# Illinois Association of Teachers of English 2021 Conference



Honoring Our Past and Looking Toward Our Future October 15 – 16, 2021

### President's Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back.

This year's conference, Honoring Our Past and Looking Toward Our Future, is a long awaited celebration of where we have been, both as an organization and a profession, and it is a call to action inviting us to step into our potential. As we come together for the first time in two years, this weekend marks a turning point and Second Vice President Jennifer Gouin has worked tirelessly to bring together some of our state's most dedicated educators to share their vision for the future of our profession, as well as authors leading a renaissance in middle grade and young adult literacy.

Most of all, this weekend brings together people. The last eighteen months have asked us to sacrifice that connection, but we have stubbornly persisted in finding ways to come together. The difficult circumstances of a global pandemic laid bare the many roles shouldered by educators, from advocating for social justice to monitoring students' emotional wellbeing and providing healthy meals, all squeezed in between lessons on comma usage and metonymy. But you are still here, doing the work and fighting the good fight. So this weekend, dear colleague, is for you. Actually, it's for us the resilient, relentless, unshakable first person plural we will continue to be.

In truth, the strength of IATE lies with you. Our members' commitment to professional excellence, personal growth, and above all, personal relationships is what fuels this organization. I urge you to find ways to get involved in IATE at the state level or within your home district.

I look forward to an exciting weekend and bright future together.

Carrie Santo-Thomas

IATF President 2019-2021

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# IATE Conference Schedule Honoring Our Past and Looking Toward Our Future

Thursday, October 14th

7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. IATE Executive Council Meeting

Friday, October 15th

9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. Registration 10:45 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. Business Meeting

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Featured Speaker Tiffany D. Jackson

Lunch (Plenary 1)

12:30 p.m. — 1:00 p.m. Break (Exhibits and Book Signing)

 1:00 p.m. — 2:00 p.m.
 Breakout Session A

 2:15 p.m. — 3:15 p.m.
 Breakout Session B

 3:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
 Breakout Session C

 4:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
 Break (Exhibits)

5:00 p.m. —5:30 p.m. District Leader Meeting

5:30 p.m. — 6:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour

6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. Illinois Author of the Year Mikki Kendall

Dinner (Plenary 2)

8:00 p.m. - ?? Game Night

Saturday, October 16th

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Registration 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Special Session

High Fitness with Michelle Ryan

 9:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.
 Breakout Session D

 10:15 a.m. — 11:15 a.m.
 Breakout Session E

 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
 Breakout Session F

 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
 President's Lunch

Keynote David Bowles (Plenary 3)

 $1:30 \ \text{p.m.} - 2:00 \ \text{p.m.}$  Book Signing and Exhibits

2:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m. Breakout Session G
3:15 p.m. — 4:15 p.m. Breakout Session H
4:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m. Breakout Session I

## MY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Session	Session Title	Location and Notes			
	FRIDAY, October 15th				
10:45 – 12:30	Lunch & Tiffany D. Jackson				
1:00-2:00	Breakout A:				
2:15—3:15	Breakout B:				
3:30—4:30	Breakout C:				
5:00—5:30	District Leader Meeting				
SATURDAY, October 16th					
7:30	High Fitness with Michelle Ryan				
9:00—10:00	Breakout D:				
10:15—11:15	Breakout E:				
11:30—12:30	Breakout F:				
12:30—2:00	Lunch & David Bowles Keynote				
2:00—3:00	Breakout G:				
3:15—4:15	Breakout H:				
4:30—5:30	Breakout I:				

# IATE Conference Program Honoring Our Past and Looking Toward Our Future

### Friday, October 15, 2021

Business Meeting, Featured Speaker and Lunch Friday, 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Prairie Stone III & IV



Tiffany D Jackson Harper Collins

Tiffany D. Jackson is the author of *Monday's Not Coming*, which is a Walter Dean Meyers honored book, and many other critically acclaimed books for teens and adults including *Allegedly*, *Let Me Hear a Rhyme*. Her newest novel, *White Smoke*, debuted this fall. She was a Coretta Scott King--John Steptoe New Talent Award winner and a NAACP Image Award nominee. She is a Brooklyn native.

### Breakout Session A: Friday 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Laura and Phillip Hosfeldt	A1	Prairie Stone I
Pope County High School		Middle/ Jr. High/High School

# "Reading Takes an Interdisciplinary Effort: Increasing Reading Across the Curriculum"

They say it takes a village to raise a child, but this mentality often doesn't transfer into our schools with regard to reading. Unfortunately, as English teachers, sometimes we are seen as holding sole responsibility for everything a child reads, from nonfiction to literature and anything else in between. In this seminar, learn how an English teacher teamed up with her librarian and her social studies department to create content-specific classroom libraries and increase reading across the curriculum.

Delores Robinson	A2	Prairie Stone II
Kimberly Radek-Hall		Middle/Jr. High/High School
Illinois Valley Community College		
Jared Friebel		
Hinsdale High School		
Robin Murray		
Eastern Illinois University		

# "Honoring Our Students' Work: IATE's Young Writers Poetry & Prose Contest"

This informal panel presentation from educators involved with the IATE student poetry and prose writing contest will describe the contest's history, how it works now, how submissions are judged, and how participants are celebrated. Presenters will explain the process to follow in order to enter student writing into the annual contest. We will showcase some past submissions and discuss the benefits to young people of participating in such events.

