

OCTE EXCHANGE

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August 2009

OCTE Fall Conference is September 25, 2009 Dr. Peter Smagorinsky is the Keynote Speaker

"Teaching Writing in an Age of Accountability" is the title of Dr. Smagorinsky's address to be given at the OCTE Fall Conference on September 25, 2009. Dr. Peter Smagorinsky, a professor at the University of Georgia, is a well-known speaker, educator, and author.

The fall conference will be held in the Meinders Building on the campus of Oklahoma City University. "Teaching Literacy in an Age of Accountability" is the theme of the conference.

Dr. Smagorinsky has experience as both a high school teacher and a professor of English Education. He has won several awards for his teaching and his scholarship, including the 2008 Association of Teacher Educators Distinguished Research Award. His most recent books include *Teaching English by Design: How to Create and Carry Out instructional Units* (2008) and *The Discourse of Character Education: Culture Wars in the Classroom* (2005).

For more information, contact Darla Tresner, the conference coordinator, at tresnerdm@bps-ok.org or look at the OCTE website, <http://octe.ecok.edu>.



**See Page Two for a
Tentative Conference
Schedule**

Two Important OCTE Announcements:

OCTE is now on facebook! This space on facebook provides another excellent opportunity for Oklahoma's English teachers to share good news and participate in discussions. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/pages/OCTE/9788155ref=nf> or search on facebook for O.C.T.E. for photos and OCTE information. Become a fan and leave a message on the wall. Many thanks go to Kerri Duke for creating this facebook site for us; if you have any questions, you may contact Kerri at rshsfan2007@yahoo.com.

The deadline for the 2010 OCTE Young Writers Contest is December 4, 2009! Please note that this deadline is earlier than usual. For more information see pages 3-4.

Tentative Schedule for the Fall Conference September 25, 2009

8:00 - 9:00 am: Registration and
Breakfast

9:00 - 10:15 am: Keynote Speaker,
Dr. Peter Smagorinsky,
Kerr-McGee Auditorium

10:30 - 11:30 am: Sessions TBA

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 pm: Sessions

- A. I-Candy: Visual
Literacy in Teaching
Culture and
Composition - Linda
Steele, Wayne Stein,
and Mary Spelman,
The University of
Central Oklahoma
- B. OCTE Board Meeting

2009 - 2010 Calendar

Sept. 25 - OCTE Fall Conference

Oct. 1 - Deadline for submissions to
Oklahoma English Journal

Nov. 6 - Oklahoma Literary Arts
Festival

Nov. 19 -22 - NCTE Annual
Convention, Philadelphia

Jan. 16 - OCTE Winter Board
Meeting at Full Circle

April 7 - OCTE Spring Conference

October 20, 2009: The National Day on Writing

The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) is celebrating writing on October 20, 2009. NCTE has established this National Day on Writing in order to call attention to the "remarkable variety of writing we engage in, and to help writers from all walks of life recognize how important writing is to their lives."

(www.ncte.org)

NCTE invites anyone who would like to participate to submit a piece of writing to the National Gallery of Writing. For more information about ways to participate in The National Day on Writing, see www.ncte.org.

One way to celebrate writing is to submit your students' writing to the OCTE Young Writers Contest. Based on feedback from teachers, the OCTE council decided to move the deadline for entries for the 2010 Young Writers Contest to an earlier date this year: December 4, 2009. Please consider participating in NCTE's National Day on Writing on October 20, and submitting your students' writing to the OCTE Young Writers Contest.

The guidelines for submitting entries and an entry form are on the following pages.

2010 Oklahoma Young Writers Contest

CATEGORIES: Short Story (maximum 1,500 words)
Essay (Expository, no narrative essays, maximum 500 words)
Personal Narrative (first person, maximum 500 words)
Descriptive Paragraph
Poetry
(\$2 entry fee per entry)

Fillers: Descriptive sentences may be submitted as “fillers.”
(\$1 entry fee) **Note:** Writers of descriptive sentences that are used in the anthology are welcome to attend the Young Writers Conference and luncheon for the discounted price of \$10 per person and to purchase a copy of the 2010 Anthology for the discounted rate of \$3.00.

Age Groups: K-6
7-9
10-12
College

Entries: Each teacher (OCTE members only) may enter up to 10 original manuscripts for his/her students with a fee of \$2 per entry. Also, each teacher may enter up to 10 “filler” descriptive sentences for his/her students with a fee of \$1 per sentence. Make checks payable to OCTE. No student may enter more than one entry per category. Entries must be typed and double-spaced. Poems may be single-spaced. **Teachers should submit the original entry plus one copy of each manuscript and in addition send an electronic copy to contest coordinator at clhume@cox.net.**

Contest rules: All contest rules, such as maximum word length, entry deadline, OCTE membership for teachers, numbers of copies, cover sheets, no names on entries, etc., must be strictly observed. Failure to do so will disqualify entries. No entry fees will be refunded.

Cover Sheet: After duplicating, fill out the enclosed cover sheet completely. Use only one cover sheet per entry. **The student’s name should appear on the cover sheet only.** Please be sure all letters are legible to ensure names are accurate.

Winners will have their work published in the 2010 *Oklahoma Anthology* and will be invited, along with their teachers and parents, to attend the Young Writers Conference and luncheon April 7, 2010, to meet with the judges and receive a copy of the anthology.

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Petree College of Arts & Sciences Center for Interpersonal
Studies Through Film & Literature
Oklahoma City University

COVER SHEET*2010 Oklahoma Young Writers Competition***(Please type information.)**

Title: _____ Grade Level: _____

Category: _____ Number of words in entry: _____

Student's Name (Please Print): _____

Student's Address: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Address: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

School Name: _____ Phone: _____

School Address: _____

SIGNATURES:**I hereby attest to the originality and length of this piece.**_____
Student Signature_____
Parent Signature

I verify that the above is my student, the number of words is correct, and I am a current member of OCTE.

Teacher Signature**Postmark Deadline: December 4, 2009****Please send submissions with cover sheets and electronic submission to:**

Cathy L. Hume
9821 N. McKinley Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK 73114
clhume@cox.net

Oklahoma Council of Teachers of English
2009 Fall Conference Registration
September 25, 2009
Oklahoma City University

Member Registration:

_____ \$20 Registration for members (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

_____ \$15 Teacher candidates/students (continental breakfast and lunch)

Non-member Registration:

_____ \$25 (includes Continental breakfast and lunch)

Total included:

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

If paying by purchase order, please give PO# _____.

Name (for name tag): _____

School or Institution: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Mail Registration form with payment to: (Make checks payable to OCTE)

Darla Tresner
3512 Harvey Road
Bartlesville, OK 74006
Tresnerdm@bps-ok.org

By mail, please register by September 18, 2009 so that we will know how many meals to order. If you need to register by email and pay at the door, please do so by September 21, 2009. Thank you.