

IATE NEWSLETTER

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ARE YOU READY?

IT'S TIME FOR IATE!

IATE Fall Conference Campus Information for Millikin University

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Conference Overview

BY BETSY GEISELMAN, CONFERENCE CHAIR

We are thrilled to welcome attendees from all over Illinois to “celebrate a new chapter” in our new institutional home Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois.

While the conference may look different than in past years, we are confident that you will enjoy the same high-quality professional development and collegiality that you expect from IATE.

We kick off the conference on Friday, with our first session from 9:30-10:30, followed by our annual business meeting at 10:45, where President Deb Will will lead the election for next year’s IATE officers. Next, we will enjoy lunch and a keynote by one of our featured speakers, Sona Charaipotra.

Throughout Friday and Saturday, attendees will have an opportunity to choose from over thirty different sessions focusing on a variety of topics, including writing, literature, assessment, inclusivity, and collaboration. This year we have several sessions focusing on reinforcing communication skills in our students. One of our sessions will focus on “Reclaiming Discussion in the ELA Classroom” after the challenges of the past two years. We also have several sessions centered on book challenges and how to address this growing trend. There will be something for everyone in our session selections.

Friday afternoon’s “Larry Johannessen New Teacher Forum” is for new teachers, student teachers, and those who mentor them. This forum facilitates a discussion for student teaching success and gives new teachers an opportunity to celebrate successes, as well as investigate solutions to perennial challenges. Experienced teachers are encouraged to attend and share ideas for success.

Friday Night Activities

No one will want to miss our time for fun and relaxation both before dinner and after. Join us for “Cocktails & Conversation” outside Banquet AB. Sample hors d’oeuvres and catch up with/meet new IATE friends. Don’t forget to purchase your tickets for the basket raffle - 5 for \$1 - and support our minority scholarship fund.

During dinner Friday evening in Banquet AB, attendees will hear from Allison Joseph, our IATE Illinois Author of the Year, and honor our Lifetime Achievement Award winner. We will also draw our basket raffle winners, so be sure to stick around for that.

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Conference Overview, Cont.

Featured Speakers

This year we are fortunate to have three featured speakers: Sona Charaipotra, Andrea Wang, and Kyle Lukoff. Sona Charaipotra will follow the annual business meeting on Friday, and she and Andrea Wang will be signing books following Sona's keynote. Sona Charaipotra is the author of several novels, including *How Maya Got Fierce* and *Symptoms of a Heartbreak*, and co-author (with Dhonielle Clayton) of the *Tiny Pretty Things* duology and *The Rumor Game*. Andrea Wang will speak at our first session on Saturday morning (9 a.m.). She is the author of several children's books, including *Watercress*, which received several awards, including the Caldecott Medal, a Newberry Honor, and the Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature. Kyle Lukoff will speak at our Past Presidents' Luncheon on Saturday. He is a former elementary librarian and the author of books including *Too Bright to See*, which was shortlisted for the National Book Award, received the Stonewall Book Award, and was named a Newberry Honor Book. He will also be signing books after his presentation. IATE Author of the Year Allison Joseph will be signing at that time as well. Books can be purchased at the conference from Brain Lair Books, an independent bookstore.

District Leaders

We would like all district leaders to meet on Friday afternoon from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We are scheduled to meet in Collaboration 138 with District Leader Coordinator Kim Kotty. We will spend a little time recapping district events from the past, sharing ideas for new ones, and planning the year ahead. Let's put faces with the names we see on the Leadership Directory. This is a great way to connect with other district leaders, share ideas, and encourage one another for the year to come.

How to Get CPDUs

If you are interested in earning CPDUs for your attendance and participation in our conference, be sure to sign in and out each day of the conference. In order to be compliant with the Illinois State Board of Education, we have to have physical signatures, as well as the times you came and left. You will also need to provide your EIN. If you are unsure of where to find that information, you can visit ELIS (Educator Licensure Information System) to locate it. Visit this link and log in: <https://www.isbe.net/elis>.

The CPDU sign in and out sheets will be available at the registration table. The week following the conference, you will receive an evaluation form to complete electronically, after which you will receive your evidence of completion.

We cannot give CPDUs if you do not sign in and out. To do so would jeopardize our standing with ISBE. (Continued page 4)

Conference Overview, Cont.

Hotel & Conference Location

Our hotel reservations are at the Holiday Inn & Suites Decatur-Forsyth. Enjoy complimentary coffee in the lobby, and use the fitness center or pool to begin or end your day.

Our conference sessions will take place in the University Commons at Millikin University, with free, convenient parking in the following lots: M8 (University Commons), M9 (Decatur Indoor Sports Complex), and M11 (First Presbyterian Church). Vendors and registration are on the main floor, sessions are on the 1st floor, and meals/events are in the 3rd floor banquet hall.