Alex Buckwinkler	А3	Prairie Stone V
Wauconda High School		Middle/Jr. High/High School
Madison Evans		
Samantha Panek		
Abraham Lincoln Middle School		
Jessica Morris		
Northern Illinois University		

### "Learning to Learn and to Teach, Remotely"

A panel of student teachers and early career teachers discuss what helped and what hindered their learning and teaching when classes abruptly shifted to remote or hybrid models. The panel will invite participants to recall their experiences and to share how the lessons from an imposed remote learning and teaching situation can guide teachers' practices for the future.

Bill Curtin	A4	Prairie Stone VI
Teach Plus		Middle/Jr. High/High School

#### "Advocating from the Classroom: 10 Lessons for Educators"

Too often, education policy seems to be something done TO teachers - rarely with them, and definitely not for them. But sound education policy must be informed by classroom practice if it's going to show positive results for students. Come learn about the Teach Plus organization. Attendees will learn ten lessons about advocacy, and leave with several specific actions they can take to find out about and influence policies as they're developed—instead of reacting after the fact.

### Breakout Session B: Friday 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Jennifer Connolly	B1	Prairie Stone I
Granite City High School		Middle/Jr. High /High School

# "Got BookLove? Using Independent Reading as Literacy Practice in Grades 5-12"

Inspired by Penny Kittle's Book Love, we use independent reading (with guidance) to help our students build stamina, fluency, and a love of reading. The session explores how you can use independent reading in high school. No matter the demographics, no matter the reading level, introducing, maintaining, or improving your "indie read" game is a must. Join her to find out how you can make it happen, too!

Elizabeth Jorgensen	B2	Prairie Stone II
Arrowhead Union High School		Middle/Jr. High /High School

"Korean Poetry Competition Provides Opportunity for American Students" Teachers will be introduced to a Korean poetic form, known as sijo. Throughout this interactive presentation, instructors will learn how to teach sijo to students and about the benefits and logistics of entering students into the national sijo-writing competition sponsored by The Sejong Cultural Society in collaboration with Harvard University.

Dawn Forde	В3	Prairie Stone V
Andrew Bouque		Middle/Jr. High /High School
Mark Patton		
Adlai E. Stevenson High School		

# "Honoring Our Students' Voices to Create a Brighter Future: Building, Supporting, and Maintaining a Dialogic Classroom"

This session's panelists will demonstrate how to design discussion-based curriculum that develops the speaking and listening skills necessary to cultivate a class' collaborative capacity to address contemporary issues through reading and writing. Participants will receive an extensive handout with activities to build, support, and maintain these conversations.

Shannon Radcliffe	B4	Prairie Stone VI
Lincoln Community High School,		High School
Lincoln, IL		

### "Shaking it Up: Shakespeare for the Gen Z Student"

The start of a Shakespeare unit is often met with a chorus of groans and moans. Students are convinced that Shakespeare is too difficult, complex, and old for them to understand. The result is instant disengagement, and when we press forward with reading the play out loud, giving students parts, and having them complete reading questions and quizzes, we confirm the students' initial bias. In his day, Shakespeare pushed boundaries and excited his audience, we can do the same for our students by using social media, interactive assignments, and performance. By making Shakespeare more exciting and relevant for students, the discussions of his language, literary elements, and timeless themes will dig deeper than ever before.

### Don't forget to pick up some great books from Brain Lair:

We Provide Books
That Uplift
Marginalized Voices.





Bookshop dedicated to developing empathy and building a community centered around the discussion of inclusive books. And fun.

### Breakout Session C: Friday 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Deborah Althoff Will	C1	Prairie Stone I
Zion-Benton Township High School		High School/General
Jeanné Aken		
Beach Park District 3		

### "What's New in Young Adult Literature: Focus on the Lincoln and Caudill Awards"

Would you like to encourage independent reading in your classes? Are you seeking new books that engage your students' imaginations? Would you like to revise your curriculum to include current texts? This session will provide insight on new titles from the most recent Caudill and Lincoln Awards and will also provide resources and activities for you to use in your classrooms.

Tamara Jaffe	C2	Prairie Stone II
Lia Sosa		High School/General
Michael Graham		
Niles West High School		

### "Multicultural Literature Matters"

This session will demonstrate how conscious choice of interesting multicultural texts by nonwhite writers creates an exciting English reading, writing, and discussion environment. We also show how to foster this environment through natural multicultural historical context. The presenters will discuss the journey that teaching literature by nonwhite writers has brought to their classrooms and their lives. Ms. Jaffe will describe "The Struggle for a Fair Interpretation of the 14th Amendment: Chinese-American and African-American Civil Rights, in Literature and History" and Ms. Sosa and Mr. Graham will show how teaching multicultural literature positively transforms classroom dynamics. Texts discussed will include American Born Chinese (Gene Yang), Panther Baby (Jamal Joseph), Purple Hibiscus (Chimamanda Adichie), Brown Girl Dreaming (Jaqueline Woodson), I'm Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter (Erika Sanchez), and others.

Rose Ryan	C3	Prairie Stone V
Schaumburg High School		High School

### "'Hard Times'--A Family Oral History Project"

This American Literature project begins with an exploration of vignettes from Studs Terkel's Hard Times and culminates in the students conducting, recording, transcribing, and ultimately presenting an interview with a family member about their own work-related experience. I guide students through the stages of conducting an effective interview with their family members as many of them haven't had conversations of this informational and personal nature before. This project is both an academic and interpersonal exercise that offers students an opportunity to forge a deeper connection with a family member while deepening their understanding and empathy for individuals in the Depression era.

