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LANGUAGE ARTS AND READING CONFERENCE

OCTE SPRING 2009

Language Arts & Reading Conference

April 17 & 18, 2009 • Ashland, Oregon

Ashland Middle School • 100 Walker Avenue • Ashland, OR 97520

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ALISON CAREY, OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

“Connecting Art and Life”

TEACHERS OF ENGLISH are always looking for new, effective ways to connect the works of literature they teach more closely to their students’ own lives. Alison Carey’s method involves giving students ownership of classic art by taking “the powerful poetic metaphors and characters” and allowing “students to re-imagine them in their own world.”

Carey’s background is in using theater to examine history and culture. Her strategies originated in the 80s when she co-founded with Bill Rauch (now OSF Artistic Director) the Cornerstone Theater Group.

Working with small communities around the nation, they adapted classic plays into modern, community-specific contexts, giving ownership of art to people who did not see themselves as having such ownership.

Using those same methods with students, Carey stresses that successfully adapting classic works does not mean “dumbing down” the work. Instead, retaining both the verse form and the original language, while setting the work very much in their own world, is “an incredibly valuable way of allowing students to own the art they are presented with in the culture and also to legitimize their own artistic instincts.”

Alison Carey is director of American Revolutions: The United States History Cycle, a 10-year initiative to create up to 37 new plays sprung from moments of change, inspiration or conflict in American history, inspired by Shakespeare’s history plays and bringing together playwrights, historians and theaters nationwide. Education: BA, Harvard University



Keynote Speaker Alison Carey

Local Arrangements Coordinator

Julie Inada



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

3:00 p.m. Registration

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Two sessions

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:30 – 10:45 a.m. . . . Two sessions

11:00-12:00Keynote Speaker

All four sessions will feature presentations by experienced professionals on aspects of the English Language Arts classroom—particularly focused on drama and poetry. Continue to check the OCTE website for additional details.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Julie Inada, Language Arts Teacher
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	No. Attending	Registration Fee	Amount
OCTE Members	_____	@ \$60	_____
Non-members	_____	@ \$70	_____
Full-time Students, Retirees	_____	@ \$30	_____
Total.....		\$	_____

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 Earn one graduate credit from PSU (separate registration at the conference).
 Earn six Professional Development Units for continuing licensure.

Pre-registration deadline: April 10, 2009.

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A group pre-registration for 5 or more OCTE members is available at \$45 each. Must request a group form.
For information: bjwiegele@aol.com On-site registration will be \$80 for everyone.

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OF THE SPRING 2009 CONFERENCE PRESENTERS



Bob Bumstead
Pacific University
Forest Grove



Janna E. Reid
South Middle School
Grants Pass



Manuel Mateo
Wilson High School
Portland



Mary Palmer Nowland
Southern Oregon ESD
Medford



John Scanlan
Pendleton High School
Pendleton

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Each year OCTE organizes two conferences: a spring conference rotating among locations in Eastern, Western, and Southern Oregon. and a fall conference in the Portland area. This year's fall conference will be held on statewide inservice day, Friday, October 9, at Lake Oswego High School.

For conference information, contact OCTE President-elect Ricky Korach at DrMrsK@comcast.net. For general information about the Oregon Council of Teachers of English, contact President John Scanlan at jscanlan@pendleton.k12.or.us.

Interested in making a conference presentation? Interested in sharing insights you have about teaching? OCTE is the statewide forum for teachers to teach teachers.

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