



1 Oregon English Journal, Spring issue manuscript deadline

MARCH 2006

4-7 NW Regional NCTE Conference, Portland, OR; "Building Bridges: Cultures, Literacy, and Lives" www.octe.org; Ulrich H. Hardt, Chair, hardtu@pdx.edu

APRIL 2006

- 1 *Chalkboard*, Spring issue deadline for articles and announcements
- 22 22nd Annual Oregon Writing Festival, Portland State University, bjwiegele@ aol.com

OCTOBER 2006

- 7 OCTE Fall Conference, Lake Oswego High School
- 13 OCTE Fall Conference, Grants Pass High School
- **13** Rhetoric and Composition Conference, EOU, La Grande





- **3** J.R.R. Tolkein, British author, born 1892 **14** Tillie Olsen, American author, born 1912(13)
- **16** Susan Sontag, American essayist, novelist, born
- 23 Derek Walcott, West Indian poet, playwright,
- **25 Virginia Woolf,** British novelist, essayist, born

- Gertrude Stein, American author, born 1874 Sandra Alcosser, American poet, born 1944
- 10 Bertholdt Brecht, German poet, playwright,
- 18 Audre Lorde, African-American poet, born
- **21 W.H. Auden**, American/British poet, born

- 8 Kenneth Grahame, British children's author,
- 12 Jack Kerouac, American novelist, born 1922 **23** Patti-Anne Rogers, American poet, born 1940
- 24 Lawrence Ferlinghetti, American poet, born
- **26** Robert Frost, American poet, born 1874
- **26** Tennessee Williams, American playwright,



History of NCTE Conferences in Portland

D ORTLAND has an interesting history of successful conferences. Decades ago, NCTE held separate spring conferences for elementary teachers, secondary teachers, and teacher educators (college). When NCTE was about to consolidate the three into a single conference, Portland hosted the last elementary-only conference. It set record numbers for attendance.

Since 1980, the Oregon Council of Teachers of English has hosted half a dozen regional conferences. Several of these have set NCTE records for attendance for regional conferences. When NCTE decided to stop having a spring conference altogether, Portland was the site for the final conference, and it drew educators in record numbers from around the country and the world.

For Additional Information and Registration Forms...

Publicity has gone out about the 2006 Regional NCTE conference, but you are invited to request additional information by writing to Rick Hardt at hardtu@pdx.edu or to Barbara Wiegele at bjwiegele@aol.com. Group pre-registration forms may also be requested from her. If by mail:

> B.J. Wiegele 14867 S.E. Orchid Avenue Milwaukie, Oregon 97267-2454



BOOKS & BREW March 4, 2006

ADD TO YOUR conference experience by indulging in two of Portland's coolest traditions: independent bookstores and unique brew pubs. A Saturday evening bus will take conference attendees and guests on a tour of local bookstores and an elementary school turned brewpub.

The bus leaves the hotel at 5:15pm and returns at 10:30pm. Bookstore stops

- In Other Words: Women's Books & Resources
- A Children's Place
- Powell's Books for Cooks & Gardeners
- Murder by the Book
- Powell's City of Books

The last stop will be the Kennedy School Restaurant & BrewPub. Cost is \$15 per person.

University Credits & Professional Development Units

Conference attendees can earn 1. 2, or 3 graduate credits from PSU with the conference. Separate registration at the conference only. For more info: hardtu@pdx.edu

All participants are eligible for **Oregon PDUs or Washington Clock Hours** for continuing licensure. (24 PDUs/Clock Hours for full conference attendance, 30 PDUs/ **Clock Hours** if also attending a Pre-conference Institute.)

Book Exhibits

Nothing sets a group of English teachers to drooling like a roomful of books. Plan to linger in the perennially popular book exhibits by major book publishing companies and bookstores.

OREGON COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

Chalkboard

PO Box 9126 Portland, OR 97207-9126

NCTE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Three all-day Pre-conference Institutes
- Choose from more than 125 presentations at elementary, middle, high school, and college levels
- Nine different program strands
- 6 Keynoters, 20 Featured Speakers, 25 Authors
- Exhibits

Special Conference Issue of Chalkboard: This issue of Chalkboard is packed full of information about the upcoming Northwest Regional NCTE Conference. Check inside for more information on speakers, topics, and planned highlights of the conference!

