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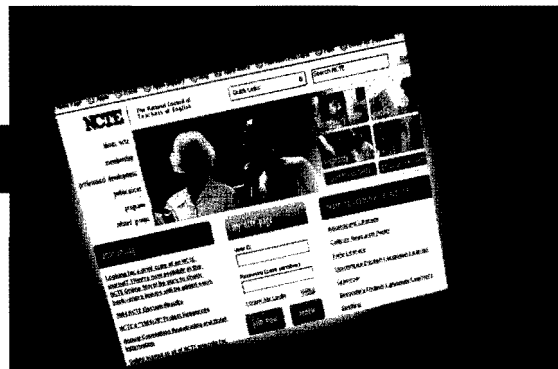
The Council has been the **professional home** for English language arts for almost a century, and NCTE members know what good teaching looks like. **We believe that teachers know what works best in their classrooms, for their students, and for English language arts instruction in departments or districts.** That's why NCTE is on the front lines every day, working for teachers in the legislatures, state houses, and local districts nationwide to ensure that every knowledgeable teacher has the room needed to teach effectively. As a member, you'll be part of a national network of teachers who are actively engaged in working together to advance the English language arts profession.

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- Integrate your lessons with Social Studies/History curriculum (*Argument, Persuasion, or Propaganda? Analyzing WWII Posters*)
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Bright Ideas Conference!
Spring Conference on the English Language Arts

Who Has the Power? Making Meaning, Creating Change

Keynote Speaker: Ernest Morrell, UCLA

"Critical Literacy Education as a Pedagogy of Access and Dissent"

March 18, 2006
Michigan State University

Ernest Morrell, formerly an MSU faculty member, now at UCLA, will speak on the topic of critical literacy education as a pedagogy of access and dissent, helping educators to think about ways to use popular culture to teach academic literacies of access, but also to help young people become empowered consumers and producers of critical texts.

32 SESSIONS	LUNCHEON
<p>In a time of decreasing support for schools and pressures from high stakes testing, English language arts teachers are looking for ways to enrich their students' lives through a wide range of authentic literacy experiences that will strengthen their ability to use the tools of language and literacy effectively and that will empower their personal, academic, and community lives.</p>	<p>In order provide a spotlight for the creative writing ability of teachers, our luncheon entertainment will feature readings of original work by teachers attending the conference.</p> <p>This occasion is open to teachers of all areas. Work must be original and can be in any genre of writing. We ask that readings be no longer than five minutes in length.</p>
<p>This conference provides opportunities for teachers to connect with other educators, to share classroom ideas, and to envision new possibilities for students.</p>	<p>For details about requesting a spot on the luncheon program, see our website for details.</p>

More information is available on the website: www.msu.edu/~brightid

Who Has the Power? Making Meaning, Creating Change
Spring Conference on the English Language Arts
Saturday, March 18, 2006, 8:45-3:45
MSU Union

Detach this form and **mail by March 10, 2006**, to: Spring Conference on the English Language Arts, Department of English, 201 Morrill Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824. Please use a separate form for each person registering. Please make your check out to the **English Conference Fund**. Receipt of registration form and payment will be acknowledged by email.

Name _____ School or Affiliation -

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Registration Fee (Please mark one)

_____ Regular registration	\$35.00	\$ _____
_____ New Teacher (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd year)	\$25.00	\$ _____
_____ Presenter	\$25.00	
_____ Student	\$20.00	\$ _____

Luncheon:
 _____ vegetarian _____ regular \$20.00 \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Note: A limited number of additional seats to hear the luncheon speakers will be available for those who do not attend the luncheon.

At-the-door registration is \$40.00.

Directions to the Conference

Michigan State University is easily accessible from several major highways, including I-69, M-127, I-96. An area map is available at the MSU website <www.msu.edu>, under Campus Maps.

<www.mapquest.com> provides additional information. The Michigan State Union is located on the corner of Grand River Ave. and Abbott Road, on the north edge of campus. Free parking is available on campus in the parking ramp across from Bessey Hall, near the Administration Building. Several public (pay) lots are also available across Grand River Avenue and behind Barnes and Noble.

CEU Credits: please contact Marilyn Wilson at <wilsonm@msu.edu>

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The Scholarly Journal of the
Michigan Council of Teachers of English

Spring/Summer 2006: Teacher Research and Teacher Advocacy

Do you sometime recoil at the assertions those people in the media and government say about education? Or English language arts? Writing? Literacy?

More importantly, do you have something to say? Do you have any advice for teachers seeking to talk to non-teachers about teaching -- parents, community members, policy-makers, and others? We hope so.

For this issue, we seek articles that describe outreach projects in which teachers engage media, community members, and others in conversations about teaching. We are interested in articles that help teachers learn how to verbalize, describe, and advocate their practices within a non-teaching community.

We are particularly interested in articles that
Describe how to talk teaching with non-teachers

Focus on issues of advocacy for English language arts, both locally and in regional and national settings.

We also believe that teachers are not only consumers of educational knowledge, but should be active contributors to discussions of teaching as well. Teacher research has become a powerful force in the professional development of teachers and the overall development of the field of education.

For this issue, we seek articles that:

Describe recent teacher research projects, including results and implications for teaching and teachers

Describe collaborative projects that support teacher researchers and the concept of teacher research

Advance the idea of teacher research and develop concepts that can assist others in becoming active teacher researchers.

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