Thomas McCann	C4	Prairie Stone VI
Northern Illinois University		Middle/Jr. High /High School
Dianne Chambers		
Elmhurst University		

### "The Larry Johannessen New Teacher Forum"

This session offers an opportunity for pre-service and other early career teachers to meet to discuss the apprehensions, challenges, expectations, and joys that are part of the call to teach English language arts. Two facilitators will invite participants to discuss issues of concern and to engage together in group problem solving about perennial challenges. Although the session will involve dialogue among early career teachers, more experienced teachers are invited to join and offer their support and expertise.

Break: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Visit our vendors, relax, and enjoy time with your fellow English teachers!

District Le	eader	Meeting
5:00 p.m.	- 5:3	0 p.m.

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A current district member? Thinking about getting more involved in our organization? Join us for a half hour of connecting and brainstorming about events for the upcoming year.

Cocktail Hour: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



Don't forget to get your tickets for the basket raffle – 5 for \$1! Drawing after dinner tonight!



Dinner, Friday, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM Featured Speaker (Plenary Session 2) Prairie Stone III & IV



Mikki Kendall Illinois Author of the Year

Mikki Kendall is a writer, diversity consultant, and occasional feminist who talks a lot about intersectionality, policing, gender, sexual assault, and other current events. Her essays can be found at TIME, the New York Times, The Guardian, the Washington Post, Ebony, Essence, Salon, The Boston Globe, NBC, Bustle, Islamic Monthly, and a host of other sites. Her books include Hood Feminism and the graphic novel Amazons, Abolitionists, and Activists.

## Stick around for after-dinner entertainment!



### Saturday, October 16, 2021

### Continental Breakfast in the Atrium

High Fitness with Michelle Ryan 7:30 a.m.	Parking Lot	
Lace up your tennis shoes and join Michelle Ryan, certified fitness instructor		
and IATE treasurer, for a rockin' good time. Burn off some of those		
conference calories and get those endorphins flowing first thing in the		
morning.		

### Breakout Session D: Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Stephen Frech	D1	Prairie Stone I
Julie Bates		Middle/Jr. High /High School
Millikin University		

"Fold & Stitch: How to Launch a Literary Journal on a Shoestring Budget" Literary journals provide incentive for student writing and a venue for young people, readers and writers, to connect with each other. Publishing a journal doesn't need to be costly or time consuming. This session will demonstrate a variety of literary journal formats: layout strategies, handson bookmaking, digital design and distribution, and free web publishing.

Jennifer Connolly	D2	Prairie Stone II
Granite City High School		High School

"Rethinking Research: Shifting Student Perception & Inspiring Inquiry"
In this session, we take a look at hands-on ways to help students think about research from an inquiry standpoint. From thinking about qualitative/quantitative research to exploring how professional writers, bloggers, and vloggers conduct research, let's broaden the scope of what school expects to include vibrant inquiry and slides down relevant "rabbitholes." Whether you teach students with NO idea what academic research is or upper-classmen who have developed the "school" habit of research as simply repeating what they find in random sources, discover methods and mindsets that will help you make research skills relatable and timely.

Laura Hosfeldt	D3	Prairie Stone VI
Phillip Hosfeldt		Middle/Jr. High /High School
Pope County High School		

### "The YA You Missed While You Were Surviving the Chaos"

Let's be real--everything changed in March 2020, and many of us have been living in survival mode ever since. Keeping track of brand-new releases in this pandemic? If you, too, haven't had time for that, stop by this seminar for a comprehensive look at what's been trending in YA while we've all been spending a year in survival mode.

### Breakout Session E: Saturday, 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Angelo Bonadonna	E1	Prairie Stone I
Norman Boyer		Middle/Jr. High /High School
Isabella Bernal		
St. Xavier University		

### "Naming and Removing Impediments to Writing Workshop"

Sometimes the simplest things are the most difficult to theorize and practice. This presentation talks about two of those things—in-class writing and the writing notebook—two staples of a Nancie Atwell-style workshop. The three presenters have collaborated in developing/experiencing a writing course built around the practice of "sustained silent writing" (SSW)—presented as the cornerstone method to foster routine, authorship, and sense of craft—not to mention the serendipitous "therapy" that often results from a writer's full ownership of her process.

Courtney Beresheim	E2	Prairie Stone II
Proviso Math & Science Academy		High School
"Don't Do Everything Yourself: Creating & Developing Student Created		

### "Don't Do Everything Yourself: Creating & Developing Student Created Lessons"

We all want amazing lessons, but it can be exhausting (and impossible) to plan everything by yourself. This session will offer tips & ideas for how to get students to create their own lessons, bring in their own personal texts, and drive their own learning.

Tiffany D. Jackson	E3	Prairie Stone V
David Bowles		Middle School/Jr High/High
Moderator: Jennifer Hudson		School

"The Future of Middle Grade and YA Literature: A Discussion with Tiffany
D. Jackson and David Bowles"

Join authors Tiffany D. Jackson and David Bowles for a panel discussion on the future of middle grade/young adult literature.