INDIVIDUAL NCTE CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION • DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2006 • PLEASE PRINT

Pre-conference Institute—Choose only one:

NAME	Pre-conterence institute—choose
ADDRESS	Saturday, March 4, 2006, includes lunch Improving Reading Achievement for Multicultural Children's and Y.A. Lite
CITY STATE/PROV ZIP/POSTAL	Trying the Stafford Way: Writing Poe
TELEPHONES: HOME() WORK() EMAIL ADDRESS:	Conference Pre-registration (Sun-To OCTE Member Non-Member
SCHOOL:	Full-time Students
Marriott Downtown (headquarter hotel) 1401 SW Naito Pkwy	Special: Pre-conf. Institute and Con OCTE Member Non-Member Single Event Registration Sunday, March 5, ONLY Monday, March 6, ONLY Tuesday, March 7, ONLY Saturday, Books & Brew Tour Sunday Luncheon with Chris Crutch Monday Luncheon with Phillip Marg
Group Pre-registrations: for 5 or more, \$120 each.	Tuesday Luncheon with Virginia Euv

Request form from BJWiegele@aol.com On-site Registrations: Pre-conference Institutes \$90; Conference \$180; Students \$90 To: B.J. Wiegele, 14867 S.E. Orchid Ave., Milwaukie, OR 97267-2454

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NUMBER \$ ATTENDING

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREGON COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH



What's all the excitement about another conference?

Chalkboard

Kathy Haynie, Chalkboard Editor Volume 31, No. 1, Winter 2006

region:

And that's right around the corner!

Conference is coming to Portland!

really is an event.

every few years.

teachers.

NTHUSIASM IS BUILDING AS

conference time nears. You've seen the flyers,

you know there are big names coming—

the Northwest Regional NCTE Conference is

coming to Portland, Oregon on March 4-7, 2006.

Here are some comments we've been hearing

from English/language arts teachers in the

• Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, and he brings

to good little English/Language Arts teachers a

• The last time this conference was held in

I wish I could go to the NCTE Regional Conference,

• Ask your principal to provide sub days. Explain

• If your school has grant funding related to

literacy, the conference topics may fit within

the grant goals, so that the grant can pay for

Check to see if your district provides subs as part

• If all else fails, use personal days—it's worth

Will I be able to meet other teachers and have fun?

• You bet! Check out the "Books and Brew" information

• Wait! You can attend the conference and earn

university credit at the same time! Earn 1, 2, or 3

graduate credits from PSU; separate registration

• And there's more! If you attend the entire

conference, you will earn more than 30 PDUs for

Oregon teachers / clock hours for Washington

on page 5 of this issue of Chalkboard.

I just don't have time to go to the conference:

I have to take a college class in the spring.

at the conference. See page 5.

it! The regional conference only happens once

of the Professional Development funding.

how the conference topics will fit with your

Portland, Oregon, was in Spring 1997, so this

I'm so excited! The Northwest Regional NCTE

conference right in their own region!

but I don't think I can get the time off...

school's improvement goals.



OCTE Conference News







Chalkboard is the newsletter of the Oregon Council of Teachers of English, an organization that has existed for more than 60 years to support teachers of English and the language arts in Oregon elementary and secondary schools, community colleges and universities

Chalkboard is our way of keeping our many members and friends informed about OCT activities, programs of the National Council of Teachers of English, conferences and learning opportunities for students research tidbits, book recommendations

Chalkboard is a member of the NCTE Information Exchange.

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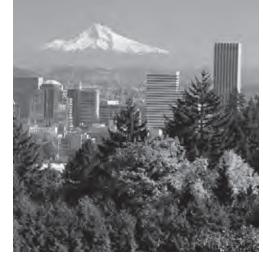
I want to go, but I've lost the flyer.

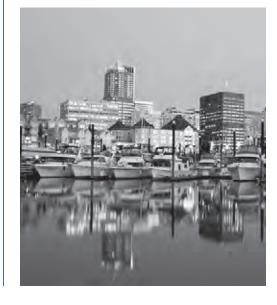
• Just go to the OCTE web site: www.octe.org. All the conference information and registration forms are right there.

Didn't I already miss the pre-registration deadline?

• Not yet! The pre-registration deadline is February 17, 2006. Hurry and pre-register









NCTE PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTES

The Northwest Regional NCTE Conference will kick off with three all-day Pre-conference Institutes. Use the **Registration Form** to sign up for one of these great professional development events.

