Northern Illinois University
43rd Annual Summer Literacy Conference

Reading and Writing in the Digital Age

June 14 - June 17, 2016
NIU Naperville Campus Conference Center
Naperville, Illinois

Conference topics include:
• Teaching reading and writing with digital texts and tools
• Supporting students’ literacy needs in 1:1 environments
• Addressing issues of technological equity and diverse learners

Conference Co-Chairs:
Corrine Wickens and
Michael Manderino

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Promoting academic vocabulary through multimodal composing across the disciplines

Kelly Chandler-Olcott is the Laura J. and L. Douglas Meredith Professor for Teaching Excellence and associate dean for research in the School of Education at Syracuse University. A former high school English and social studies teacher, she now teaches English methods and content literacy courses to secondary and K-12 education majors. With support from the National Science Foundation, the International Reading Association, and the Spencer Foundation, she has published five books and more than 60 chapters and articles, included in such venues as Reading Research Quarterly, Journal of Literacy Research, Language Arts, and The Reading Teacher. In 2015, she began a six-year appointment as co-editor of the Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy.

Integrating technology and literacy instruction

Amy Hutchison is an associate professor of literacy and director of the Literacy Coaching Certificate program at Iowa State University. Her research includes the study of new skills, strategies and dispositions required to read, write, and communicate with digital technology and how to best prepare teachers for the integration of literacy and technology. Dr. Hutchison recently published the book Bridging Technology and Literacy: Developing Digital Reading and Writing Practices in Grades K-6.

Teaching writing with digital texts and tools

Kristine E. Pytash is an assistant professor in teaching, learning and curriculum studies at Kent State University College of Education, Health, and Human Services, where she co-directs the secondary integrated Language Arts teacher preparation program. Dr. Pytash co-edited two books explicitly dealing with reading and writing and technology titled, Using Technology to Enhance Reading and Using Technology to Enhance Writing.

Race, digital literacies, and culturally relevant/responsive pedagogies

Ebony Elizabeth Thomas is an assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education. Dr. Thomas’ research focuses on children and adolescent literature and media, the teaching of African American literature, history, and culture in K-12 classrooms, and the roles that race, class, and gender play in classroom discourse and interaction. Among other publications, Dr. Thomas co-edited the book Reading African American Experiences in the Obama Era: Theory, Advocacy, Activism.

Tools to support digital reading and writing

Greg McVerry is an assistant professor at Southern State Connecticut University. Dr. McVerry’s work focuses on the use of digital texts and tools to enhance teaching and learning and has served as the New Literacies editor of the Connecticut Reading Association Journal. W. Ian O’Byrne is an assistant professor of Literacy Education at the College of Charleston and has served as the department editor for “Multi-literacies” for the Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy. His research examines the literacy practices of individuals as they read, write, and communicate in online spaces.

Drs. McVerry and O’Byrne have collaborated extensively on such digital projects as #WalkMyWorld, where educators and researchers are able to research, write, and create openly online using digital tools, and the development of Mozilla’s Web Literacy Map, which outlines the skills and competencies needed for reading, writing, and participating on the internet.
Daily Conference Schedule

**Tuesday and Thursday**

8:30 a.m. Check-in and continental breakfast
9:00 a.m. Welcome and introductions
9:15 a.m. Keynote
11:00 a.m. Panel
11:45 a.m. Autograph session and lunch
1:00 p.m. Breakout sessions
3:30 p.m. End of day and check out

**Wednesday and Friday**

8:30 a.m. Check-in and continental breakfast
9:00 a.m. Keynote
11:00 a.m. Panel
11:45 a.m. Autograph session and lunch
12:00 p.m. End of day and check-out (Fri. non-credit attendees)
1:00 p.m. Workshop presentation (Wed.)
12:00 p.m. Course credit session only (Fri.)
3:30 p.m. End of day and check out (Fri. course credit attendees)

Registration and Information:

Those attending this conference have the option of earning Professional Development Hours or enrolling for graduate-level credit. Note: Both options require conference registration.

For those wishing to use this conference to earn 3 hours of graduate-level credit, the following apply:

- Participants must be admitted to the NIU Graduate School.
- Participants are required to attend all conference sessions.
- Participants must complete and submit all required assignments via email. (Due date: TBD)

**To Register for academic credit:** Register for the conference using one of the four methods listed. Upon the Office of External and Global Programs receipt of your conference registration, you will receive information on how to register for graduate-level credit. A seat in the course will be held for all participants who register for the conference. ALL participants must pay the conference registration fee and tuition and fees for the graduate-level credit. Instructional waivers may be used for tuition only. Instructional waivers cannot be used for conference registration or course fees.

If you must cancel your conference registration, you are entitled to a full refund less a $25 processing fee if you cancel prior to or on June 6, 2016. No refund is available if cancellation is received on or after June 7, 2016. Substitutions are permitted. Cancellations must be in writing and can be faxed to 815-753-6900 or emailed to outreachregistration@niu.edu.

Two New Reading Cohorts Forming Now!

The College of Education Department of Literacy & Early Education is offering two Reading cohorts in 2016. Participants will earn an M.S.Ed. in Literacy Education with a focus on Reading. The cohorts will be located at the University Center of Lake County in Grayslake, IL and the NIU Naperville Campus in Naperville, IL. These cohorts are ideal for teachers who wish to obtain the Reading and Reading Specialist endorsements. For more information, contact Gail Schumacher, academic advisor, at 815-753-7948 or via email at gschumacher@niu.edu.

Bonus Registration Group Offer!

Register 10 attendees, receive 1 Bonus Registration:

If a group registers 10 attendees, the eleventh attendee registers at no cost. To register a group, please fax the registration form along with attendees’ names, contact information and email addresses to 815-753-6900. Contact Gail Hayenga at 815-753-7134 with questions.

Four Ways to Register:

1. Mail:
   NIU Outreach Registration
   Northern Illinois University
   DeKalb, IL 60115

2. Online: www.cedu.niu.edu/oep/conferences

3. Phone: 800-345-9472, 815-753-0277

4. FAX: 815-753-6900

For access to TDD/TTY line, please contact the Illinois Relay Service at 711.
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☑ Bonus Group Registration (10 registrations plus 1 bonus registration).

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The above address is: ☐ Home ☐ Work

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Title/Position: ____________________ Organization: ____________________

☐ NIU Alumnus/a, Year: __________ Program: ____________________

Please indicate any special needs: ______________________________________

☐ Send information on registering for graduate-level credit.

☐ I am a:

____ Teacher, my grade level: ____________________

____ Administrator, my position: ____________________

____ Other, my position: ____________________

Please register me for:

☐ Early Bird Rate (on or before May 15, 2016) $289

☐ Regular Conference Rate (on or after May 16, 2016) $319

☐ Late Registration (on or after June 1, 2016) $349

Payment Options (Payment must accompany registration):

☐ Check/Money Order (payable to NIU) ☐ MasterCard

☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

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