Jolene Heinemann	E4	Prairie Stone VI
Oak Park and River Forest High		Middle School/Jr. High/High
School		School
Stephanie Fleck		
Barrington High School		

# "Choice & Voice: How to Champion Lifelong Literacy through Collaborative Reader Workshop"

What we allow our students to read tells them which stories we value—and which we don't. Give students the power to develop reading lives that will endure beyond school walls. This session looks toward the future of independent reading by describing the elements of Collaborative Reader Workshop and its benefits for students (academic achievement, socialemotional learning, equity, and community).

### Breakout Session F: Saturday 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Carrie Santo-Thomas	F1	Prairie Stone I
Jamie Zarnstorff		Middle School/Jr. High/High
Warren Township High School		School

### "30 Strategies in 60 Minutes: Keeping It Simple and Current"

In a fast-paced format inspired by Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind, Jamie and Carrie will present thirty strategies to keep your instruction current without overcomplicating things. Prepare yourself for a wealth of information that can be put into practice instantly with any text or topic.

Michael Bundalo	F2	Prairie Stone II
Lake Park High School		Jr. High/High School

# Making Teaching Lemonade: Using Dissect Podcast to Merge Past and Future"

Mike shares his work contributing to Dissect Podcast and incorporating its featured artists (Beyoncé, Kendrick Lamar, Childish Gambino and others) in the classroom. He hopes to help you elevate your and contextualize classroom conversation around cultural and racial themes, past and present. You can expect to be introduced to these artists and their works, shown avenues (including potential paired texts) by which you can incorporate them, and receive support and guidance on how to do so confidently and effectively.

Carolyn C. Walter	F3	Prairie Stone VI
Elizabeth A. Khan		Middle School/Jr. High/High
Thomas M. McCann		School
Northern Illinois University		

"Teaching Writing Then and Now: The Through-Thread of Inquiry"

At the 1983 NCTE Convention, George Hillocks first presented his influential meta-analysis of studies in the teaching of writing, identifying the concept of inquiry as a highly effective focus for instruction. Building upon and continuing Hillocks' research, three panelists share sample inquiry-based activities and demonstrate a collaborative model for their construction: reporting upon how university students develop them, how high school teachers have used them, and how teacher candidates have assessed the impact of these experiences on learners and their learning.

Melissa Burke-Marquart	F4	Prairie Stone V
Champaign Centennial High School		Middle/Jr. High /High School

### "Bam! Using Comics to Teach Creative Nonfiction"

Most of us equate comics with superheroes and may use them in our classrooms to help our students understand elements of fiction; this session is not that. See how one teacher uses comics to help students conceptualize, draft, and create their own creative nonfiction comic.

# Past Presidents' Lunch and Featured Speaker, Saturday, 12:30 – 2:00 Featured Speaker (Plenary Session 3)

#### Prairie Stone III & IV



**David Bowles** 

David Bowles is an award-winning Mexican-American author, translator, activist, and professor at the University of Texas Rio Grande. His titles include *They Call Me Güero*, which has received many awards including the NCTE 2019 Notable Verse Novels. A sequel entitled *They Call Her Fregona* will be published in the fall of 2022.

### Breakout Session G: Saturday 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Nichole Folkman	G1	Prairie Stone I
Hartsburg-Emden High School		High School

### "Choice Reading in the High School Classroom"

Interested in new young adult books? Been toying with the idea of using some (or a lot!) of choice in your literature curriculum? Get some practical tips and strategies for how to start doing this and how you can still hit all of your targets. We'll talk books, assessments, experts, arguments, titles, grants, and people to follow on Twitter. Dip your toes or dive right in--you'll find kindred spirits here.

Mary T. Christel	G2	Prairie Stone II
TimeLine Theatre		Middle School/Jr. High/High
Kevin Long		School
Harper College		

# "Speak the Speech I Pray You: Using Cue Scripts to Introduce Shakespeare's Language and Decoding Strategies"

Learn a modified version of "original practice" rehearsal techniques used by Shakespeare's actors, which provides students with an activity to help them speak a play's language with intent and understanding. In small groups, each student takes responsibility for making meaning of one piece of a cue script "puzzle" based only on their character's lines and the several words cueing those lines. This is an active drama approach.

Amy Reiman	G3	Prairie Stone V
Rebekah Hoffman		Middle School/Jr. High/High
University High School		School
Shannon Maney		
Illinois State University		

# "Practicing Our Humanity: Civil and Restorative Discourse in the American Literature Classroom"

This activities-based session will explore what three teachers have learned about facilitating civil and humane conversations around texts like *Huck Finn* and *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, and choice texts addressing adolescent mental health (*Not your Perfect Mexican Daughter, Catcher in the Rye, Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*, and *Mosquitoland*). Teachers will walk away from this session with intentional, standards-linked strategies for cultivating a practice of questioning and listening born of curiosity that reorient the classroom climate to one of critical inquiry and civility. The activities presented draw on visible learning strategies and feedback from the work of John Hattie and the Harvard Zero project.

Cynthia D'Amico	G4	Prairie Stone VI
Marquette University		Elementary

# "The Color of English: Blending the Art and Science of the English Language"

Are you comfortable with your understanding of the ELA conventions under the CCSS? Do you feel confident explaining the difference between a phrase and a clause or between simple, compound, and complex sentences? These are some of the things students are supposed to master by 5th grade! This program offers unique insights on how to creatively and effectively engage even the youngest learners in the process of crafting sentences. We will show teachers how to make language come alive in the classroom with a cast of cute, colorful word birds, each with a unique personality. We will show teachers how to employ graphic organizers at the sentence level! It's all about patterns and practice. Teaching young students how to write sentences correctly lays a solid foundation that lasts a lifetime.