We're so excited that you're attending this professional gathering where you have an opportunity to listen to and interact with amazing speakers, meet valued authors Sona Charaipotra, Andrea Wang, and Kyle Lukoff, honor our IATE Author of the Year Allison Joseph, network with other English professionals from across the state, and dialogue with friends in a relaxed atmosphere. See you very soon!

District Leaders Wanted

Are you ready to develop your leadership skills and support other teachers in your area? If so, please consider signing up as a district leader! Many districts can have additional leaders, and the districts below all need your leadership. Please reach out to Kim Kotty at kkotty@fenwickfriars.com or stop to see Kim at the registration table during the conference if you are interested!

Next to each open district, you will see the counties it encompasses.

Open districts are as follows:

- Metro North & West: City of Chicago north of I55 and Parochial Schools in City of Chicago
- Northwest Suburban: Bounded on the south by Hwy 19, on the north by Lake County Line Road, on the east by Lake Michigan, and on the west by Cook County Line
- Kaskaskia Valley: Clinton, Monroe, St. Claire, Washington
- Northeastern: Boone, Carroll, JoDaviess, Stephenson, Winnebago
- Wabash Valley: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, White
- Western: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, Stark, Warren

It's Not Too Late To Volunteer!

Interested in volunteering for this year's conference? We'd love your help! Please complete this form to let us know your availability and interests!

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Additional locations for food:

Near campus: <https://millikin.edu/visit/area-information>

Decatur / Downtown:

<https://business.decaturchamber.com/list/gl/restaurants-food-beverages-22>



MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MAP

millikin.edu/tour

Academic / Administration

- 1 ADM-Scovill Hall
Hub School of Business, Center for Entrepreneurship, SCORE
- 2 Alumni/Development Center
- 6 Dolson Hall Office of Residence Life
- 24 Exercise Science & Sport Pavilion
- 3 Gorin Hall Admission Office, Registrar, Marketing
- 4 Griswold Physical Education Center
- 10 Hub Business Incubator
- 5 Leighty-Tabor Science Center
- 13 Millikin/DMH Health Clinic
- 8 Perkinson Music Center
- 7 Pilling Chapel
- 11 Center for Theatre & Dance
- 9 Shilling Hall
- 12 University Commons & Staley Library

Athletics

- 16 Bartlett Tennis Courts
- 17 Decatur Indoor Sports Center (DISC)
- 14 Department of Athletics
- 18 Frank M. Lindsay Track & Field
- 4 Griswold Physical Education Center
- 19 Workman Family Softball Field
- 20 Workman Family Baseball Field

Dining

- 12 Dining Hall - University Commons
- 1 Café ala Carte - ADM-Scovill Hall
- 10 Domino's, Subway, University Dogs
- 9 Einstein Bros Bagels - Shilling Hall (North Entrance)
- 28 Jimmy John's

Housing

- 29 Alpha Chi Omega
- 31 Aston Hall
- 32 Blackburn Hall
- 33 Delta Delta Delta
- 6 Dolson Hall
- 36 Huss House
- 37 Millikin East & West Apts.
- 41 New Hall 4
- 42 Pi Beta Phi
- 43 Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- 44 Tau Kappa Epsilon
- 45 Walker Hall
- 46 Weck Hall
- 47 The Woods at Millikin Apartments

Fine & Performing Arts

- 9 Albert Taylor Theatre
- 23 3D Arts & Theatre Center
- 22 Kirkland Fine Arts Center
- 25 Old Gym
- 40 Percussion House
- 8 Perkinson Music Center
- 7 Pilling Chapel
- 24 Pipe Dreams Studio Theatre
- 24 SPEC

Handicapped parking available in all lots.

Public Safety

Emergency

Dining



MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY

1184 W. Main St. Decatur, IL 62522

Officer Slate for 2022-2023

President - Jennifer Gouin, Lincoln Community High School

First Vice-President - Betsy Geiselman, Carbondale Community High School

Second Vice-President - Kim Kotty, Fenwick High School

Secretary - Norman Boyer, Saint Xavier University

Treasurer - Michelle Ryan, Lincoln Community High School

Interested in a Leadership Position?

IATE is a 100+ year organization. We have a tradition of great leadership. We would love the opportunity to mentor new individuals to join us as we continue to serve as the oldest English professional organization in the state of Illinois. If you are interested in a leadership position, following is information summarized from the IATE Constitution that will be helpful.

