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NCTEAR Midwinter Conference 2011 to be held on February 18 - 20, 2011 at the University of Wisconsin Madison, Madison, WI is rapidly approaching. The NCTEAR 2011 conference will be co-sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The co-chairs of the conference are Catherine Compton-Lilly, Mariana Pacheco, and Erica Rosenfeld Halverson.

The theme of the NCTEAR 2011 conference will be “Time and Space in Literacy Research: Revisiting Context.”

The confirmed keynote speakers of the NCTEAR 2011 conference are Mollie Blackburn, *Ohio State University*, Barbara Comber, *University of Southern Australia*, Norma González, *University of Arizona*, Juan Guerra, *University of Washington*, Glynda Hull, *New York University*, Gloria Ladson-Billings, *University of Wisconsin-*

sin, Madison, Kevin Leander, *Vanderbilt University*, sj Miller, *Indiana University of Pennsylvania*, Kate Pahl, *University of Sheffield*, and Johnny Saldaña, *Arizona State University*. Check out the **conference website** at: <http://nctear.org/>



Purves Award Event at Annual Convention

The Alan C. Purves award event will take place on November 20, 2010 at the NCTEAR Fall 2010 conference in the Coronado Ballroom R from 5:45pm to 7:00pm. Named after Alan C. Purves, Professor of English Education, University of Illinois, this year’s event will feature Joanne Larson, the Michael W. Scandling Professor of Education at the *University of Rochester*, who will give a talk on “Mediations on Space, Justice, and the ‘Right to the City.’”

Additional NCTEAR 2011 Midwinter Conference Info

Midwinter Conference February 18 – 20, 2011

The 2011 conference theme focuses on crossing borders with an emphasis on emerging conceptualizations of how time and space affect and inform literacy education and research. Attention to time and space has emerged out of recent investigations that have recognized the ways time and space operate as contextual factors that affect the lives of students, educators, family members, and researchers. These insights have contributed to questions related to history, identity, longitudinal methodologies, in-school and out-of-school literacies, and local/global literacies, as well as a range of other issues. The conference theme aims to address current practical, theoretical, methodological issues related to time and space in literacy research. Our keynote speakers will speak to the affordances and challenges of various conceptions of time and space. We welcome proposals that describe literacy researchers' conceptualizations of time and space as well as insights and challenges gained through specific studies, explorations of emerging theories, and considerations of practical and ethical research dilemmas.

Special Events for Teachers and Graduate Students:

- Special rates for teachers, teams of teachers, and teams of graduate students
- Sessions that address the implications of this work for classrooms and schools
- Opportunities for teachers and graduate

students to engage in extended dialogue.

Friday orientation

On Friday afternoon, an orientation to NCTEAR will be offered which will include an overview of the conference.

Saturday lunch with noted scholars

Teachers and graduate students have the option of attending a catered lunch with noted scholars on Saturday. For this lunch, participants will need to sign up in advance when they register for the conference.

Sunday debrief

After the conference on Sunday, a debriefing session will be hosted.

Credit option

Two graduate credits will be offered in conjunction with NCTEAR. If this option is selected, participants will be required to attend the three events noted above.

QUESTIONS? Email: NCTEARqueries@gmail.com

Conference Co-Chairs



Catherine
Compton-Lilly



Erica Rosenfeld
Halverson



Mariana
Pacheco

Executive Officers

On August 6, 2010 the membership body elected the following people to serve as incoming executive officers for the 2010 –2011 academic year. Congratulations to the winners!

Past Executive Officers



Co-Chairs

sj Miller,
Indiana University of
Pennsylvania

Amanda Godley,
University of Pittsburgh

Amanda Thein,
University of Pittsburgh



Secretary

Ayanna F. Brown,
Elmhurst College



Treasurer

Erica Rosenfeld Halverson,
University of Wisconsin-
Madison



Newsletter Editor

Kafi D. Kumasi
Wayne State University

Present Executive Officers



Chair

Catherine Compton-Lilly,
University of Wisconsin -
Madison



Chair

Mariana Pacheco,
University of Wisconsin-
Madison



Associate Chair

Lisa Scherff
University of Alabama



Secretary

Tamara Glupczynski Spencer
Montclair State University

Additional Highlights at the Fall 2010 Annual Convention

NCTEAR Post-Convention Workshop

“Exploring Key Issues in Language & Literacy Education for the 21st Century”

Date: Monday, November 22, 2010

Time: 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Disney Coronado Springs Resort

This workshop is sponsored by the NCTE Assembly for Research and is designed for teachers and educational practitioners interested in learning more about prominent issues in language and literacy learning in the 21st Century. It features a team of experts who address social, cultural, political, and linguistic issues that pertain to literacy learning across educational programs. Small-group discussions between panelists and workshop participants will focus on the following: (1) curriculum practices that harness the strengths of ELs and bilingual students, and (2) the role of digital media in reframing our understanding of language and literacy.