### Breakout Session H: Saturday 3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Haylie Berkland	H1	Prairie Stone I
Lara Duda		High School
Chloe Kernene		
Julia Spahn		
Northern Illinois University		

# "It Depends on How You Look at It: Reading Texts Through Several Critical Lenses"

Deborah Appleman encourages teachers to introduce learners to various critical lenses for reading and experiencing literature. Similarly, Gerald Graff insists that students cannot write about literature in a meaningful way unless they are aware of conflicts about how to read and evaluate a text. Four panelists share relatively simple ways that teachers can introduce provocative possibilities and critical lenses without asking learners to read complex critical essays. The panelists will share an extensive handout with activities and resources and involve the participants in activities to apply critical lenses in discussing texts.

Byung-In Seo	H2	Prairie Stone II
Chicago State University		Middle School/Jr. High/High
		School

"Teaching Abroad in South Africa: One Teacher's Experiences"
In 2018, Byung-In Seo spent seven months in South Africa as a communications specialist to the Institute of Science and Technology Education at the University of South Africa. This session will focus on her experiences teaching literacy methods to math teachers. In addition, she will give tips on how ELA teachers can work with their colleagues to improve communication skills across all content areas.

Mary T. Christel	H3	Prairie Stone V
TimeLine Theatre		Middle School/Jr. High/High
Kevin Long		School
Harper College		

# "Nurse the Verse: Introducing Shakespeare's Blank Verse with Sonnet Study, Folio Clues, and Active Drama Approaches"

Readers of Shakespeare can feel intimidated by the exoticness of the plays' language, not to mention their verse form. Attention to clues Shakespeare embedded in his plays for his actors and retained in the First Folio help to demystify the verse conventions. This session focuses on strategies which combine First Folio excerpts with classroom play editions and selected sonnets to acquaint students with the Bard's clues and transform them into verse nurses and text detectives using close reading, focused text analysis, and active drama approaches suited to an ELA classroom, drawn from Long and Christel's *Bring on the Bard: Active Approaches for Shakespeare's Diverse Student Readers* (NCTE 2019).

Gary Anderson	H4	Prairie Stone VI
Harper College		High School

### "Closing the Gap Between High School and College Writing"

Does earning a high school diploma mean that a student is ready for college? Why is there such disparity between the expectations of high school and college instructors, especially when it comes to writing? This lively session will present qualitative research nuggets relevant to this issue, and then participants will consider how practical moves to close the gap might look on their secondary and post-secondary campuses. The research will be drawn from John Warner's Why They Can't Write: Killing the Five-Paragraph Essay and Other Necessities (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2018), What is College-Level Writing?, edited by Patrick Sullivan and Howard Tinburg (NCTE, 2006), and Rebecca Cox's The College Fear Factor: How Students and Professors Misunderstand One Another (Harvard University Press, 2009).

### Breakout Session I: Saturday, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sabra Gerber	I1	Prairie Stone I
William Fremd High School		Middle/Jr. High/High School
Gary Anderson		
Harper College		

"Creating Communities of Readers in Our Schools and Classrooms"
How can we help students develop independent reading lives? How do we motivate students to not only understand what they read but also to enjoy reading? How do we transform our classrooms and schools into communities of readers? In this session, two English teachers share their experiences with independent reading in their classrooms and discuss successful strategies they've gained along the way. Together, they will highlight why they include independent reading in their teaching, what independent reading and its assessment look like in their classrooms.

Jazmin Hollingsworth	12	Prairie Stone II
Maria Reese		Middle/Jr. High/High School
Tiphany Schlau		
Nicholas Urban		
Northern Illinois University		

# "Conversations about Justice: Tackling Tough Conversations Connected to Literature and Writing"

Leaders in some schools discourage any form of political conversation in the classroom, and teachers sometimes shy away from discussions that can be emotionally charged. Five panelists will suggest ways to introduce, facilitate, and evaluate discussions about current critical issues that adolescents find consequential. The conversation will include ways to foster safe classroom environments that encourage students to enter into candid yet respectful exchanges.

Kristin Runyon	13	Prairie Stone V
Charleston High School		Middle/Jr. High/High School

"Incorporating Poetry by Contemporary Poets to Foster Engagement"
Traditionally in education, teachers and students work toward finding the
answer, yet poetry posits teachers in a vulnerable position by putting us in
front of a class as "the expert" when the reality is that poems, if "taught"
correctly, raise far more questions than answers. #TeachLivingPoets focuses
on incorporating poems by contemporary poets whose work reflects the
diversity in our classrooms and the issues facing students today. The
presentation will offer classroom-tested strategies that build environments
to foster questioning, discovery, and insight without relying on a teacher to
walk students through poems. Resources will include curriculum units
around themes and full-length poetry collections, as well as digital options.

Stephanie Sukow	14	Prairie Stone VI
Cary-Grove High School		Jr. High/High School

### "Personalizing Student Learning: Blending the ELA Classroom"

This session walks teachers through crafting personalized learning pathways for a novel study unit. Through the use of technology, such as Flipgrid, Pear Deck, and online discussion platforms, teachers will walk away with a comprehensive roadmap to plan a blended learning unit. Whether teachers use flex time, remote learning, or simply teach in a traditional learning environment, teachers will learn how to blend within the walls of their classrooms for students grades 7-12.

