

# ENGLISH NOTES



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## “Old Wine in New Bottles: New Ways of Teaching Novels, Writing, and Rhetoric” CEAO Spring Conference to be Held at Ohio University–Chillicothe

The College English Association of Ohio (CEAO) invites papers, panels, and roundtables for its spring 2009 conference to be held Friday, April 17, 2009, at Ohio University–Chillicothe (OUC). Proposals are invited from full-time faculty, adjunct and part-time instructors, administrators, graduate students, as well as individuals working/living both inside and outside Ohio. All proposals submitted by the deadline, March 6, 2009, will be considered. Please note that presenters and participants must register for the conference.

Keynote Speaker: Don Pollock, author of *Knockemstiff* (and an OUC alumnus)

CEAO invites proposals on the following themes:

- New takes on teaching best-loved novels (English, American, Post-Colonial, etc.).

- Novel methods of creating stylistically literate critical thinkers, readers, and writers.
- Administrative issues such as Ohio’s seniors-to-sophomores program, professionalization, reallocation of state funds, new state-led initiatives, etc.

Conference Coordinator: Veena Kasbekar, OUC  
Program Co-Chairs: V. Kasbekar (OUC), Juliette Schaefer (Ohio Dominican University). Lowe McManus (Bowling Green State University)

Please send a) the Proposal Form (available on CEAO’s website), b) your Abstract (250–300 words for individuals, 700 for panels), and c) a one-page CV via Microsoft Word to [spring2009@englishceao.org](mailto:spring2009@englishceao.org). Abstracts received by the due date will be acknowledged. Additional information is posted at the CEAO website: <http://www.englishceao.org>

### Did you know...?

Conference registration fees are lower for people from member departments! Ask your chair if your department is a CEAO member. Details can be found on the website: [www.englishceao.org](http://www.englishceao.org).

## NCTE/SLATE Intellectual Freedom Award Nominations due March 20, 2009

### CEAO 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, and 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 ([susanrc@bgnnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:susanrc@bgnnet.bgsu.edu)), the CEAO/SLATE Liaison to the NCTE, by March 20, 2009. The CEAO, if they choose to confer an award, must forward their nominations to the National Council of Teachers of English by May 1. For more information about the award go to <http://www.ncte.org/about/issues/censorship/awards/107130.htm>.

## Nominations for Dasher Book Award Due January 23, 2009

The Nancy Dasher Award recognizes outstanding publications in three areas: creative writing, professional and pedagogical issues, and literary scholarship (including theory). **The year 2008–2009 award will be in the category of pedagogy. All books published during the calendar years 2006–2008 are eligible for nomination.** The Chair of each CEAO department may nominate one or more books written or edited by his or her faculty based on Department size. Departments with 1–11 members may submit one entry; 12–30, two entries; 31–50, three entries; and over 50, four entries.

### To nominate a book, please send three copies to:

Professor Robert Lowe McManus  
Bowling Green State University  
General Studies Writing Program  
215 East Hall  
Bowling Green, OH 43403  
Phone: 419-372-0573  
E-mail: [rlowemc@bgnnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:rlowemc@bgnnet.bgsu.edu)

Please include a short cover note indicating that the books are to be considered for the Dasher Award.

### Deadline for receipt of nominations: January 23, 2009.

The Nancy Dasher Award is announced formally at the annual Spring Meeting of CEAO.

### 2008 Dasher Award Winner:

Jones, Paul Christian (Ohio University). *Unwelcome Voices: Subversive Fiction in the Antebellum South*. Knoxville, TN: Univ of TN Press, 2005.

### 2008 Dasher Award Nominees:

Miklitsch, Robert. (Ohio University) *Roll Over Adorno: Critical Theory, Popular Culture, Audio Visual Media*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2006.

Williamson, Richard J. (Muskingum College) *The Impact of Franklin Pierce on Nathaniel Hawthorne: Friendship. Politics and Literary Imagination*. Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen, 2006.

Webster, Jeremy W. (Ohio University) *Performing Libertinism in Charles II's Court: Politics, Drama, Sexuality*. NY: Palgrave, 2005.

Fitzgerald, Christina M. (University of Toledo) *The Drama of Masculinity and Medieval English Guild Culture*. NY: Palgrave, 2007.

### CEAO Wants You!!

Several of our current officers' terms are expiring this year. If you (or anyone you know) is interested in serving on the Executive Committee in any of the offices listed below, please contact Juliette Schaefer, Chair of the Nominations Committee, [schaefej@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:schaefej@ohiodominican.edu). For additional information about these positions, please see CEAO's website: <http://www.englishceao.org>. Formal nominations will be made at the Spring Conference.

#### Available Offices:

Vice President  
Treasurer  
Chair of Chairs Caucus  
*English Notes* editor  
CEA representative

At-large members (especially from NE Ohio)

No experience is needed. We like new people! And you get a free meal at the executive committee meetings. Good stuff.

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CEAO has a new official logo!! Look for it on all CEAO mailings and publications.