



2011



NWP URBAN SITES NETWORK CONFERENCE

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

APRIL 29-30, 2011

FRIDAY

- *Tapping Into the Cultural Wealth of Urban Youth's Technology Know-How* (Technology Liaisons Network-sponsored pre-conference)
- Visits to local schools and surrounding neighborhoods
- Writing marathon through downtown Boston
- Writing and touring the Beacon Hill area, location of the African Meeting House and Abiel Smith School, first publicly funded schoolhouse for African American children
- Tour of historic Fenway Park
- A workshop at the JFK Presidential Library exploring Ernest Hemingway's manuscripts and JFK's memorabilia
- Freedom Trail tour
- Tour of the Boston Public Library
- Evening reception
- Dinner and student performances
- After-hours entertainment

SATURDAY

- Breakfast buffet
- Keynote speaker Ernest Morrell— professor, teacher, writer, and media producer
- Multiple rounds of workshop sessions including a strand sponsored by the Technology Liaisons Network
- Lunch buffet
- Annual USN Town Meeting
- Book vendors

REGISTRATION & CALL FOR PROPOSALS

To register for the conference or submit a proposal for a workshop, please visit:
www.nwp.org/cs/public/print/events/496

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 _____

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) **Amount**
\$ _____

\$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**

Please mail this form and payment to:

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Questions?

For more information or questions, please email: usnetwork@nwp.org.