



12th Annual Summer Institute on Leadership for Educational Justice
JULY 12, 2016: 8:00am - 5:00pm
Orton Center, University of Redlands

CALL for PRESENTATIONS

Writing as a Communicative, Creative, and Transformative Thinking Process

The 2016 Institute will have the following components: (1) a featured speaker, (2) plenary speakers who are able to blend theory, research, and practice, (3) peer reviewed presentations, (4) Superintendents' Forum on Common Core and Writing, and (5) poster session of current dissertations. The conference will address such theme-related questions as:

- What makes writing powerful?
- How do current educational practices diminish the power of writing?
- What can we do to reclaim and harness the potential of writing so that students can use it effectively to communicate, create, and transform?
- How can writing foster social justice?

The Keynote Speaker: Dr. Anne Ruggles Gere is the Arthur F. Thurnau Professor (for excellence in teaching) and Gertrude Buck Collegiate Professor (for excellence in scholarship) at the University of Michigan where she chairs the Joint Ph.D. in English and Education and directs the Sweetland Center for Writing. A founding director of the Puget Sound Writing Project, a site of the National Writing Project, she is a former president of the National Council of Teachers of English and a former chair of the Conference on College Composition and Communication. Author of a dozen books and over 75 articles, her current research projects include an examination of the writing experiences of transfer students, a longitudinal study of college students' writing development, and a project that integrates writing into gateway STEM courses.

The University of Redlands' School of Education invites submission of presentation proposals related to the 2016 theme, ***Writing as a Communicative, Creative, and Transformative Thinking Process***. These may be theory-based, empirical, or reports of evidence-based practices. Presentations will be in 30 - 45 minute sessions and focus on at least one of the following institute strands:

- Writing: Theory, Philosophy, Ethics, and History
- Writing: Leadership, Management, and Educational Policy
- Writing: Curriculum and Instruction and Challenges Across Cultures
- Writing: Assessment, Standards, Testing, and Achievement

How to Submit Proposals

1. Proposals must be submitted as emailed Word document attachments (Times New Roman, 12-point font) to jose_lalas@redlands.edu. Each should include: (a) title and 75-100 words abstract, and (b) for each presenter: name; mailing address; work and cell telephone numbers; and an email address.
2. Each submission must not exceed 4-pages, double-spaced and must include:
 - a presentation abstract
 - a brief overview of the content and session including purpose and objectives
 - a brief outline of how the session will be delivered in 30 - 45 minutes
 - a statement of the presentation's significance to educators
3. All proposals must be submitted by **APRIL 25, 2016.**