Panelists:

Erica Rosenfeld Halverson, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Kevin Leander, Vanderbilt University

Carmen Martínez-Roldán, University of Texas at Austin

Mariana Pacheco, University of Wisconsin – Madison

George Perreault, Orange County Public Schools

Jamy Stillman, University of Southern California

Lalitha Vesuvedan, Teachers College, Columbia University

Ana C. Zentella, University of California, San Diego

<http://www.ncte.org/annual>

RECENTLY APPROVED CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

On July 27, 2010, the following amendments to the NCTEAR constitution were approved by the membership:

Article 4: Membership

Membership is open to anyone sharing an interest in research issues, with a minimum of 25 Assembly for Research members holding membership in NCTE. **Proposed Amendment would read as follows:** Qualifications: Membership is open to anyone sharing an interest in research issues, with a minimum of 25 Assembly for Research members holding membership in NCTE. Membership is determined by paying annual dues or paying to become a lifetime member.

Article 4: Dues

Dues: The dues shall be determined by a majority of the members who respond to initiatives to change dues. Payment of dues qualifies an individual as a voting member. The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31. **Proposed Amendment would read as follows:** Dues: The dues shall be determined by a majority of the members who respond to initiatives to change dues. Payment of dues qualifies an individual as a voting member. The membership year runs from Midwinter Conference, to the beginning of Midwinter Conference the following year, identified through completed registration or payment of membership dues. Executive Board members do not pay conference dues during their terms of service to the assembly.

Article 5: Officers

Chair, a Secretary/Treasurer, and a Newsletter Editor. The duties of the officers are as follows: **Proposed Amendment would read as follows:** The officers consist of a Chair, an associate Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Newsletter Editor. All officers shall be elected by the members, except for the Chair, who automatically assumes the posi-

tion after fulfilling the term of Associate Chair. All officers are elected through a ballot issued in the newsletter or on-line system that precedes the Fall NCTE conference and beginning the Midwinter Conference of the following year.

Article 5: Officers (Associate Chair & Chair)

Chair: The Chair serves a one-year term that runs from January 1-December 31. The Chair is responsible for planning a midwinter conference, fall NCTE conference workshop, and fall NCTE conference business meeting session, and for overseeing meetings of the Executive Committee and Assembly membership. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, the Chair shall appoint a person to fill the unexpired term. The Chair is the Assembly for Research's official liaison to the National Council of Teachers of English and represents the Assembly on the NCTE Board of Directors. Associate Chair: The associate Chair serves a one-year term that runs from January 1-December 31. The associate Chair then serves one term as Chair. The associate Chair sits on the Executive Committee and through the year of apprenticeship learns the duties of the Chair. When the Assembly membership exceeds 150, the associate Chair becomes the Assembly's second representative on the NCTE Board of Directors unless the Assembly is governed by co-Chairs, in which case the co-Chairs become the Assembly's two representatives. **Proposed Amendment would read as follows:** The Associate Chair serves a two-year term that is marked by the close of the business meeting held during the NCTE annual conference each year. After the completion of the first year as Associate Chair, the elected officer then assumes the role as Chair for the second year until the close of the term. Duties of the Chair: The Chair is responsible for planning a midwinter conference, the Fall NCTE conference workshop, and Fall NCTE conference business meeting session, and for overseeing meetings of the Executive Committee and Assembly membership. In the event of a vacancy on the Ex-

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Article 5: Officers (Secretary/Treasurer)

