

CATE Honors Mary Ann Smith with Career Achievement Award

Mary Ann Smith, a co-director of the National Writing Project, was recently awarded the Career Achievement Award by the California Association of Teachers of English (CATE). The award was presented to Smith at a luncheon during the CATE Annual Convention, which was held in Oakland, California, February 14–16, 2002. Smith received the award in part for her work as director of the California Writing Project (CWP), a position from which she retired in October 2001.

In January, Smith received a letter from the executive board of CATE, informing her of the award. “CATE is proud of the exciting work being done by language arts teachers all over the state and delighted to be able to recognize outstanding leaders publicly,” the letter stated, and then went on to note that the Career Achievement Award is “granted to recognize one who has served the profession well, who has been a leader at the local, state, and national levels in the English language arts, and who has given of time and talent to English Language Arts teachers for more than fifteen years.”

“If anyone fits these criteria, with all of her work for the California Writing Project and the many hundreds of workshops she has organized and presented, it is most certainly Mary Ann Smith,” Robin Luby, past president of CATE, said of Smith.