

SWOSU Language & Lit Faculty Attend SCMLA Convention

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Dr. Jill Jones (right) of SWOSU recently met with colleagues on the executive committee of the South Central Modern Language Association in Memphis, Tenn. Jones is past president of the SCMLA. Also pictured is Dr. Hester Baer, president of SCMLA, and Dr. Piers Frazier, associate program director of SCMLA.

Four faculty members in the Department of Language and Literature at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford actively participated in the recent 64th annual meeting of the South Central Modern Language Association in Memphis, Tenn.

Fred Alsberg was one of four poets to read in the Regional Poets session. Dr. Valerie Reimers' paper "Self-Portraits or Writers Who Write about Being Writers" was in the Autobiography & Biography session, and Dr. Helen Maxson contributed to the Southern Literature session with her "The Way of the River in Wendell Berry's *Jaber Crow*."

Dr. Jill Jones, as past president of SCMLA, met with the executive committee. At the meeting, it was announced that Dr. Viki Craig of SWOSU has been elected to serve a three-year term as the American Literature representative on the executive committee.

The mission of SCMLA is to enhance members' involvement in scholarship, teaching, and research in the modern languages and literatures. Members teach English, French, Spanish, German, Russian, and other languages and literatures in universities all over the United States. The region it predominantly serves includes Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas.

The SWOSU Department of Language and Literature is one of the sustaining departmental members of the organization.