

2013 LITERACY SYMPOSIUM

October 18, 2013

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sonia Nieto



Dr. Sonia Nieto is an educator, researcher, writer, teacher, and currently a Professor Emerita of Language, Literacy, and Culture in the School of Education at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She has taught students from elementary school through doctoral studies and her research focuses on multicultural education, teacher education, and the education of Latinos, immigrants, and other students of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Dr. Nieto has written many journal articles and book chapters, and several books on these topics including most recently, *Affirming Diversity: The Sociopolitical Context of Multicultural Education* (6th edition, 2012, with Patty Bode), *The Light in Their Eyes: Creating Multicultural Learning Communities* (2nd edition, 2010), and *Language, Culture, and Teaching: Critical Perspectives* (2nd edition, 2010). She serves on several regional and national advisory boards that focus on educational equity and social justice, and she has received many awards for her scholarship, teaching, and advocacy, including four honorary doctorates. Dr. Nieto was selected as a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association and as a Laureate for Kappa Delta Pi in 2011, and in 2012 she served as the Wits-Claude Distinguished Scholar at the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Featured Author: Sarah Tantillo

Sarah Tantillo, EdD, LLC is the creator of “The Literacy Cookbook” and author of the book, *The Literacy Cookbook: A Practical Guide to Effective Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening Instruction* (Jossey-Bass, 2012). She has consulted in New Jersey and nationally with schools (especially urban schools), seeking to improve student achievement since 2007. Dr. Tantillo taught high school English and Humanities in both suburban and urban New Jersey public schools for 14 years, including seven years at the high-performing North Star Academy Charter School of Newark, where she chaired the Humanities Department and her students achieved a 100% passing rate on the Language Arts/Literacy section of the HSPA in 2006 and 2007. Dr. Tantillo also founded and directed the New Jersey Charter School Resource Center from 1996-1999 and the New Jersey Charter Public Schools Association from 1999-2003. She coaches K-12 schools on literacy instruction, data-driven instruction, interdisciplinary curriculum development, school culture-building, and strategic planning. Dr. Tantillo has studied at Princeton (BA, 1987), Harvard (MEd, 1991),



Johns Hopkins (MA, 1995), and Rutgers (EdD, 2001). Her dissertation was on culture formation in charter schools. She currently writes two blogs: "The Literacy Cookbook" and "Only Good Books."

SCHEDULE

8:30-9:00

Registration and Light Refreshments

Anacon Hall, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

9:15-10:15

Keynote Address, Dr. Sonia Nieto

Wilson Auditorium, Woodrow Wilson Hall & Auditorium

10:30-11:45

Session I: Morning Workshops

1. A Conversation with Sonia Nieto (Grades P-12)

Sonia Nieto

Wilson Auditorium, Woodrow Wilson Hall & Auditorium

2. Going Public with your Publishing Grades 3-5 for Fiction and Non-Fiction Texts

Kara Markiewicz and Marla Weinstein

Club Dining Room, Samuel Hays Magill Commons

3. Enthusiasm Sells: Reading and Writing Edition! (Grades 9-12)

Meredith Miller

Room 104, Woodrow Wilson Hall & Auditorium

4. Journeys and Destinations: Meaningful Assessment in the Secondary ELA Classroom (Grades 6-12)

Valerie Sorce

Room 106, Woodrow Wilson Hall & Auditorium

5. Fostering Fluency in First Grade: Poetry through Performance (Grades K-3)

Tina Perri, Nicole Hamel, Lori Kernan, Sandi Krause, Lilly Steiner, and Kerry Rizzuto

Club Rooms 107/108/109, Samuel Hays Magill Commons

6. Strengthening your Common Core: Cross-Content Classroom Strategies Designed to Develop your Students' Literacy Skills 6-Pack (Grades 7-12)

Will Smith

Young Auditorium, Leon Hess Business School in Samuel E. & Mollie Bey Hall

12:00-12:45

Lunch

Door Prizes

Author Book Signings

Anacon Hall, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

1:00-2:15

Session II: Afternoon Workshops

1. Connecting Reading, Writing, and Test-Prep Instruction (Grades K-12)

Sarah Tantillo

Club Dining Room, Samuel Hays Magill Commons

2. Co-Teaching Strategies for Literacy across the Curriculum (Grades 6-12)

Sara Van Ness and Darlene Fenick

Room 106, Woodrow Wilson Hall & Auditorium

3. Comprehension Strategies for Students in Grades 3-5

Bernard Bragen, Heather Schwarz, and Reynold Forman

Room 104, Woodrow Wilson Hall & Auditorium

4. Achieve Student Literacy and Success through Parent Conferences (Grades 7-12)

Joe Vetrano

Room 202C, Rebecca Stafford Student Center

5. “APP”ropriate uses for iPads in the Literacy Classroom (Grades K-5)

Christine Grabowski

Club Rooms 107/108/109, Samuel Hays Magill Commons

6. Multisensory Approaches to Teaching Early Literacy Skills (Grades P-2)

Melissa Hall and Stephanie Rebecchi

Young Auditorium, Leon Hess Business School in Samuel E. & Mollie Bey Hall