Thanks for attending our first in-person conference since 2019 – we are so very happy to spend our weekend with you!

### Conference Menus

Friday Lunch, October 15, 2021

**To Begin...** Soup of the Day

The Entrée...
Turkey Croissant with Chips

**Something Sweet...** Individual Cupcakes

Friday Dinner, October 15, 2021

To Begin... Iceberg Wedge with Tomato, Bacon, and Gorgonzola Cheese

#### The Entrée...

Chicken with Mushroom Marsala Sauce Roasted Redskin Potatoes Green Beans with Blistered Tomatoes

**Something Sweet...** French Almond Macaroon with Fresh Raspberry

Saturday Breakfast - Continental Breakfast

Saturday Lunch Buffet, October 16, 2021

To Begin... Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings

#### The Entrée...

Lou's Pizza Buffet - Deep Dish & Thin Crust Pizzas: Cheese, Sausage, & "the Lou"

Something Sweet... Assorted Desserts

\*Vegetarian/vegan options will be provided for those who requested them when registering\*

### Conference 2021 Program Committee

Jennifer Gouin, Conference Chair Lincoln Community High School

Michelle Ryan, Central District Co-Leader and Treasurer
Lincoln Community High School

Carrie Santo-Thomas, President Warren Township High School

Angelo Bonadonna, Webmaster St. Xavier University

Deborah Will, District Leader Coordinator and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Zion-Benton High School

Genevieve Sherman, Honorary Awards

Zion-Benton High School

Kim Musolf, Special Projects Stevenson High School

Jean Black, Convention Sites
Retired

### **IATE Officers 2019-2021**

#### President

Carrie Santo-Thomas, Warren Township High School

### First Vice-President

Deborah Will, Zion-Benton High School

### Second Vice-President

Jennifer Gouin, Lincoln Community High School

#### Treasurer

Michelle Ryan, Lincoln Community High School

### Editor: Illinois English Bulletin

Michelle Ryan, Lincoln Community High School

### **Immediate Past Presidents**

2018 - 2019: Genevieve Sherman

2017 - 2018: Barb Chidley

2016 – 2017: Mark Sujak

# Make a Difference in Our Profession...become an IATE District Leader!

District Leaders are teachers like you whose passion for education goes beyond the classroom; they are willing to give up a few days each year to enrich their own lives and those of their colleagues. If you would like to learn more about being a district leader, contact Jennifer Gouin (jgouin@lchsrailers.org). If you'd like Jennifer to contact you directly, please leave your name and contact information at the registration table.

### DISTRICT LEADERS

Black Hawk (Rock Island, Henry, Mercer) - LEADER NEEDED

#### **South Metro**

Norman Boyer, Saint Xavier University
Andrea Cobbett, Lockport Township High School

#### Central

Michelle Ryan, Lincoln Community High School Jennifer Gouin, Lincoln Community High School

#### East Central - LEADER NEEDED

#### Eastern

Donna Binns, Eastern Illinois University Robin Murray, Eastern Illinois University

### **Illinois Valley**

Dolores Robinson, Illinois Valley Community College Bethany Zavada, Putnam County High School

#### Kaskaskia Valley – LEADER NEEDED

### Marquette (Bond, Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Madison)

Jennifer Connolly, Granite City High School

#### Metro North and West

Ryan Dooley, Taft High School Sergio Santillan

### Mississippi (Adams, Brown, Hancock, Pike, Schuyler)

Callie Sears

#### **North Lakes**

Carrie Thomas, Warren Township High School Andrew Rodbro, Warren Township High School

#### Northeastern

Heloise Pechan

# Northwest Suburban (Bounded on the South by Hwy 19, on the north by Lake City Line Rd, on the East by lake Michigan, on the West by the Cook County Line) –

Asra Syed, Township High School Heather Munao, Township High School

Northwestern (Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago) – LEADER NEEDED

Peoria (Mason, Peoria, Tazwell, Woodford) – LEADER NEEDED

Rock River-LEADER NEEDED

#### South Central

Stephen Frech, Millikin University

#### Southern

Betsy Geiselman, Carbondale Community High School Kasey Paris, Carbondale Community High School

Wabash Valley (Clay, Crawford, Edward, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, White) – LEADER NEEDED

Western Suburban (Bounded on the South by Hwy 55, on the north by Hwy 10, on the East by the City of Chicago, on the West by the Kane County Line)

Carol Medrano, St. Xavier University Kim Kotty, Fenwick High School

Western-LEADER NEEDED

## **IATE Committees and Representatives**

**Articulation Committee:** Betsy Kahn

Budget: Michelle Ryan Constitution: Norm Boyer Convention Sites: Jean Black Honorary Awards: Genevieve Sherman Intellectual Freedom: Amy Strong Minority: Shannon Radcliffe NCTE Slate: Nominating: Deb Will Paul Jacobs Research: Tom McCann **Publicity:** Program: **Publications**: Michelle Ryan **Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Book Award Representative: Special Projects**: Kim Musolf Teacher Education: Diane Chambers and Angelo Bonadonna See an open position that seems like a good fit? Talk to one of your board members!

