

# OCTE EXCHANGE

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Winter 2010

## OCTE Spring Conference to Feature Poet Natasha Trethewey

The OCTE Spring Conference, April 7, 2010, will feature Natasha Trethewey thanks to Dr. Harbour Winn and the Center for Interpersonal Studies Through Film and Literature at Oklahoma City University.

Trethewey won a Pulitzer prize for her 2006 collection of poetry entitled *Native Guard*. Her first book of poetry entitled *Domestic Work* (2000) won several awards including the 2001 Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Book Prize and the 2001 Lillian Smith Award for Poetry. She will give a reading at 10:00 a.m. on April 7, and she will attend the OCTE celebration luncheon to help honor the winners of the 2010 OCTE Young Writers Contest.

Katy Peercy has organized an outstanding program for the OCTE spring conference. Along with a number of presentations for teachers at all levels, the one-day conference will feature door prizes, a continental breakfast, and an awards luncheon. Winners of the 2010 OCTE Young Writers Contest and the Geraldine Burns Award will be recognized at the luncheon. For the detailed tentative schedule, please see page two. For more information, contact Ms.

Peercy at [peercy@tishomingo.k12.ok.us](mailto:peercy@tishomingo.k12.ok.us) and/or look at the OCTE website: <http://octe.ecok.edu>.



## Two Important Announcements

Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English (OCTE) officers for 2010 - 2011 will be elected during the awards luncheon at the OCTE Spring Conference. The nominating committee needs volunteers willing to serve on the board for next year. If you are interested in participating, please contact Deborah Brown at [djbrown@uco.edu](mailto:djbrown@uco.edu).

The Fall 2010 OCTE Conference will be Saturday, September 25, 2010, and the keynote speaker will be Mr. Jim Burke, author of several books for English teachers including *The English Teacher's Companion* and *50 Essential lessons: Tools and Techniques for Teaching English Language Arts*. Put the date on your calendar! For more information, contact Mr. Randy Baker at [rbaker@putnamcityschools.org](mailto:rbaker@putnamcityschools.org).

## **Tentative Schedule for the OCTE Spring Conference**

**8:00 – 9:00: Registration, Exhibits – Rotunda**  
**Continental Breakfast – Third Floor**

**9:00 – 9:50 Sessions:**

“From the Horses Mouth: What English Majors Want to Know about Writing” – Dr. Robin Murphy and student presenters, East Central University

“Centering the Writing Classroom: Ideas for Teaching from Writing Center Practice and Theory” – Kevin Davis, Tyffany Osborne, Sarah Berger, East Central University Writing Center Tutors

“Building Academic Vocabulary” – Phyllis Hartfiel, Oklahoma State Department of Education

“Nurture Your Students’ Creativity” – Darla Tresner, Bartlesville High School

**10:00 – 11:30: Poet Presentation: Natasha Trethewey – Kerr McKee Auditorium**  
Sponsored by OCU and the Petree College Of Arts and Sciences Center for Interpersonal Studies through Film and Literature

**11:45 – 1:20: Luncheon – Third Floor**  
Recognition of Young Writers Contest Winners, Announcement of Geraldine Burns Award Recipients, and Election of OCTE Officers for 2010-2011  
Sponsored by OCTE and American Book Company

**1:30 – 2:20 Sessions:**

“Speed-Dating Young Adult Novels: Come Meet the Book of Your Dreams – Teresa Rothrock and student presenters, East Central University

“Folklahoma: Discovering Bigfoot in Your Own Backyard” – Marvin Leeper, Murray State College

“Don’t Stop the Presses! Using Free or Inexpensive Media to Promote Reluctant Writers” – Darla Tresner, Bartlesville High School

“Symbol Stamping: William Blake’s Art and Poetry” – Lisa Loftin, Carl Albert High School

“Creative Dramatics for Students” – Lisa Coulter, Murray State College

**2:30 – 3:20 Sessions:**

“Arts Integration in the Writing Classroom” – Brooke Hessler, Marsha Keller, and Pierre Cyr, Oklahoma City University

“Poem-Town” – Shaun Perkins, Pryor High School

“Turn that Music Down! Turn that Poetry Up!” – Jeana West, Murray State College

“There is a Barbie for Everyone: Engaging All Students Through community, Collaboration, and Literacy” – Aimee Myers, Highland East Jr. High

OCTE Board Meeting

Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English  
2010 Spring Conference Registration Form  
April 7, 2010  
Oklahoma City University  
in the Meinders School of Business Building  
McKinley Ave and NW 27<sup>th</sup> Street

Member Registration:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Registration for members (includes Continental breakfast and lunch)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Teacher candidates/students (includes Continental breakfast and lunch)

Non-member Registration:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25 (includes Continental breakfast and lunch)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total amount included (Please make checks payable to OCTE.)

If paying by purchase order, please give PO# \_\_\_\_\_.

Name (for name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

School or Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration form with payment to: Katy Peercy  
P.O. Box 874  
Tishomingo, OK 73460

Registrations must be received by April 1 so that we can order the correct number of meals. If you need to register on-line and then pay the day of the conference, please contact Katy at [kpeercy@tishomingo.k12.ok.us](mailto:kpeercy@tishomingo.k12.ok.us). Thanks.