



Council Notes

Newsletter of the Louisiana Council of Teachers of English

September 2008

President's Message: July 22, 2008

Dear Members of LCTE:

Summer is swiftly drawing to a close—I know some of you are starting the fall semester as early as August 5th! If you taught summer school, as I did, prayers and power to you—take a deep breath and get ready to start again.

LCTE is gearing up, too, for our fall conference. It is earlier this year, October 3rd and 4th, to coincide with Louisiana's Festival of the Book. Since our conference will be held in Baton Rouge, the board decided it would be a nice way to allow members to attend the Festival after the conference ends around noon Saturday.

We have a beautiful conference hotel also, the Sheraton BR Convention Center, right on the river. The conference rooms are easily accessible and close together. Those of you not averse to gambling away your hard-earned money can find ready entertainment at hand.

Maybe you think the enthusiasm and great ideas you have stored up for the beginning of the year will get you all the way through---but think back—and remember how around October the grind gets grinding hard away. So plan now to come to the LCTE Fall Conference, entitled "Race and Rhetoric in the 21st Century." We want to continue the dialogue begun at last year's conference about language and race. And the CLUs can add up quickly when you do a full day and a half at a time.

President-Elect Bernard Gallagher is hard at work not only with conference arrangements but with writing to Superintendents across the state asking for their support—

including monetary support—for your attendance at the conference. And the board has approved an incentive program: \$95 for one and \$150 for two people registering together (Yes, you can each save \$20!)

There is a major change upcoming on the board. Dr. Rocky Colavito, our editor for the Louisiana English Journal, is leaving the state for a position in Indiana—congratulations, Rocky!--and the position is open. The board is accepting applications. This is a major commitment, and so far we have two people who are interested: Dr. Daryl Holmes, an Associate Professor at Nicholls State, and Stephanie Masson, an instructor at Northwestern in Natchitoches. If anyone else is interested in serving as editor, please email your CV to me at jackie.jackson@nicholls.edu.

Let me encourage every high school teacher to look at our EXPO competition for 9-12 graders early on and plan to attend, bringing your best and brightest. The students have an exhilarating time and walk off with medals and trophies (and so do you!). Go to our website at www.nicholls.edu/lcte for more information.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our fall conference and at EXPO—have a wonderful start to your year!

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Editor's Note: LCTE has several board member positions open. Please contact Jackie Jackson or a board member for more information, or talk to them at the upcoming conference. I would also like to thank Dr. Larry Monk who passed away recently. He was the Executive Director of NSU Leesville Ft. Polk and assisted our organization by letting us mail out our newsletter from this campus.

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Louisiana Council of Teachers of English 2008 Conference



**October 3 and 4
Baton Rouge**

Race and Rhetoric in the 21st Century Classroom

Featured Speaker
Mona Lisa Saloy
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Red Beans and
Ricely Yours
Director of
Creative Writing at
Dillard University

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Presentation Proposals

The Louisiana Council of Teachers of English (LCTE) invites proposals for individual presentations of 15 to 50 minutes and for 3 to 4-member panels that might touch on the theme of Race and Rhetoric in the 21st Century Classroom.

- Code switching
- Bridging the gaps between standard and non-standard English.
- Linguistics
 - Prescriptive and descriptive grammars
- Strategies for Teaching Multi-Cultural Literature
- Language learners and academic language
- Post-colonial and or African American theory in the literature classroom
- Appropriate ways of critiquing non-standard English
- Bridging cultural gaps in the classroom
- Helping students to find their voices
- Correcting versus evaluating
- Peer editing
- The politics behind writing and reading “correctly”

Interested persons should send a title and a brief two or three sentence presentation description to Bernardg@lsua.edu. Please include names, titles, and contact information (virtual and real world addresses and telephone numbers) with submissions.

Register for Fall Conference

CLU'S Available!

Please contact Bernard Gallagher at 318-427-4472 for room information.

Registration Information: PLEASE PRINT

Registration for Conference: \$95 [] For Two People \$150 []

Fees include LCTE Dues, Council Notes, and Louisiana English Journal

Title: [] Mr. [] Mrs. [] Ms. [] Dr.

Name _____

Phone w/ Area Code _____

Address _____

City and Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

School Affiliation _____

[] New Member [] Renewal

Second Person _____

Phone w/ Area Code _____

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City and Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

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Photocopy registration form if needed. Mail Check and registration form to Cielia Adams, LCTE Treasurer, 9005 Walker Rd., Apt. 603, Shreveport, LA 71118. For information call 1-985- 448-4858.



Join thousands of K-12 teachers, college faculty, administrators, and other educational professionals, as they gather to hear award-winning speakers, attend idea-packed sessions, share best practices, and test the latest teaching materials at the 98th NCTE Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas!

2008 Registration Rates

Registration Rates:	Registration Rates (after Oct. 24):
Member - \$210	Member - \$240
Nonmember - \$275	Nonmember - \$305
Students - \$90 (\$100 Nonmember)	Students - \$90 (\$100 Nonmember)
Workshops:	Workshops (after Oct. 24):
Member - \$125	Member - \$135
Nonmember - \$150	Nonmember - \$160
ALAN:	ALAN (after Oct. 24):
Member - \$175	Member - \$185
Nonmember - \$200	Nonmember - \$210
CEL:	CEL (after Oct. 24):
NCTE + CEL member - \$150	NCTE + CEL member - \$150
NCTE member only - \$175	NCTE member only - \$175
Nonmember of both NCTE and CEL - \$215	Nonmember of both NCTE and CEL - \$215

Hotel Information

The **2008 Annual Convention** will be held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center and the Marriott River Center. To make reservations for local hotels online, please complete the **Housing Form** online. Please make sure to enter your arrival date to begin the reservation process. See ncte.org for forms and more information.

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