All institutes will convene from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2006 • Cost \$75.00 (incl. lunch)

IMPROVING READING ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS





KEYNOTE SPEAKER: P. David Pearson Dean of Education, UC Berkeley Real Reading Achievement AND (not or) Better Test Scores



Susan Davis Lenski Portland State Univ. IRA Board Member

INSTITUTE SESSIONS:

- Organizing Instruction with Literacy Centers (K-3) Scaffolding ALL Learners through Lit Circles (K-6)
- Classroom-tested Ideas for ELL (4-12)
- Using Miscues to Inform Instruction (K-5)
- Using Technology to Foster Reading Comprehension (4-12)
 Using Standards as a Teaching Tool (K-12)
- Teaching Students to Read Fluently (K-6)
- Leave No Good Reader Behind (K-5) Teaching Reading across Content Areas (6-12)
- What to Do When They Can't Read the Text: Differentiation Ideas (4-12)

MULTI-CULTURAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

DIVERSITY IN AMERICAN LIVES



CONVENER: Paul Gregorio Portland State Univ.

This institute will present an update on recent multi-cultural literature for children and teens, with a focus on sharing of current literature for young readers, book talks, author profiles, classroom connections, and resources for award-winning books. Panels of authors, librarians, and teachers will discuss the following:

- Definitions, resources, trends, and issues
- Sharing of literature: book talks, author profiles, classroom connections
- African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, Middle East American literature
- Children and families with disabilities
- Gay and lesbian youth and parents
- Literature for elementary children, middle school, and high school students
- A sampling of topics: Growing up female, teens in transition, adventures in fact and fiction
- Techniques for promoting books and reading, encouraging reluctant readers, award-winning books

TRYING THE STAFFORD WAY: POETRY WRITING



CONVENER: aulann Petersen

William Stafford urged us to use writing as a vehicle for exploration and inquiry. In that spirit of welcoming what might find its way to a page, we'll use some Stafford poems as springboards for generating our own poems. The goal is to have an outpouring of new work by all participants. This institute is for writers of all levels of experience. (Enrollment limited to 15)



Luncheon speaker for all institutes will be Eve Bunting

Dear Eve, All of Your Books Give Me Feelings! The importance of building tolerance through literature

Eve Bunting is the author of the Caldecott Award-winning Smoky Night and the Pacific Northwest Young Reader's Choice Award-winning SOS Titanic.

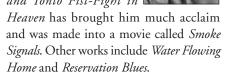


An Array of Speakers to Highlight Conference

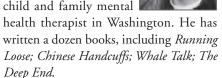
The Northwest Regional NCTE conference, coming to Portland in March, is among the strongest conferences ever presented here.

SUNDAY

Among the well-known authors scheduled to speak is Sherman Alexie, Spokane Indian author, filmmaker, and humorist. His novel *The Lone Ranger* and Tonto Fist-Fight in

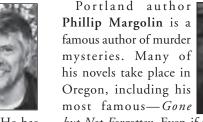


Young adult author Chris Crutcher is a popular speaker. He relates well to teachers, having taught in an alternative school, and working as a child and family mental



Reading specialist P. David Pearson has written more than 15 books, including Learning to Read: Lessons for Effective Schools and Accomplished Teachers; Reading

Difficulties: Instruction and Assessment; Teaching Reading Comprehension; Teaching Reading Vocabulary; and others. He is codirector of the Center for the Study of



MONDAY

One of the most

recognized radio voices

will be among the best-

known speakers. Bob

Edwards of National

Public Radio hosted

"Morning Edition" for

25 years. He conducted more than 20,000

interviews during his tenure there and won

dozens of awards for his in-depth style and

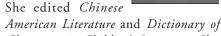
but Not Forgotten. Even if you don't read mysteries, Margolin is an entertaining speaker. And if you do read mysteries, you definitely will want to hear him. He is a practicing attorney in Portland.

Kim Stafford, wellknown director of the Northwest Writing Institute, has written more than a dozen books of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry, including

Early Morning: Remembering My Father, William Stafford; We Got Here Together; A Thousand Friends of Rain; and Having Everything Right: Essays of Peace.

TUESDAY

NCTE past president Beverly Ann Chin is director of composition at the University of Montana and has won numerous awards for her writing and work.