1. To be eligible for office, an individual must have been a member for at least five years preceding the year in which nominated.
 2. For any vacant positions, including the Second Vice President, the chair of the Nominating Committee will seek nominations. Each nominee must submit a vita to the committee.
 3. The committee will submit one nominee for each office to the Executive Committee for approval. At least one nominee per position must be approved by the Executive Council.
 4. If someone would like to be nominated from the floor, they need to present a signed petition (25 signature minimum) at the Annual Fall Conference.
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Meet the Second Vice President Nominee



Kim Kotty is in her 19th year as an English teacher at Fenwick High School in Oak Park. Kim holds a B.A. in Secondary Education with a concentration in English and an M.A. in Writing, Rhetoric, and Discourse with a concentration in Teaching Writing both of which she earned from DePaul University. In the classroom, Kim especially enjoys teaching American Studies, which she co-teaches with a member of the history department. Additionally, she teaches pre-service English teachers as an adjunct instructor in the Department of Teacher Education at DePaul University. Kim currently serves as the West Suburban District Leader and District Leader Coordinator for IATE.

Conference Presenters In the News!

DePaul professors Miles Harvey and Chris Green are doing double duty at this year's conference. They will be presenting about the DePaul Publishing Institute as well as running a booth about the Institute and its publishing opportunities for students.

The Chicago Tribune ran an article on Wednesday about some of the work that Chris and Miles are doing. What an honor!

You can access the article here:

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/ct-ent-big-shoulders-press-depaul-20221019-zym7hrecjbeonmqaufw6vdmcku-story.html>.

They will be presenting Friday, October 21st at 2:15.

Basket Raffle

Be sure to bring a little extra cash this weekend for our basket raffle! We will have 10 baskets chock full of goodies such as Italian food and spices, books, tea, and even a Kindle Fire! Purchase your raffle tickets during our cocktail hour, with proceeds benefiting our Minority Scholarship fund. This year we'll be awarding two \$500 scholarships to two deserving English Ed. graduates. The basket drawing will be after Friday's dinner.

Minority Scholarship

IATE understands the importance of diversity in education and that both our schools and our organization would be enhanced by the addition of more diverse voices.

We will be offering scholarship(s) for graduating seniors (December or May) who identify with a minority group and will be entering the English Education profession. These scholarships can be used for professional clothing, moving expenses, graduation expenses, or anything the new educator will need as they start their career.

We will be accepting nominations for this scholarship from English Education professors. To nominate a student, please fill out this Google Form (QR Code Below) or draft a letter of recommendation and send it to sradcliffe@lchsrailers.org.



IATE Fall Conference 2022 Draft Program

Friday

IATE Fall Conference 2022 Program (Draft) ***Final program available week before conference

Friday Sessions, October 21

Registration / Exhibit Hall Open 9:00-11:00 am

Breakout Session A 9:30-10:30 am

Promoting Democracy through Discussion: The Importance of Creating, Maintaining, and Sustaining Small and Large Group Discussions	So...You're a New Teacher: Mentoring New and Preservice Teachers for Successful Teaching Practices	Learning from Old Chapters: Using Primary Sources in the English Classroom	Postcard Field Trip	
Dawn Forde and Andrew Bouque	Kristen Strom	Kim Kotty, Theresa Steinmeyer, and Kate Whitman	Nichole Folkman	

Business Meeting / Lunch 10:45 am-12:30 pm Sona Chariopotra

Break / Exhibits Book Signing 12:30-1:00 pm

Breakout Session B 1:00-2:00 pm

Using Annotated Bibliographies in Collaborative and Independent Research Writing	Shaking Up Shakespeare: Putting the Play Back into Shakespeare's Plays	Reclaiming Discussion in the ELA Classroom	Featured Author Session	A Day of Documentary Film
Cynthia Cochran and Luke Beatty	Shannon Radcliffe	Carly Lacombe, Youla Simos, and Gregg Long	Kyle Lukoff	Elizabeth Kenney, Stephen Heller, and Dawn Forde

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Friday, cont.

Breakout Session C 2:15-3:15 pm

This Story Matters: Censorship Resources from NCTE	Building Students' Cultural Competence through Creative Writing	A New National Literary Magazine Featuring YOUR Students' Work	Ukrainian Schooling during the War with Russia.
Mark Letcher and Sarah Miller, NCTE	Elizabeth Jorgensen	Miles Harvey and Chris Green	Ivan Petryshyn

Breakout Session D 3:30-4:30 pm

Analyzing Context--Historically and Rhetorically	SLJO Workshop: Learning and Writing Korea's Poetry	Featured Author Session	Promoting Student Voices for Equity	Preparing for a Book Challenge: Writing Book Rationales
Stephen Heller and Seamus Campion	Elizabeth Jorgensen	Andrea Wang	Steven Zemelman, Katy Smith, and Tina Curry	Amy Magnifichi Strong

