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## **Teachers, Authors, and Researchers Receive Awards from the National Council of Teachers of English**

During the 98th Annual Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), November 20–23, 2008, in San Antonio, Texas, awards were presented to authors, researchers, and teachers of English at all levels of education.

**Distinguished Service Award:** Leila Christenbury, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond

**James R. Squire Award:** Donald Graves, professor emeritus at the University of New Hampshire, Durham

**NCTE Leadershift Initiative: Advancement of People of Color Leadership Award:** Victor Villanueva, Washington State University, Pullman

**NCTE Leadershift Initiative: Early Career Teacher of Color Award of Distinction:** Zanetta Robinson, Clearwater, Florida; Lovelyn Marquez-Prueher, Torrance, California

**Outstanding Educator in the Language Arts:** Carolyn Burke and Jerome Harste, Indiana University, Bloomington

**Donald H. Graves Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Writing:** Kim Brown, Ocean Bay Elementary School, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

**Richard W. Halle Award for Outstanding Middle Level Educator:** Howard Miller, Mercy College, Bronx, New York

**Edwin A. Hoey Award for an Outstanding Middle School Educator in the English Language Arts:** Deborah A. Peters, Northwestern Lehigh Middle School, New Tripoli, Pennsylvania

**Robert Shafer Memorial Award:** Oscar J. Martinez-Alaniz, Colegio Cervates A.C., Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

**Conference on English Leadership Exemplary Leadership Award:** Louann Reid, Colorado State University, Fort Collins

**National NCTE/SLATE Intellectual Freedom Award:** Heather Gillman, a high school student from Ponce de Leon High School in Ponce de Leon, Florida

**Literacy Award:** Gloria G. Rodriguez, founder of AVANCE-San Antonio and president and CEO of its Family Support and Education Program

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**Media Literacy Award:** James Brooks, West Wilkes High School, Millers Creek, North Carolina

**Conference on English Education Cultural Diversity Grants:** Amira Akl, Bowling Green State University, Ohio, and Myrrh Domingo, New York University, New York

**David H. Russell Award:** *Retracing the Journey: Teaching and Learning in an American High School* by Leila Christenbury, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond

**Promising Researcher Awards:** Elizabeth Dutro, University of Colorado, Boulder; Amy Suzanne Johnson, University of South Carolina, Columbia; and Leah Zuidema, Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa

**Richard A. Meade Award for Research in English Education:** *Narrative Writing: Learning a New Model for Teaching* by George Hillocks Jr., University of Chicago, Illinois

**James N. Britton Award for Inquiry within the English Language Arts:** *Retracing the Journey: Teaching and Learning in an American High School* by Leila Christenbury, Virginia Commonwealth University

**Janet Emig Award for Exemplary Scholarship:** “Changing English Teacher Learning for New Times: Digital Video Composing as Multimodal Literacy Practice” (October 2007 *English Education*) by Suzanne Miller, State University of New York at Buffalo

**Richard Ohmann Award for an article in *College English*:** “Transnational Feminist Rhetorics in a Digital World” (May 2008) by Mary Queen, American University of Kuwait

**Paul and Kate Farmer Writing Awards for articles in *English Journal* written by classroom teachers:** “The List” (November 2007) by Tim Gillespie, Lake Oswego High School, Lake Oswego, Oregon, and “Literature into Film (and Back Again): Another Look at an Old Dog (September 2007) by John Golden, Grant High School, Portland, Oregon

**Edwin M. Hopkins Award for articles in *English Journal* written by non-classroom teachers:** “Writing Like a Good Girl” (January 2008) by Helen Collins Sitler, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

***English Leadership Quarterly* Best Article Award:** “The Way We Teach Now: Teachers of English in the New World of High-Stakes Assessment” (October 2007), by Peg Graham and James Marshall, University of Georgia; and Chandra Power, Clarke County (Georgia) Schools with Patti McWhorter

**Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children:** *M.L.K.: Journey of a King* by Tonya Bolden

**ALAN Award for Outstanding Contribution to Adolescent Literature:** Young adult author Laurie Halse Anderson

**Ted Hipple Award for Service to ALAN:** Jeanne McDermott, Director of Marketing of Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers

**George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language:** *Takeover: The Return of the Imperial Presidency and the Subversion of American Democracy* by Charlie Savage

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**Doublespeak Award:** The term "aspirational goal": George W. Bush has used the term "aspirational goal" in place of setting a deadline for withdrawal of troops in Iraq. Likewise, Bush, members of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, and others have set "aspirational goals" for reducing carbon emissions and slowing global warming. In announcing the award, the NCTE Public Language Award Committee said, "As textbook Doublespeak, 'aspirational goal' is both a tautology and a paradox. Aspirations and goals are the same thing; and yet when the terms are combined, the effect is to undermine them both, producing a phrase that means, in effect, 'a goal to which one does not aspire all that much.' The goal of 'aspirational goal,' clearly, is to disguise inaction and thwart legitimate aspirations."

