has a T-shirt or other merchandise you would like to sell at the convention, please contact Deb Seyler in the Central Office at dseyler@niu.edu to reserve a table and time slot.

What to Wear at the Convention

Presenters should wear business attire for their presentations. For the Saturday evening Red & Black Gala Dinner and Convention Awards, members are encouraged to wear Society colors for this semi-formal event.

Program Highlights**Wednesday, March 23**

- Registration desk open from 3:00–8:00 p.m.
- Wear your school T-shirt and meet others at Wednesday evening's **Opening Ceremony**.
- Listen to featured speaker, Jacqueline Woodson.
- Applaud members as they read their works published in *The Sigma Tau Delta Rectangle*.
- Attend a movie screening of Dave Eggers' screenplay, *Away We Go*, followed by an **Opening Night Meet-n-Greet** mixer.

Thursday, March 24

- Learn from ΣΤΔ's most successful chapters! The **Student Leadership Workshop**, "Words Into Action," sponsored by ΣΤΔ Student Representatives and Student Advisors, features breakout sessions on chapter, student, and alumni leadership, as well as fundraising, service, publishing, event planning, grant writing, web tools, and chapter management.
- Faculty attend the **Chapter Sponsor Workshop**, organized by and for Chapter Sponsors, to discuss issues of interest to Sponsors old and new, including fostering chapter involvement, recruiting new members, and developing chapter leaders.
- Attend paper and panel presentations.
- Go to a presentation and book signing with featured speaker, Lorene Cary.
- Participate in the **(Dry) T-shirt and Skit Competition/Bad Poetry Contest**. Cheer and jeer while your peers and professors recreate humiliating childhood scenes, conjure up adolescent turmoil, and expose their wounded hearts!

Friday, March 25

- Attend paper and panel presentations.
- Represent your chapter at the **General Business Session and Regional Caucuses**—chapters must send a voting student delegate to receive the \$200 voting delegate reimbursement (\$400 for non-continental U.S. chapters).
- Applaud scholarship and award winners and celebrate chapter and Sponsor anniversaries at the new Friday morning **Recognition Ceremony**.
- Sponsors attend the **Regents and Sponsors Luncheon**.
- Ask questions in Q&A sessions with featured speakers Lorene Cary and Kay Ryan.
- Faculty and alumni attend the **President's Reception**.
- Attend a presentation and book signing by Kay Ryan.
- Go *beyond words* at **Open Microphone Night** with emcee poet and comedian (and ΣΤΔ Chapter Sponsor) Gary Dop.

Saturday, March 26

- Attend paper and panel presentations.
- Work one-on-one with an alumni member or graduate student at the **Resumé Writing Workshop**.
- Enjoy the food and celebrate excellence at the **Red & Black Gala Dinner and Convention Awards**.
- Attend a presentation by featured speaker, Dave Eggers, followed by a Q&A session and book signing.