

# ENGLISH NOTES



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## CEAO Fall Conference: Connections between High School and College English

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Mark your calendars! The University of Cincinnati will be hosting CEAO's fall conference, "Connections and Conversations: High School and College English Teachers Working Together," on October 19, 2007, and you are invited to submit a proposal. CEAO's conferences are known for their collegiality and vibrant discussion, and the conference organizers welcome proposals from graduate students, adjuncts, part-time instructors, full-time faculty and other individuals from both inside and outside Ohio. As the conference title suggests, CEAO is particularly interested in proposals and panels that examine the important partnership between high school and college English classes. How can high school and college English teachers work together? How can we better prepare students for the transition between high school and college-level writing and thinking? How can we support each other in this important work? As always, proposals on other

aspects of administration and pedagogy are also welcome.

We are also pleased to announce that Russel Durst of the University of Cincinnati will give the keynote address.

Send proposals of 300 words or less and a 1-page C.V. by September 25, 2007, to Scott Payne at [payne@findlay.edu](mailto:payne@findlay.edu). For more information and to read the full Call for Papers, please visit the CEAO website. Hope to see you in October!

Interested in the relationship between the teaching of English at the college level and at other levels? Check out OCTELA! See the back page for more information.

## 2008 Dasher Award Nominees Sought: Literary Scholarship and Criticism

*Congratulations to 2007 Winner Sharona Muir: The Book of Telling Tracing the Secrets of My Father's Lives*

CEAO seeks nominees for the Nancy Dasher Book Award, which recognizes publications by faculty from CEAO member departments. The 2008 Award will be for works on Literary Scholarship and Criticism. The chair of each member department may nominate one or more books: Departments having 1-10 members may submit one entry; 11-30 may submit two entries; 31-50 may submit three entries; and over 50 may submit four entries. To nominate a book, send three copies to:

Professor Dirk Remley, Department of English  
Kent State University, P. O. Box 5190  
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The deadline is January 21, 2008, and the winner will be announced formally at the 2008 CEAO Spring Conference. Good luck to all!

### 2007 Nancy Dasher Book Award on Fiction Nominees:

*The Middle of Everything*, Michelle Herman, Ohio State  
*Eavesdropping*, Stephen Kuusisto, Ohio State  
*Move on, Trufosa!*, Imali J. Abala, Ohio Dominican  
*Election Day*, Julie L. Moore, Cedarville  
*The Coronary Garden*, Ann Townsend, Denison  
*Midwest Eclogue*, David Baker, Denison  
*One Mile Past Dangerous Curve*, Darrell Spencer, Ohio U  
*Flood Stage and Rising*, Jane Varley, Muskingum  
*All Things, All At Once*, Lee K. Abbott, OSU  
*The Bright Forever*, Lee Martin, OSU  
*Lapping America*, Claude Clayton Smith, Ohio Northern  
*Fire Wheel*, Sharmila Voorakkara, Ohio U  
*The Whale Caller*, Zakes Mda, Ohio U

*Congratulations to long-time member and officer of CEAO Sandra Stephan, Youngstown State University, for being awarded The Joe D. Thomas CEA Distinguished Service Award.*

## Possibilities for Collaboration: CEAO and OCTELA Envision the Future

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Over the past year members of the executive boards of CEAO and OCTELA have been exploring ways in which the two organizations might collaborate, including the possibility of a future co-sponsored conference. For this reason, I would like to take this opportunity to remind CEAO members of what OCTELA is by sharing the following information from OCTELA's website.

*The Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts (OCTELA) was founded in 1957 as the English Association of Ohio (EAO). OCTELA is composed of teachers of English and anyone interested in practicing and promoting English Language Arts. OCTELA is the only statewide affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) representing teachers of English language arts from pre-kindergarten through college.*

*OCTELA strives to provide its members and others with information about theory and research in English language arts and also demonstrate practical applications of that information in teaching English language arts. OCTELA members hope to improve the effectiveness of the teaching of English language arts through many initiatives. Among them are:*

- *The promotion of discussion of methods to improve the teaching of the English language arts in Pre-school, in elementary, middle/junior high and secondary schools, and in colleges and universities*
- *Meetings that include, but are not limited to an annual Spring Conference and a Fall Integrated Language Arts Conference for demonstration of teaching skills, instruction about research-based findings, and the*

*study and discussion of methods to improve the teaching of English language arts*

- *The promotion and support of best practices in English language arts and the evaluation of the results achieved*
- *The publication of reports, articles, and research studies dealing with the teaching of English language arts*
- *Cooperation with other groups and individuals whose purposes are consonant with those of this association*
- *Affiliation with the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)*
- *Assistance in the formation and continuation of other NCTE affiliates in Ohio*
- *Recognition of excellence in student and educator achievement*

Check out OCTELA's website <octela.org> for more information including current Position Statements, Spring Conference 2008, and the Online Young Adult Book Chat. The site also addresses curriculum, censorship, and professional development, publishing, and award opportunities. Specifically, those looking for scholarly publishing venues should look into *OJELA*, the *Ohio Journal of English Language Arts*, a peer-reviewed journal with a circulation of approximately 2700 and 30% acceptance rate. You may also contact me, Linda J. Rice, CEAO-OCTELA Liaison and Assistant Professor of English Education at Ohio University at [RiceL2@ohio.edu](mailto:RiceL2@ohio.edu).

## Upcoming Conferences of Affiliate Organizations and Others

**CEA Conference, "Passages,"** St. Louis, March 27-29, 2008. <http://www2.widener.edu/~cea/> Electronic submissions will open Aug. 1st and close on Nov. 1st.

**NCTE Annual Convention, "Mapping Diverse Literacies for the Twenty-First Century: Opportunities, Challenges, Promising New Directions,"** Nov. 15-18, 2007, New York, <http://www.ncte.org>

**Michigan CEA, "Humor, Joy, and Performance,"** Dearborn, MI, October 12, 2007. <http://www.michcea.org/>

**"The Purpose(s) of English: A Conference on the Future of English Studies,"** Springfield, IL, Oct. 19-20, 2007 <http://www.wpacouncil.org/node/835>

**Midwest MLA, "Revisiting Realisms,"** Cleveland, November 8-11, 2007 <http://www.uiowa.edu/~mmla/>

**Ohio Valley Shakespeare Assoc. Conference, "Appropriating Shakespeare,"** University of Akron Oct. 11-13, 2007 <http://www2.uakron.edu/english/index.htm>