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### **Keith Gilyard Elected Vice President of the National Council of Teachers of English**

Members of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) have elected **Keith Gilyard** to the office of vice president. His term will begin during the NCTE Annual Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 19-22, 2009.

Gilyard is a professor of English at Pennsylvania State University and a member of the Editorial Board for NCTE's *Research in the Teaching of English*. Previously, he served as the 2000 chair of the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC), the associate chair of the NCTE Committee on Resolutions, the chair of the NCTE Committee on Public Doublespeak, and a member of the NCTE Executive Committee.

"As I ponder the future of an organization that has been my primary professional home for the past 25 years, I plan to honor NCTE's commitments to social justice and the need to link explicitly literacy learning and teaching with consideration of an informed citizenship," says Gilyard. ". . . I have always felt that my academic life should involve commitment to educational communities beyond campus, and serving on the presidential team will be an important function for me in that sense."

The recipient of several awards, including Presidential Scholar at the University of Oklahoma, Penn State Faculty Scholar Medal for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts and Humanities, and Thomas R. Watson Visiting Distinguished Professor of Rhetoric and Composition at the University of Louisville, Gilyard is also an inductee into the International Hall of Fame for Writers of African Descent. He is the author, editor, and co-editor of numerous chapters, books, articles, and poetry volumes.

Gilyard will succeed Yvonne Siu-Runyan, professor emerita from the University of Northern Colorado, and will serve as vice president for one year. He'll then serve as president-elect during 2010-2011, and during the 2011 Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois, the year NCTE celebrates its 100th anniversary, Gilyard will assume the presidency of NCTE.

For all of NCTE's national election results, see <http://www.ncte.org/volunteer/elections>.

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