The Boston Writing Project at the University of Massachusetts
Boston is proud to serve as your host for the 2011 Urban Sites
Network Conference, Nurturing Student Writing: Navigating Urban
Literacies. Join urban educators from around the country to
explore how we can change the way we look at literacy and what
it means to be literate. Students are bombarded with learning a
variety of literacies and finding a means to tap into these will prove
to be a vital component to education in the 21st century.

Keynote Speaker Ernest Morrell, a scholar, writer, and teacher,
is an associate professor in the Urban Schooling division of the
Graduate School of Education and Information Studies (GSE&IS)
and Associate Director at the Institute
for Democracy, Education, and Access
(IDEA) at the University of California at
Los Angeles. For more than fifteen years
Morrell has worked with adolescents using
popular culture to promote academic literacy
development. Morrell's other interests include
youth participatory action research, critical
literacy education, youth media production,
and urban teacher leadership. He is the
author of several books including Becoming Critical Researchers:
Literacy and Empowerment for Urban Youth; Critical Literacy and
Urban Youth: Pedagogies of Access, Dissent, and Liberation;
Linking Literacy and Popular Culture: Finding Connections for
Lifelong Learning; and The Art of Critical Pedagogy: Possibilities for
Moving from Theory to Practice in Urban Schools. Formerly a high
school English teacher, for the past 12 years Morrell has worked
with high school teens in Los Angeles, directing the Council of
Youth Research, a project that involves youth in researching
issues in their communities and schools. In an assessment-driven
educational climate, Morrell’s innovative approach to teaching
continues to transform how teachers reach students as they
navigate through what it means to be a reader and writer in the
21st century.
HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
The Colonnade Hotel
120 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02116
Hotel accommodation registration deadline: April 7, 2011

Reservations by phone: Call hotel (800) 962-3030 and ask for the Boston Writing Project block of rooms or mention the group code: BOD28A. (Rooms are available for the following dates at the conference rate: April 26–May 3): $209—Single/double occupancy, plus tax.
Reservations online: Go to www.colonnadehotel.com and click on “Reservations.” Enter group code BOD28A
Transportation: Ultimate Livery and Shuttle Service. Fares from Logan Airport start at $14. See www.ultimateshuttle.com to make a reservation. Taxis approximately $35 from Logan Airport to The Colonnade Hotel.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
Early Registration Deadline: Postmarked by March 4, 2011 ($185/$120). Regular Registration Deadline: Postmarked by April 7, 2011 ($200/$135)

Name ________________________________
Phone ________________________________ Email* ________________________________
Address ________________________________
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School ________________________________ Grade/Position ____________ Site Affiliation ________________________________

* All conference correspondence, including confirmation of conference registration, will be by email only.

Registration Fees (please check one):
Postmarked by March 4, 2011
☐ $185.00 Friday–Saturday (Full conference includes: Friday reception and dinner; Saturday buffet breakfast, keynote speaker, lunch, sessions, and town hall) $__________
☐ $120.00 Saturday only (Includes: buffet breakfast, keynote speaker, lunch, sessions, and town hall) $__________
Postmarked after March 4, 2011
☐ $200.00 Friday–Saturday (same as above) $__________
☐ $135.00 Saturday only (same as above) $__________

Friday Conference Activities (please check desired activity; lunch is on your own):
Morning
☐ School visits (8:00 a.m.–noon) Check one: ☐ Elementary/Middle ☐ High School No fee
☐ Tapping Into the Cultural Wealth of Urban Youth’s Technology Know-How No fee
☐ Writing marathon through downtown Boston No fee
☐ Writing and guided tour of Beacon Hill where, Abiel Smith School and African Meeting House are located—$10 $__________

Afternoon
☐ Tour of historic Fenway Park—$20 $__________
☐ Freedom Trail Tour—$10 $__________
☐ A workshop at the JFK Presidential Library including a discussion of Ernest Hemingway’s manuscripts and JFK’s memorabilia (space limited to 15)—$10 $__________
☐ Tour of the Boston Public Library No fee

Total Amount Enclosed $__________

Payment (Sorry, no credit cards or purchase orders can be processed by the University.) Check/Money Orders made out to: The Boston Writing Project
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