# IATE Illinois Authors of the Year

Vachel Lindsay	1970	Jackie Joyner-Kersey	1999
Dee Brown I	1971	Luis Rodriguez	2000
Rebecca Caudill	1972	Richard Powers	2001
Clyde S. Kilby	1973	Mary Schmich	2002
Edgar Lee Masters	1974	Sandra Cisneros	2003
Mike Royko	1975	Fern Chapman	2004
Victor Hicken	1976	Dave Eggers	2005
Richard Peck	1977	Mawi Asgedom	2006
<b>Gwendolyn Brooks</b>	1978	Scott Turow	2007
Natalia Belting	1979	Simone Elkeles	2008
Harry Mark Petrakis	1980	Li-Young Lee	2009
J. N. Hook	1981	Tony Romano	2010
Marguerite Henry	1982	Achy Obejas	2011
Burl Ives	1983	Chris Ware	2012
Carl Sandburg	1984	Marilyn Brandt	2013
Michael Anani	1985	Libby Hellmann	2014
John Knoepfle	1986	Jesse Ball	2015
Stella Pevsner	1987	Melanie Benjamin	2016
Lloyd Kropp	1988	Adam Selzer	2017
<b>Eugene Redmond</b>	1989	<b>Brittany Cavallaro</b>	2018
Elizabeth Talent	1990	Erika Sanchez	2019
Haki Madhubuti	1991	No author chosen	2020
Lucien Stryk	1992	Mikki Kendall	2021
Larry Heinemann	1993		
Lucia Getsi	1994		
Lisel Mueller	1995		
Leon Forrest	1996		
<b>Robert Own Butler</b>	1997		
Alex Kotlowitz	1998		

# Recipients of IATE Life Membership Award

1073	1072
1972	1973
Jessie Frederick, East Moline	Armstrong, Rochelle
District Leader	District Leader
J.N. Hook, Urbana	W. Wilbur Hatfield, Chicago
President, 1960-61	President, 1913-14
Editor, Illinois English Bulletin, 1949-	11esident, 1919-14
59	Dorothea Trump, Naperville
Treasurer, 1961-64	Dorothed Trump, Naperville
11easurer, 1901-04	
Melba Wixom, Waukegan	
District Leader	
1974	1975
Clarence Hach, Evanston	Stanley Gritzbaugh, Rockford
District Leader	President 1970-71
President 1977-78	
	Catherine Hudson, Mt. Carmel
	District Leader
District Leader 1976	1977
John Heissler, Normal	Paul Jacobs, Urbana
President 1969-70	President 1971-72
	Executive Secretary 1978-84
Roy Weshinskey, Carbondale	Special Projects Chair 1967-67
President 1962-63	
1978	1979
Wilmer Lamar, Decatur and Urbana	Margaret Ann Cummings, Mt. Vernon
President 1953-54	President 1961-62
Co-editor/Editor Illinois English	Tresident 1901 02
Bulletin 1954-74	Mary Ellen Poorman, Mattoon
Executive Secretary 1967-78	District Leader
1980	1981
Mary Brinkmann, Glen Ellyn	Addie Hochstrasser, Paris
District Leader	President 1950-51
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Past President 1973-74	
Past President 1973-74 Honorary Awards Committee Chair	Taimi Ranta Normal
Past President 1973-74 Honorary Awards Committee Chair 1980-84	Taimi Ranta, Normal

	Articulation/Intellectual Freedom
Margaret Crowe, Carbondale	Committee
District Leader	Honorary Awards Committee Chair
President 1975-76	Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book
	Award Representative
Glen Rittmueller, Hillside	
President 1974-75	Norman Stewart, Decatur
	District Leader
	President 1976-77
1982	1983
Jeanne Claeys, Rockford	Glenn Grever, Normal
District Leader	President 1978-79
Secretary 1969-71	Illinois Curriculum Council
	Representative
Eldonna Everts	
Elementary English Committee	
Chair	
Illinois Alliance for the Arts	
Education	
Tom Kent, Peoria	
President 1988-89	
District Leader	
Local Arrangements Chair 1972,	
1973, 1981	
1984	1985
Mary Sasse, Carbondale	Raymond Hollmann, O'Fallon
District Leader	District Leader
President 1980-81	President 1972-73
Legislative Liaison Committee	
Representative	
1986	1987
Dorothy Matthews, Urbana	Beth Stiffler, Macomb
Treasurer 1970-74	District Leader
Editor Illinois English Bulletin 1975-	President 1985-86
87	Secretary 1975-77

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1988	1989	
Mildred Largent, Carbondale	Marti Swanson, Fox Lake	
District Leader	District Leader	
Honorary Awards Committee	Secretary 1977-79	
1990	1991	
David Briggs, LaGrange	Lee Mulcrone, Hoffman Estates	
Program Committee	District Leader	
Local Arrangements Committee	President 1979-80	
	Illinois Curriculum Council Committee	
1992	1993	
Robert Workman, Evanston	Rachel B. Faries	
District Leader	District Leader	
Audit Committee Chair	President 1984-85	
Local Arrangements Chair 1990	Honorary Awards Committee Chair	
	1987-97	
1994	1995	
Lydia Martin, Roxana	Ken Holmes, East St. Louis	
District Leader	District Leader	
Local Arrangements Chair 1985	President 1987-88	
Honorary Awards Committee	Honorary Awards Committee	
1996	1997	
James Stottlar, Urbana	Kay Jacob, Romeoville	
Executive Secretary 1986-96	District Leader	
,	President 1989-90	
	Honorary Awards Chair 1985-86	
1998	1999	
Sue Howell	Jan Neuleib, Normal	
President 1991-92	President 1990-91	
S.L.A.T.E. Representative	Executive Secretary 2000-	
Publications Committee	,	
2000	2001	
Wendell Schwartz, Lincolnshire	Kay Parker	
President 1990-91	Kay Farker	
Treasurer		
2002	2003	
Donna Blackall		
	George Shea	
162 King Arthur Court		

