First Annual Reading Conference

REACHING OUR DIVERSE LEARNERS

March 3, 2008 • The University of Mississippi
On behalf of the Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction, we would like to invite you to attend our 1st Annual CELI Reading Conference. We have worked diligently to provide high-quality professional development for you. As literacy leaders, it is imperative that you stay current on literacy issues, topics, and research. United, we can make a difference in literacy education and reach our diverse learners. Enjoy the conference!

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

- Robert B. Cooter, Jr., co-editor of *The Reading Teacher* and distinguished author, will serve as our keynote speaker.
- Claiborne Barksdale of the Barksdale Reading Institute will serve as our luncheon speaker.
- Laurie Parker, a Mississippi author, will be the first recipient of the Robert M. Hearin Children’s Literature Author Award.
- Conference strands will focus on reaching diverse learners.
- Three rounds of afternoon sessions ranging from content area literacy to motivation will be offered.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Dr. Robert B. Cooter, Jr. holds the position Distinguished Professor of Urban Literacy Research at The University of Memphis. Professor Cooter teaches courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels in reading/literacy education, and mentors master’s and doctoral-level students interested in Reading/Literacy Education research, policies, and practices in urban settings. His primary research focus pertains to research-based reading instruction for children living at the poverty level.

Claiborne Barksdale has served as CEO of the Barksdale Reading Institute in Oxford, Mississippi since August of 2000. The Barksdale Reading Institute was endowed by Jim and Sally Barksdale in January 2000 to work with Mississippi public schools to improve the reading skills of preK-3rd grade students.

Laurie Parker has enjoyed writing rhyming narratives, lyrics, and verse since early childhood. Another of her long-time favorite pastimes is cutting and pasting paper to create collages. These talents have translated into her writing and illustrating ten books. Being an author supplements her primary source of income, which is selling her artwork at juried art shows and retail events throughout the South. A member of the Mississippi Craftsman’s Guild, Laurie is known by many for her popular line of whimsical handmade pins. She also sells matted prints of her unique collage artwork.

Visit www.outreach.olemiss.edu/cei for detailed speaker bios.

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CONFERENCE STRANDS

Participants will be able to attend three sessions.
- Assessment
- Comprehension
- Early Literacy
- Vocabulary
- Literature

WHERE TO STAY
The Inn at Ole Miss
662-234-2331 or 1-888-486-7666
www.theinnatolemiss.com

Conveniently located on the Ole Miss campus, adjacent to the Yerby Conference Center where a majority of the conference events will take place.

PROPOSAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction welcomes session proposals for its 1st Annual Reading Conference from university faculty, graduate students, and experienced teachers. The proposal submission deadline is January 18, 2008. Applicants will be notified of our decisions by February 1, 2008. Visit our website to download the submission form.

COST
The registration fee is $75. Lunch and snacks are included.

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Grade Level __________ School District __________________________
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Payment Information

Registration fee: $75 (includes lunch and snacks)

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