Break / Exhibits 4:30- 5:00 pm

Cocktail Hour / Raffle 5:00-6:30 pm

*****District Leader Meeting 5:00-5:30 pm**

Dinner with Illinois Author of the Year, Allison Joseph 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

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Saturday

Saturday Sessions, October 22

Keynote Session 9:00-10:00 am Andrea Wang

Breakout Session E 10:15-11:15 am

Modeling Resistance: Biographies of Women in Children's and Young Adult Literature	The Larry Johannesen New Teacher Forum	The Role of ELA in STREAM	#ungrading - Teaching Writing Without "Grades"	Visualize Through a Character's Lens
Amina Chaudhri and Sunah Chung	Elizabeth Kahn and Dianne Chambers	Byung-In Seo	Jennifer Connolly	Jamie Wilson

Breakout Session F 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Beyond Amy Tan: Asian American Literature in the Classroom	People Need People: Upholding Interpersonal Connections in the Time of Covid	Creativity Is Your Right	Featured Author Session	
Byung-In Seo	Monique Cruz and Bethany Costello Stebelton	Jen Cullerton Johnson	Sona Charaipotra	

President's Lunch, Keynote Kyle Lukoff 12:30-1:30 pm

Book Signing / Exhibits 1:30-2:00 pm

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Saturday, cont.

Breakout Session G 2:00-3:00 pm

Creating an LGBTQ-Friendly Environment in Your Classroom	Museable: Pairing Contemporary, Diverse, and Brand New YA Literature with Books Commonly Used in the Classroom	The Travel of Literature	Preparing for a Book Challenge: Writing Book Rationales	Fostering Belonging and Connection by Focusing on Teacher Wellness
Maggie Partipilo	Wendy Streit and Beth Stephens	Ngozi Onuora and Anne Matthews	Amy Magnifichi Strong	Elisa Galvan Alba and Kimberly Musolf

Breakout Session H 3:15-4:15 pm

Ditching Whole Class Books: The Case for Rhetoric and Contemporary Issues in the ELA Classroom	Reader's Choice Awards 2023	Building Networks of Reform: Finding a "New" Way Forward in a "Post"-Covid Educational Landscape	A Brave Space: Centering the Voices at the Margins	The Story So Far: Finding Our Stories Through Inquiry
Caitlin Miller, Paul Anderson, and Brady Gunnink	Jeanne' Aken and Nichole Folkman	Angelo Bonadonna, Moira Bonadonna, Norman Boyer, Kimberly Kotty, and Carol Medrano	Sawsan Jaber	Amy Vujaklija and Lisa Pennington

Breakout Session I 4:30-5:30 pm

Refining the Palate: Evolving from Spoon-feeding the Canon to Becoming Connoisseurs of Readable, Inclusive, and Equitable Texts	Coaching Hesitant Writers toward Confidence	Questioning the Author	Cultivating Inclusive Spaces: The Duality of Arab and Muslim Students, a Story often Untold	
Erik Borne, Katie Hoving, and Niki Woodruff	John Hayward	Rhonda Russell-Henderson, Ed Consultant	Sawsan Jaber	

Membership

IATE membership works toward maintaining and advancing the professionalism of the English/Language Arts field. Your membership benefits you through:

- Providing a means to make your concerns heard by state officials
- Expanding your network of educational contacts across the state
- Keeping you up-to-date through the annual IATE Fall Conference and IATE publications like the Illinois English Bulletin and the IATE Newsletter
- Promotion the recognition of outstanding members of our profession

Did you know that we offer a free, one-year membership to all teachers who have not previously been a member of IATE and to students?

You can become a member by clicking here: iateonline.org

Presenter Information: Conference Materials

Please bring your materials on a flash drive so that you can use the already built-in laptop and projector that Millikin is providing. Wi-fi is also set up, so you will have access to any websites that you need. Also, when you are able, please upload any materials you plan to share with attendees to the conference website.

Final Notes

We are so excited that you are joining us at the IATE 2022 Annual Fall Conference. The weather is going to play funny tricks on us this weekend. We are all freezing now, but this weekend will warm up and be beautiful. Remember, however, that we are in a building that may or may not reflect the beautiful outside temperature. Always dress in layers!

Because this is our first year when we aren't staying in the same place as our conference, be sure to put any essentials you need in your car. It's not a far drive from the hotel, but you hate to miss any of what this professional development has to offer, including cocktail hour!

If you need anything while at our conference, look for those of us who are sporting Executive Committee ribbons. We will be able to help you with most anything, and if we don't know something, we'll track down the answers.

See you soon!