Secretary/Treasurer: The Secretary/Treasurer serves a three-year term, being elected through a ballot issued in the newsletter that precedes the fall NCTE conference and beginning the term on January 1 of the following year. The Secretary/Treasurer maintains the financial records of the Assembly and provides the Assembly with a permanent account of those records; reports the Assembly membership to NCTE every January; takes minutes at meetings of both the membership and the Executive Committee and reports them in the Assembly for Research newsletter; and serves as the registration officer for the midwinter conference. The Secretary/Treasurer may spend funds of \$50 or less on routine Assembly expenses (e.g., postage), but may only spend funds in excess of \$50 with the approval of the Chair and advisement of the Executive Committee. When the Assembly membership exceeds 350, the Secretary/Treasurer becomes the Assembly's third representative on the NCTE Board of Directors unless the Assembly is governed by co-Chairs, in which case the associate Chair or Chairs become(s) the Assembly's third representative. **Proposed Amendment would read as follows:** Treasurer: The Treasurer serves a three-year term, and maintains the financial records of the Assembly and provides the Assembly with a

permanent account of those records and reports to the Assembly every November during the business meeting convened at NCTE Annual Conference. The Treasurer serves as the registration officer for the midwinter conference. The Treasurer may spend funds of \$50 or less on routine Assembly expenses (e.g., postage), but may only spend funds in excess of \$50 with the approval of the Chair and advisement of the Executive Committee. When the Assembly membership exceeds 350, the Treasurer becomes the Assembly's third representative on the NCTE Board of Directors unless the Assembly is governed by co-Chairs, in which case the associate Chair or Chairs become(s) the Assembly's third representative. Secretary: The Secretary serves a three-year term. The Secretary maintains the membership database and works directly with the Treasurer in identifying paid annual members from Lifetime membership dues paid within the three-year term. The Secretary takes minutes at meetings of both the membership and the Executive Committee and reports to the Assembly membership during the business meeting at the NCTE annual conference. Minutes from the Business Meeting are reported in the Assembly for Research newsletter. The Secretary distributes the newsletter to the AR. The terms of the Secretary and Treasurer should be staggered such that one position remains filled as the other is being replaced.

Article 5: Officers (Newsletter Editor)

The Newsletter Editor serves a three-year term, being elected through a ballot issued in the newsletter that precedes the fall NCTE conference and beginning the term on January 1 of the following year. The Newsletter Editor produces for the membership at least two newsletters each year, one before the Fall NCTE conference and one following the midwinter conference. Through newsletter publications, the editor provides information on Assembly activities and provides an exchange forum for Assembly members. When the Assembly's membership exceeds 550, the Newsletter Editor becomes the As-

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sembly's fourth representative on the NCTE Board of Directors unless the Assembly is governed by co-Chairs, in which case the associate Chairs or Secretary/Treasurer become(s) the Assembly's fourth representative. **Proposed amendment would read as follows:** Newsletter Editor: The Newsletter Editor produces for the membership at least two newsletters each year, one before the Fall NCTE conference and one before the midwinter conference. Through newsletter publications, the editor provides information on Assembly activities and provides an exchange forum for Assembly members. When the Assembly's membership exceeds 550, the Newsletter Editor becomes the Assembly's fourth representative on the NCTE Board of Directors unless the Assembly is governed by co-Chairs, in which case the associate Chairs or Secretary/Treasurer become(s) the Assembly's fourth representative.

Article 7:Elections

Elections shall be by regular or electronic mail ballots for the Chair, associate Chair, Secretary/Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. The Executive

Committee shall solicit nominations for the offices that come open, request professional biographies, and select no more than two candidates or co-candidates to run for each office. Members are also entitled to support write-in candidates in any election. Ballots shall then be sent prior to the fall NCTE conference to the membership to be returned by a specified time prior to the end of the calendar year. **Proposed Amendment would read as follows:** Elections shall be by regular, electronic mail or a secure on-line system. The Executive Committee shall solicit nominations for the offices that come open, request professional biographies, and select no more than two candidates or co-candidates to run for each office. Members are also entitled to support write-in candidates in any election. Ballots shall then be sent to the membership after Mid-Winter Conference and voting must be completed and reported by NCTE Annual Conference.

Membership Drive Announcement

We are presently continuing our efforts to increase membership in NCTEAR.

Membership dues are \$25 for a regular membership and \$125 for a lifetime membership. A lifetime membership is very rewarding and will save members tremendously. The membership year runs from January 1 to December 31.

If you are not planning to attend our annual conference but wish to maintain your membership status, the fee is \$25. If you'd like to become a lifetime member (and never worry about membership fees again!), the fee is \$125.

You can pay for either of these by going to our website, www.nctear.org, and following the links for registration. This includes membership registration; it is not exclusively for the conference.