**National Teachers of Excellence, given by the NCTE Secondary Section:** **Sherry Roland**, Valley View HS, Jonesboro, Arkansas; **Cynthia Kiefer**, Saguaro HS, Scottsdale, Arizona; **Kevin Wright**, Chambly Academy, Montreal, Canada; **Josh Curnett**, Eaglecrest HS, Centennial, Colorado; **Lynn Fite**, Lakeland HS, Lakeland, Florida; **Mary Lynn Huie**, Parkview HS, Lilburn, Georgia; **Mary B. Nicolini**, Penn HS, South Bend, Indiana; **Judy Beemer**, Junction City HS, Junction City, Kansas; **Latishia Sparks**, Greenup County HS, Greenup, Kentucky; **Stasha Simon**, Petoskey HS, Petoskey, Michigan; **Anna Morrison**, Greenville-Weston HS, Greenville, Mississippi; **Jessica Cavazos**, Ritenour HS, Missouri; **Dorothy Miller**, Fillmore Central HS, Geneva, Nebraska; **Jill Pinard**, John Stark Regional HS, Weare, New Hampshire; **Dorene Kahl**, Eldorado HS, Albuquerque, New Mexico; **Rosalie Rafter**, Stella K. Abraham HS for Girls, Hewlette Bay Park, New York; **Polly Sexton Jones**, Ashe County HS, West Jefferson, North Carolina; **Meridith M. Niekamp**, Upper Arlington School, Upper Arlington, Ohio; **John Gildea**, Springfield HS, Springfield, Pennsylvania; **Dean Smith**, Big Spring HS, Newville, Pennsylvania; **Ginger Dunker**, South Aiken HS, Aiken, South Carolina; **Dianne Young**, Bolton HS, Arlington, Tennessee; **Ginger Reese**, Lousanne Collegiate School, Memphis, Tennessee; and **Kathy R. Smaltz**, Brentsville District HS, Nokesville, Virginia

#### **Affiliate Awards:**

- **Affiliate Excellence Awards:** Florida Council of Teachers of English, Georgia Council of Teachers of English, Nebraska English Language Arts Council, Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts, Oregon Council of Teachers of English, Virginia Association of Teachers of English
- **Affiliate Journal Award:** *Ohio Journal of English Language Arts*, edited by Margaret Ford, Colleen Ruggieri, and Susan L. Stevens, published by the Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts
- **Affiliate Intellectual Freedom Awards:** the Florida Council of Teachers of English recognizes Heather Gillman; the Kentucky Council of Teachers of English recognizes Trey Grayson; the Nebraska English Language Arts Council (NELAC) recognizes Jerred Zegelis; the New York State English Council recognizes the Depew Union Free School District; the Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts recognizes Stacey Ciancio; and the Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts recognizes the Coalition of English Language Arts and Reading Professionals (represented by Pat Jacoby, Alana Morris, and Cindy Tyroff)
- **Affiliate Multicultural Program Awards:** Georgia Council of Teachers of English
- **Affiliate Newsletter Award:** *Scribbles 'n Bits*, edited by Jean Copland and Gerald Boyd, published by the Georgia Council of Teachers of English
- **Affiliate Website Award:** Georgia Council of Teachers of English website (<http://www.gcte.org>), edited by Jim Cope of Kennesaw, Georgia

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- **NCTE Fund Teachers for the Dream Affiliate Awards:** Michigan Council of Teachers of English and Nebraska English Language Arts Council
- **Affiliate Leadership Development Awards:** Marissa Lees (Arizona ETA), Karen M. Brown (California ATE), Lovelyn Marquez-Prueher (Southland CTE, CA), Brendan Gallagher (Colorado LAS), Tracey Keim (Florida CTE), Clint Heitz (Iowa CTE), Janae Brady (Kansas ATE), Connie L. Wilson (Louisiana CTE), Tracy Deering (Michigan CTE), Nichole Kronzer (Minnesota CTE), Austin Walker (Mississippi CTE), Katie Wright (Nebraska ELAC), Lynn DiZazzo (New Hampshire ATE), Matthew Nelson (North Dakota CTE), Karen Valentine (Ohio CTELA), Cathy L. Hume (Oklahoma CTE), Dorothy Courtox (Oregon CTE), Zachary D. Hull (Pennsylvania CTE & LA), Kari Weaver (Western Pennsylvania CTE), Marissa Kleinhans (South Dakota CTE), Laura Joy Palma (Tennessee CTE), Nicole Harbison (Texas CTELA), Crystal L. Haskins (Virginia ATE), and Tiffany L. Rehbein (Wyoming ATE)
- **Affiliate Membership Recruitment Awards:** Alabama Council of Teachers of English, Arizona English Teachers' Association, Association of College English Teachers of Alabama, Central California Council of Teachers of English, Greater San Diego Council of Teachers of English (California), British Columbia English Teachers Association, Association of Teachers of English in Quebec, Kentucky Council of Teachers of English/Language Arts, Minnesota Council of Teachers of English, Mississippi Council of Teachers of English, Nebraska English Language Arts Council, New England Association of Teachers of English, Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of English and Language Arts, Western Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of English, Tennessee Council of Teachers of English, Nashville Council of Teachers of English (Tennessee), Central Texas Council of Teachers of English, North Texas Council of Teachers of English, San Antonio Area Council of Teachers of English (Texas), and Washington State Council of Teachers of English

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