1875 Oberlin graduate William Sanders Scarborough (1852–1926) was a little-known educator in a community dominated by Booker T. Washington and W. E. B. Du Bois. Yet, he was the third person of African descent to become a member of the American Philological Association, in 1882, and the first to join the newly organized Modern Language Association, in 1884.

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