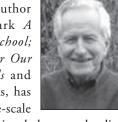


Characters in Children's Literature. She wrote Expanding the Canon: Teaching Multicultural Literature.

Popular young adult author Virginia Euwer Wolff is the author of True Believer; Rated PG; Make Lemonade, and other works. She has won many awards ,including two Jane

Addams Peace Awards, two Oregon Book Awards, the IRA Young Adult Book Award, the PEN-West Book Award, and the National Book Award.

Education icon John Goodlad, the author of the landmark A Place Called School; and Teachers for Our Nation's Schools and 30+ other books, has conducted large-scale



studies of educational change, schooling, and teacher education. Former Dean of Education, UCLA. Director, Institute for Educational Inquiry UW.

Other Featured Speakers at NCTE Conference

OTHER FEATURED SPEAKERS include Jim Burke, Nancy Johnson, John Sexton, Penny Plavala, Linda Hovt, Michael Hoeve, Linda Christensen, NCTE president-elect Joanne Yatvin, Paul Gregorio, Carol Jago, Eric Kimmel, Iane Braunger, Ian Lewis, Carolyn Lott, Johnny Lott (of NCTM), Tim Gillespie,

Primus St. John, Sue Lenski, Sandra Wilde, and Lawson Inada.

In addition to the impressive list above, the conference will feature many in-state and out-of-state speakers covering the whole range of instruction from pre-kindergarten through college. Topics include children's literature, creative writing, literacy,

publishing in the classroom, instructional strategies, adult novels, writing across the curriculum, grammar, spelling, curriculum design, writing research papers, literature circles, Native American poetry, literacy portfolios, reading, Shakespeare, ELL students, writing workshops—the list and variety seem endless.



Conference News



























Combining – and so many more!





















just may be selecting which sessions to attend. As we go to press, there are more than 135 presentations, with a strong likelihood that even more will be added by the time we all arrive. Here we sample just a few... **Northwest Regional NCTE Conference**

EDITOR'S NOTE: The most difficult thing about attending this conference

Marriott Hotel Downtown • Portland, Oregon

BUILDING BRIDGES:

CULTURES, LITERACY, AND LIVES

CHECK OUT THESE PROGRAM STRANDS!

The Northwest Regional NCTE Conference will have something for everyone.

Benchmarks and State Standards (12) - Composition (28) - Diversity (17) - Literature / Authors

(43) - Multi-cultural Literacies (15) - Reading (22) - Research (8) - Teaching Strategies (52)

And, there will be an Oregon Writing Project strand running throughout the conference. All

AND THEN THERE'S AN AUTHOR STRAND, TOO!

When was the last time you were able to mingle with an assemblage of authors like this?

Sherman Alexie - Carmen Bernier-Grand - Eve Bunting - Robin Cody - Linda Crew - Chris

Crutcher - Susan Fletcher - Deborah Hopkinson - Ellen Howard - Michael Hoeye - Lawson

Inada - Eric Kimmel - Susan Lenski - Craig Lesley - Phillip Margolin - Paulann Petersen

AN ARRAY OF CONFERENCE TOPICS

You'll be able to find topics like these in the conference program:

Writing across the Curriculum - Recent Children's Literature - Literacy in Troubled Times

- The Interactive Classroom - Children's Literature and Math - Engaging ALL Students - Ethnic

Literature - Teaching Contemporary Adult Novels - Native American Poetry - Writing Workshop

- K-16 Collaboration - Literacy Portfolios - Literature of the Urban Northwest - Teach Spelling

through Patterns and Strategies – Using Narrative Films to Meet State Standards – Multigenre

Texts - Grammar Goddess - Picture Books Can Teach Literary Devices - An Original Approach

for Teaching Shakespeare - Holocaust Lessons - How to Write Thrillers - Freshmen for Dummies

- Creative Nonfiction - Differentiated Instruction - Drama - The Bible - Teaching Peace

- Literacy and Science Connections - Wild Writing - Bringing Humanities to Life - Writing the

New West - Esteem/Empathy/Equity - Teacher Researchers - Help with ELL Students - Sentence

- Nicole Rubel - Floyd Skloot - Primus St. John - Clemens Starck - Virginia Euwer Wolff

- Technologies (7) - Writing and Reading Across the Curriculum (18)

OWP sites will be represented.

















