

OCTE EXCHANGE

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Summer 2009

OCTE 2009 SPRING CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

The OCTE Spring Conference, April 1, 2009, included a special presentation by Charles Simic thanks to the Oklahoma City University's Center for Interpersonal Studies Through Film and Literature led by Dr. Harbour Winn. OCTE presented Dr. Winn a \$50 gift certificate for Full Circle Bookstore to thank him for all his help in making the conference a success.

Highlights of the conference included the recognition of the 2009 Geraldine Burns winners and forty-two Oklahoma Young Writers. Each winning writer received a copy of an autographed book of poetry by Charles Simic and copies of the anthology featuring their work. Many thanks go to Cathy Hume, a teacher at Taft Middle School, for coordinating the contest this year and to Dr. Laura Bolf-Beliveau and Dr. Randy Baker for editing the 2009 anthology, "Thundering Voices," published by OCTE. Mrs. Hume, along with the OCTE board, thanks all of the English teachers who submitted their students' writing to the contest.

Dr. Deborah Brown, the conference co-ordinator, wishes to thank all of the exhibitors and speakers who contributed to the success of the conference. Along with Charles Simic's presentation, the program included 10 sessions. Dr. Brown stated: "I really appreciate all the presenters. I received a number of positive comments about all their sessions. For example, one teacher told me she had a 'blast' in Shaun Perkins's "Poetry Myths: Mythic Poetry" session, and she would definitely use Ms. Perkins's ideas and that 'The English Verb Wall presentation was FANTASTIC!'"

See page two for a list
of the 2009 Geraldine
Burns winners!

Important Dates of Upcoming Events:

June 27: Summer OCTE Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., at Deb Brown's

July 9 -12: 20th Annual Literacies for All Summer Institute, Columbia , SC

September 25 – OCTE Fall Conference at Oklahoma City University

November 19 -22 – NCTE Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA

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Congratulations to the 2009 Geraldine Burns Award Winners

This award recognizes excellence in English Education/English studies in Oklahoma colleges and universities.

Annalisa Briggs – Annalisa is a TEFL major at Oklahoma Christian University. She completed a practicum as part of an inaugural internship to China and spent one month teaching English at a university in China.

Krysti Douglas – Krysti is an English Education major with a minor in Physical Education.

Kristen Plotner is an English major at Oklahoma City Community College.

Stephanie Robbins – Stephanie received a highly-competitive Presidential Scholarship at Oklahoma Baptist University where she is in the Honors Program.

Jenny Senters – An English Education major at Northeastern State University, Jenny is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Alpha Chi.

Sarah South – Sarah is a student at Oral Roberts University and a member of the Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society.

Zena Stafford – Zena is the 2009 Outstanding English major at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Kim Walker – Kim is a senior English Education major at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Paula Wiest – An English Education major, Paula attends Seminole State College.

Rachel Wirsing – Rachel is a junior English major at Cameron University.

Make a note:

The 2009 FALL OCTE
CONFERENCE is
September 25!!!

Teaching Literacy
In an Age of
Accountability
is the theme!

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Peter Smagorinsky from the University of Georgia. Dr. Smagorinsky is a well-known speaker, educator, and author. His most recent books include *Teaching English by Design* (2008) and *The Discourse of Character Education: Culture Wars in the Classroom* (2005).

The conference will be held at Oklahoma City University in the Meinders Building.

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Oklahoma English Journal

CALL FOR PAPERS

Fall 2009 Journal:

Theme - Literacy, Literacies, and
the Teaching of Literacy

Deadline - August 1, 2009

In homage to Patrick Hartwell, this issue seeks to clarify our understanding of the term "literacy" by exploring its depth and breadth. What are our perceptions of literacy? How have the types and levels of literacy expanded—visual, digital, cultural, etc.? What literacy issues do we face in the classroom?

Spring 2010 Journal:

Theme - talk to Me!

Deadline - March 1, 2010

What roles do talking and listening play in our classrooms, in our successes, and in our failures? What can we learn from each other about building and maintaining relationships—with students, colleagues, administration, local and political communities—that is unique to our field? How do we negotiate the relationships between listening and talking, reading and writing?

For Submission Guidelines see

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