



# CCNews

Newsletter of the  
California Council on Teacher Education

## The CCTE Spring 2009 Conference Will Examine “Teaching and Learning: Past, Present, and Future”

The Spring 2009 CCTE Conference, to be held at the Sainte Claire Hotel in San Jose on March 26-28, will address the theme, “Teaching and Learning: Past, Present, Future.” The Planning Committee for that Conference has already confirmed an exciting and diverse group of presenters.

Dr. Larry Cuban, Professor Emeritus, Stanford University will serve as the Keynote Speaker and will offer his insights into the historical aspects of teaching and learning and present ways of conceiving future educational contexts.

Dr. Etta Hollins, Professor and Chair of the Teacher Education Program at the University of Southern California, will join us as a special guest, focusing her presentation on the future of teaching and learning in urban and culturally diverse school settings.

Dr. Michael Gose, Pepperdine University, will host an intimate Fireside Chat focused on his recent book, *What It Means to be a Teacher: The Reality and Gift of Teaching*. Conference participants may want to read this most wonderful collection of teacher stories prior to attending. (See additional information on this book on page 20 of this issue of *CCNews*).

Kendall Haven, a nationally prominent master storyteller, author, and educator, will lead the Conference attendees in exploring stories as pedagogical practice. This highly interactive presentation will focus on the implications of teachers’ stories as a context for analyzing historical and future aspects of teaching and learning.

In addition, CCTE will welcome the George Lucas Educational Foundation and contributors to its *Edutopia* publication, who will guide the audience, through film and digital technology, to discover the intersection between cognitive sciences, how younger generations are wired for learning, and project-based learning. A short film festival is being planned for the Thursday evening banquet.

The Spring 2009 Conference will also include meetings of associated organizations, Special Interest Group meetings, research and practice concurrent and poster sessions, the Thursday banquet, and the Friday awards luncheon. The Conference will again be co-sponsored by the California Association of Bilingual Teacher Educators, the California Association of Professors of Educational Administration, the California Association of Professors of Special Education, and the Independent California Colleges and Universities Council on the Education of Teachers.

The Spring 2009 Conference Planning Committee is being co-chaired by Tom Nelson of the University of the Pacific and Andrea Whittaker of San Jose State University. If you have suggestions for the Committee or wish to assist with Conference planning, please contact Tom (tnelson@pacific.edu) or Andrea (akwhitt@comcast.net).

A further announcement, the tentative program, and registration materials for the Spring 2009 Conference will be e-mailed to all CCTE members and delegates around the first of January.

All indications are this will be one conference no one will want to miss.

---

## Fall 2009 Conference To Explore “21st Century Schools of Education: Responding to a Changing World”

The Fall 2009 CCTE Conference will address the theme “21st Century Schools of Education: Responding to a Changing World.” Building on the “Past, Present, and Future” theme of the Spring 2009 conference, Fall Conference presenters will explore how innovations, technology, and new paradigms for teaching and learning continue to change the way the world learns, and how we prepare professional educators to meet this challenge.

Drawing together all stakeholders (community colleges, undergraduate programs, pre-service and induction programs), the conference will investigate the implications of major social trends and the changing learning patterns of youth and how these factors affect the ways schools of education prepare professional educators for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Combining macro approaches and hands-on ideas, the Conference will be an opportunity for us to rethink our current practices and to work across traditional divides.

The Fall 2009 Conference will be held October 15-17, again at the Kona Kai Resort in San Diego. The co-chairs of the Planning Committee for the Fall Conference are Cindy Grutzik (California State University, Dominguez Hills) and Helene Mandell (University of San Diego). If you have suggestions for the Committee or wish to assist with Conference planning, please contact Cindy (cgrutzik@csudh.edu) or Helene (hmandell@sandiego.edu).