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

During the 101st Annual Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), November 17–22, 2011, in Chicago, Illinois, awards will be presented to authors, researchers, and teachers of English at all levels of education. The list below gives the name of the award, information on the winner, and a hyperlink to more information on the award on NCTE’s website.

Awards for Educators:

- **Media Literacy Award**: Writing and Communication Program at Georgia Tech University
- **National NCTE/SLATE Intellectual Freedom Award**: Texas Civil Rights Project
- **NCTE Leadershift Initiative: Early Career Teacher of Color Award of Distinction**: Jose Paco Fiallos, Lincoln High School, Tallahassee, Florida; Cecilia Neiman, Papillion-LaVista South High School Papillion, Nebraska
- **NCTE Leadershift Initiative: Advancement of People of Color Leadership Award**: James Hill, Albany State University, Albany, Georgia

**Cultural Diversity Grants**: to be announced

Awards for Use of Language:

- **George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language**: F.S. Michaels for her work, *Monoculture: How One Story is Changing Everything*

- **Doublespeak Award**: Cherokee Principal Chief Chad Smith for saying, “It’s a basic, inherent right to determine our own citizenry. We paid very dearly for those rights” when speaking of the recent final decision to expel the Freedman Cherokee from the tribe in Oklahoma.

Awards for Teaching and Service to NCTE and the Profession:

- **Distinguished Service Award**: Erika Lindemann, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- **James R. Squire Award for Service to NCTE and the Profession**: George Hillocks, professor emeritus, University of Chicago, Illinois

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Awards for Teaching and Service to NCTE and the Profession (cont.):

**Outstanding Educator in the Language Arts**: Kathy G. Short, University of Arizona, Tucson

**Richard W. Halle Award for Outstanding Middle Level Educator**: Teri Lesesne, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

**Edwin A. Hoey Award for an Outstanding Middle School Educator in the English Language Arts**: Susan Houser, Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School, St. Petersburg, Florida

**Conference on English Leadership Exemplary Leadership Award**: Kylene Beers, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, New York

**Award for Excellence in Poetry for Children**: J. Patrick Lewis

**ALAN (Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE) Award for Outstanding Contribution to Adolescent Literature**: Sharon Draper, author of the *Tears of a Tiger*, *Forged by Fire*, and *Darkness before Dawn*

**Ted Hipple Award for Service to ALAN (Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE)**: Gary Salvner, Youngstown State University, Ohio

**National High School Teachers of Excellence, given by the NCTE Secondary Section**: Alicia Francis, Conway High East, Conway, Arkansas; Carrie Danielson, Olympian High School, Chula Vista, California; Wendi Woodell, Winter Haven High School, Winter Haven, Florida; Ike Thompson, Veterans High School, Kathleen, Georgia; Sarah Brown Wessling, Johnston Community School District, Iowa; Barbara J. Mann, Walton-Verona High School, Walton, Kentucky; Claudette L. Brassil, Mt. Ararat High School, Topsham, Maine; John Rutherford, W.E. Groves High School, Beverly Hills, Michigan; Jennifer Kulm, Annandale High School, Annandale, Minnesota; Nancy Schulz, East Butler High School, Brainard, Nebraska; Heather Campbell, Arlington Heights Academy, Cincinnati, Ohio; Lisa Mitchell, Lake Oswego High School, Lake Oswego, Oregon; Carol Peterson, Northside High School, Memphis, Tennessee; Cathy Forester, East Literature Magnet School, Nashville, Tennessee; Nannette McMurtry, Coppell High School, Coppell, Texas; Jennifer Isgitt, Fossil Ridge High School, Keller, Texas; Katherine M. Nelson, Arrowhead Union High School, Hartland, Wisconsin

Awards for Publications:

**Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children**: Ballet for Martha: Making *Appalachian Spring* by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan, illustrated by Brian Floca

**Janet Emig Award for Exemplary Scholarship for an article in English Education**: to be announced

**Richard Ohmann Award for an article in College English**: Nancy Welch, University of Vermont, Burlington, “We’re Here and We’re Not Going Anywhere: Why Working-Class Rhetorical Traditions Still Matter” (January 2011)

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Awards for Publications (cont.):

**Paul and Kate Farmer Award for an article in English Journal**: Kyle Vaughn, teacher, writer, and photographer, for “Reading the Literature of War: A Global Perspective on Ethnics,” (July 2011); Nancy Guillot Pearson, Salmen High School, Slidell, Louisiana, for “Classrooms That Discourage Plagiarism and Welcome Technology” (July 2011)

**English Leadership Quarterly (journal of the Conference on English Leadership) Best Article Award**: Anne Elrod Whitney and Bernard Badiali, both of Pennsylvania State University, University Park, “Writing as Teacher Leadership” (October 2010)

Awards for Research:

**David H. Russell Award for Distinguished Research in the Teaching of English**: Neal Lerner, Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts, for *The Idea of a Writing Laboratory*

**Promising Researcher in English Education**: Jennifer Buehler, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, “We Have a Culture of Failure Here: Analyzing the Production of School Culture in an Urban High School”

**James Moffett Award for teacher research projects inspired by the scholarship of James Moffett**: to be announced

**Richard A. Meade Award for Research in English Education**: to be announced

**James N. Britton Award for Inquiry within the English Language Arts**: to be announced


Awards for NCTE Affiliates:

**Affiliate Excellence Awards**: Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts, Virginia Association of Teachers of English

**Affiliate Journal Award**: *Oregon English Journal*, edited by Ulrich H. Hardt and published by the Oregon Council of Teachers of English

**Affiliate Intellectual Freedom Awards**: the Georgia Council of Teachers of English recognizes Jordan Kohanim; the Kentucky Council of Teachers of English Language Arts recognizes Risha Leigh Mullins; the Nebraska English Language Arts Council recognizes Tom Black; the Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts recognizes Ruth McClain; the Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts recognizes the Texas Civil Rights Project (the Texas Civil Rights Project was also named the winner of the 2011 NCTE/SLATE National Intellectual Freedom Award); the Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English recognizes the Educators’ Network for Social Justice

**Affiliate Multicultural Program Awards**: Nebraska English Language Arts Council, Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts, Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts, Virginia Association of Teachers of English

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Awards for NCTE Affiliates (cont.)

Affiliate Newsletter Award: *WCTE UPDATE*, edited by Linda Barrington and published by the Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English

Affiliate Website Award: Virginia Association of Teachers of English (http://www.vate.org), edited by Linda MacCleave

NCTE Fund Teachers for the Dream Affiliate Awards: Nebraska English Language Arts Council, Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts

Affiliate Leadership Development Awards: Arizona English Teachers’ Association: Renee Vahling Rude; Kentucky Council of Teachers of English Language Arts: Audrey Harper; Minnesota Council of Teachers of English: Marie Hansen; Nebraska English Language Arts Council: Lara H. Kibler; Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts: Martha Copp; Virginia Association of Teachers of English: Tori Oxley

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