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Illinois Association of Teachers of English



Fall Conference 2016

Close to Home: Creating Authentic Contexts for Reading & Writing

Featured Speakers

Each speaker will also lead a follow-up workshop to help teachers develop their own PBL-based unit plans.

Steve Zemelman, author of *From Inquiry to Action: Civic Engagement with Project-Based Learning in All Content Areas*, and **Katy Smith** will discuss how improving their community can make reading, writing, and researching highly meaningful for students. Realizing their voices can be heard, they develop a sense of efficacy and a strong commitment to learning.

National Board certified educator Bill Curtin will discuss his junior English class civic improvement project, for which he was awarded Kankakee County's Daily Journal Progress Award for Innovation in Education and was featured by the *Chicago Tribune*, AP Wire, CBS news, the *Late Show with David Letterman*, and NPR's "This American Life."

Naomi Davis, founder and president of **BIG: Blacks in Green™**, will discuss the transformation of neighborhoods into green, self-sustaining, mixed-income villages. Davis's work is informed and inspired by America's great Underground Railroad story – which teaches the need for self-help alongside the need for allies across the bounds of race and class. Sponsored by ComEd.

A few of our Sessions for High School Teachers:

- Writing for College
- Using Instructional Frameworks to Guide Student-Centered Coaching Convos
- Finding Authenticity in Standardization
- Listen Up and Speak Out: *Serial Injustice*
- Rhetoric for All: Teaching Rhetorical Analysis in the High School Classroom
- Authentic Digital Writing Contexts
- Integrating TableTop Gaming in the ELA Classroom
- Authentic Curricular Design: Giving Voice to the Voiceless
- Deliberate Dialogues: Converting Classroom Conversation to Composition
- Library Programs for High School Students: Beyond Dewey and "Shhh!"
- Multicultural Education: Affirming Diversity in the Classroom

October 21st & 22nd

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SPECIAL WORKSHOP

A representative from
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