Palatine, IL 60067		
2004	2007	
Jean Wallace	Richard Pommier	
	IATE Secretary	
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2005	2008	
Mary Lou Flemal	Claire Lamonica	
	IATE Past President	
	IATE Newsletter Editor	
2006	2010	
Herb Ramlose	Barb Fuson	
IATE Treasurer	IATE Convention Site Coordinator	
2011	2012	
Jean Black	Norm Boyer	
Conference Sites Committee	Constitution Commitee	
2013	2014	
Donna Binns	Marilyn Hollman	
	Slate Committee	
2015	2016	
Cheryl Staley	Angelo Bonadonna	
District Leader	Webmaster and District Leader	
2017	2018	
Deborah Will	Betsy Kahn	
Intellectual Freedom Chair,	Articulation Committee	
President		
2019	2020	
Carol Medrano	None Chosen due to Pandemic	
District Leader Coordinator		

# Presidents of IATE

1907-08	Baldwin	1941-42	Lois Dilley
1908-09	W.E. Simonds	1942-44	Bernice Falkin
1909-10	C.N. Greenough	1944-46	Hazel Anderson
1910-11	H.E. Giles	1946-47	Ellen Burkhart
1911-12	W.F. Mozier	1947-48	Mary Carlson
1912-13	J.F. Hosic	1948-49	Mary Heller
1913-14	W. Wilbur Hatfield	1949-50	Mina Terry
1914-15	J.M. Crowe	1950-51	Addie, Hochstrasser
1915-16	B.C. Richardson	1951-52	Hila Stone
1916-17	J.M. Clapp	1952-53	Alice Grant
1917-18	Lorimer V. Cavins	1953-54	Wilmer Lamar
1918-19	A.F.Trams	1953-55	Charles Willard
1919-20	J.O. Huff	1955-56	Helen Stapp
1920-21	Florence Skeffington	1956-57	Margaret Adams
1921-22	Essie Chamberlain	1957-58	Eugene Waffle
1922-23	Clara Hawkes	1958-59	Emma Mae Leonhard
1923-24	C.W. Woolbert	1959-60	Florence Cook
1924-25	Eva Mitchell	1960-61	J.N. Hook
1925-26	Isabel Hoover	1961-62	Margaret Ann
1926-27	Florence Crocker		Cummings
1927-29	Essie Chamberlain	1962-63	Roy Weshinskey
1929-30	Frank Platt	1963-64	Marion Stuart
1929-31	Howard DeForest	1964-65	Phillip Ford
	Widger	1965-66	Orville Baker
1931-32	Frank Platt	1966-67	Dorothea Trump
1932-33	Mellie John	1967-68	Elmer Brooks
1933-34	Ruby Kirk McLean	1968-69	William Campbell
1934-35	Nellie Taylor Raub	1969-70	John Heissler
1935-36	Elizabeth Scott	1970-71	Stanley Gritzbaugh
1936-37	Francis Koenig	1971-72	Paul Jacobs
1937-38	Josephine Harris	1972-73	Raymond Hollmann
1937-39	Elizabeth Graham	1973-74	Mary Brinkman
1939-40	Frank DeLay	1974-75	Glen Rittmueller
1940-41	Mary Miller	1975-76	Margaret Crowe

1976-77	Norman Stewart	1995-96	George Shea
1977-78	Clarence W. Hach	1996-97	Shirley Putman
1978-79	Glenn Grever	1997-98	Anna Jackson
1979-80	Lee Mulcrone	1998-99	Lela DeToye
1980-81	Mary Sasse	1999-00	John Strauch
1981-82	Bernice Rappel	2000-01	Jean Wallace
1982-83	Gene Hass	2001-02	Alison Nelson
1983-84	Bruce Appleby	2002-03	Barbara Fuson
1984-85	Rachel B. Faries	2006-07	Larry Johannesson
1985-86	Beth M. Stiffler	2007-08	Jean Black
1986-87	Donna Blackall	2008-09	Elizabeth Kahn
1987-88	Ken Holmes	2009-10	Deborah Will
1988-89	Tom Kent	2010-11	Amy Strong
1989-90	Kay Jacob	2011-12	Angelo Bonadonna
1990-91	Janice Neuleib		_
1991-92	Sue Howell	2012-13	Michelle Ryan
1992-93	Lolita Green	2013-14	Cheryl Staley
1993-94	Kay Parker	2015-16	Kim Musolf
1994-95	Wendell Schwartz	2016-17	Mark Sujak
2003-04	Mary Lou Flemal	2017-18	Barb Chidley
2004-05	Terri Knight	2018-19	Genevieve Sherman
2005-06	Claire LaMonica	2019-21	Carrie Santo-Thomas



# Hotel Floorplan

