

Directions and Hotel Information

Join us on the campus of the University of Alabama for a wonderful day of professional development and collaboration. We have a full day of concurrent workshops, research presentations, poster sessions, and information on National Writing Project sites located in the state.

From I-20/59, take the McFarland Blvd/US 82 exit and proceed north to the University Blvd. interchange. Exit and turn right. Stay on University Blvd. down the slight hill and turn left at the light on Second Avenue (just past the band field and Arby's). Open, free parking will be on your left; the Conference Center complex will be on your right.

Morning sessions will take place in the Conference Center; afternoon sessions will take place in Graves Hall—campus bus service is available to and from the Conference Center.

Alabama fans, bring your friends and significant others and watch the UT game from one of the many local restaurants on “the Strip.” Special reduced rates are offered at several participating hotels. See the second flyer for a list.

ACTE Registration Form

Name _____

Home Address:

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

School: _____

School Address:

Grade(s) Taught: _____

Subject(s) _____

Registration Fees:

____ \$45.00 Teacher/Administrator
(includes 1 year membership)

____ \$20.00 Full-Time Student (includes 1 year
membership)

**All those who register by October 21 will
receive a FREE boxed lunch.**

*School Purchase orders gladly accepted. Fax your
PO number to register.*

Fax forms to ACTE: 205/348-9863

Mail forms to: ACTE, c/o Lisa Scherff

Box 870232, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa,
AL 35487

Alabama Council of Teachers of English (ACTE) State Conference

**October 25, 2008
8:00 AM-5:00 PM**

**History in the
Present:
Representations
through Reading,
Writing, and
Technology**



ACTE State Conference: History in the Present: Representations Through Reading, Writing, and Technology

KEYNOTE

SPEAKERS:

SHARON DRAPER

DICK ALLINGTON

ANNE MCGILL-
FRANZEN

AND

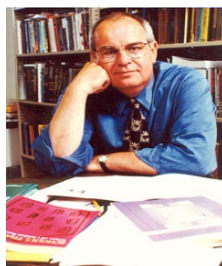
RELEAH LENT



Sharon Draper is an accomplished teacher and writer. One of the first teachers in the country to receive National Board Certification, she

has been honored as a National Teacher of the Year. She is the author of over twenty books, including Tears of a Tiger (1994) and Double Dutch (2002). She is a five-time Coretta Scott King Award winner. Copper Sun (2006) won the Coretta Scott King Award and was named one of the Top 10 Historical Fiction Books for Youth by Booklist.

Richard L. Allington (University of Tennessee) is past-president of the International Reading Association and of the National Reading Conference. He is author of over 100 articles on reading difficulties and the author of



a number of books including What Really Matters for Struggling Readers and Big Brother and the National Reading Curriculum: How Ideology Trumped Evidence. Dick is a former classroom teacher, reading specialist, and federal programs director.



Anne McGill-Franzen is a Professor of Education and Director of the Reading Center at the University of Tennessee. She is the recipient of the Dina Feitelson Award for Research in Early Literacy.

Anne has worked with teachers for more than 20 years, most recently with kindergarten teachers in a Tennessee Teacher Quality Project. Her book *Kindergarten Literacy* provides teachers with tools for assessing and supporting the literacy development of young children.



ReLeah Lent was a secondary teacher for over twenty years before spending several years at the University of Central Florida. ReLeah focuses on student engagement, adolescent

literacy, and censorship in schools. She is the author of Engaging Adolescent Learners (2006) and the co-author of At the Schoolhouse Gate (2002) and Silent No More (2003). She is the recipient of the NCTE/SLATE Intellectual Freedom Award.