



“Interpretations: Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship in English Studies” CEAO Spring Conference to be Held at Pontifical College Josephinum

The College English Association of Ohio (CEAO) invites panels, papers, and roundtables for the Spring, 2008 conference to be held April 25, 2008, at the Msgr. Joseph Jessing Conference Center on the campus of The Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. The theme of this conference is "Interpretations: Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship in English Studies." CEAO welcomes proposals from full-time faculty, adjunct and part-time instructors, and graduate students, as well as individuals living/working both in and outside Ohio. Please note that presenters and participants must register for the conference. All proposals submitted by the deadline will be considered.

We invite proposals that address, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Literary scholarship and criticism
- Connections among literacy strands (composition, literature, creative writing, etc.) in the classroom

- Professional practices and concerns: pedagogy, technology, teacher and/or student roles, administration
- Redefining scholarship, paradigms, and programs in English Studies
- Mentoring junior faculty and graduate students
- We also encourage proposals related to censorship, legislative effects, etc.

Send proposals of 300 words or less and a 1-page C.V. by March 7, 2008, to Amy England and Lowe McManus at: amy.england@uc.edu; rlowemc@bgsu.bgnet.edu.

For further information, please visit the CEAO website at <http://www.englishceao.org>.

Program Co-Chairs: Amy England (University of Cincinnati); Carolyn Scott (The Pontifical College Josephinum); Lowe McManus (Bowling Green State University)

NCTE/SLATE Intellectual Freedom CEAO Affiliate Award Nominations due March 20, 2008

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The College English Association of Ohio, as an affiliate of the National Council of Teacher's of English (NCTE) calls for nominations for the NCTE/SLATE Intellectual Freedom CEAO Affiliate Award. The award is granted for courage in advancing the cause of intellectual freedom or fighting censorship.

The awarded activity can be a recent event or ongoing, as in demonstrated leadership over a period of years. The awardee can be an individual, group, or institution and can be an educator or non-educator.

Examples include: 1) defense of a challenged book, film, educational method, or controversial speaker,

- 2) support for freedom of speech on college campuses,
- 3) A department or program chair who has over a period of time developed and/or supported intellectual freedom policies and practices, and,
- 4) A public official who took a stand in a difficult intellectual freedom case.

Please forward nominations to Susan Carlton, the CEAO/SLATE Liaison to the NCTE, by March 20. The CEAO, if they choose to confer an award, must forward their nominations to the National Council of Teachers of English by April 1.

For more information about the award go to www.ncte.org/groups/affiliates/awards/109291.htm.

Celebrate the Power of Reading with OCTELA Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts Spring Conference

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Celebrating the Power of Reading is the theme of this year's OCTELA Spring Conference which will be held March 7–8 at Crowne Plaza Columbus North. The conference will feature Loung Ung, Susan Campbell Bartoletti, and Rich Sowash as keynote speakers and include dozens of breakout sessions by P–16 educators. The full conference registration fee is \$137.00 which includes 2 morning beverage services, 2 luncheons, and the full program. Friday or Saturday only conference fees are \$80.00, and students can attend the full conference for \$40.00. Attendees can also opt for one semester of graduate credit through Ashland University for \$200.00.

About the Keynote Speakers*

Loung Ung is a survivor of the killing fields of Cambodia where some two million Cambodians—out of a population of just seven million—died at the hands of Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge regime. Loung was born in 1970 to a middle-class family in Phnom Penh. Five years later, her family was forced out of the city in a mass evacuation to the countryside. By 1978, the Khmer Rouge had killed Loung's parents and two of her siblings, and she was forced to train as a child soldier. In 1980, she and her brother escaped by boat to Thailand where they spent five months in a refugee camp after which they relocated to Vermont. Her memoir *First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers* (Harper Collings, 2000) is a national bestseller and recipient of the 2001 Asian/Pacific American Librarians' Association Award for Excellence in Adult Non-fiction Literature. Her second book *Lucky Child* was published by Harper Collins in 2005.

Susan Campbell Bartoletti taught middle school English for 18 years and is well known for *Silver at Night*, the

history of Pennsylvania coal country—based on the experiences of her husband's grandfather. In addition to her historical fiction which includes *Hitler Youth*, *No Man's Land: A Young Soldier's Story*, and *The Boy Who Dared*, Bartoletti has written numerous textbooks on composition, grammar, and study skills, and authored two screenplays, one of which, *Wooden Angel*, won her the CINDY (Cinema in Industry) special achievement award.

Rick Sowash was born in Mansfield, Ohio and is well known for his interest in Ohio's history, geography, and culture. Sowash has always liked "making things up"—telling stories and also writing stories. Some of his most popular books include *Heroes of Ohio: 23 True Tales of Courage and Character*, *Ripsnorthing Whoppers: Humor from America's Heartland*, *Clarence the Slipshod Vaudeville Man*, and *Critters, Flitters, and Spitters: Amazing Ohio Animal Tales*.

*Special thanks to Ruth McClain, OCTELA's Executive Director for providing the author information.

If you're interested in attending OCTELA Spring Conference 2008, please consult the online registration form, easily accessible from www.octela.org.

A Powerful Short Video Worth Your Time

To view a video of Loung Ung, go to <http://www.creativewell.com/ung.html#> and click on View Video. This requires Quicktime which can be downloaded for free.

Please check out CEAO's new website:

<http://www.englishceao.org>

It's your one stop for information about all things CEAO: conferences, awards, by-laws, officer contact information, and more!