

"Genre Practice" Conference

A New Pedagogy of Responsibility and Agency

May 4th & 5th 2009
New York University
New York, NY

Keynote Address by David R. Olson, Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto

May 4th, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.
Room 914, Kimmel Center
60 Washington Square South
New York University

Pre-conference School Site Visit

Public School 126
May 4th, 2009
8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
80 Catherine Street
New York, NY

Featured Sessions

May 5th, 2009
8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Kimmel Center, 9th Floor
60 Washington Square South
New York University

Reception Tribute to Jerome Bruner

May 5th, 2009
5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Kimball Hall
246 Greene Street
New York University



"Girl Singing" by an anonymous collective of preschool children

Come to the **Genre Practice Conference**, May 4th and 5th at New York University. *Genre Practice* is a progressive approach to literacy instruction that builds upon conventional reading and writing workshop routines, but restructures them to target students' intentions, agency and responsibility. *Genre Practice* offers children freedom to read and write texts of their choosing; to collaborate with peers of their choice; to hold themselves accountable to high learning standards; to size up their strengths and needs and make commitments to things they need to improve upon. Because *Genre Practice* puts children in control of learning what's expected, the curriculum is highly engaging and motivating. Join us to learn more about *Genre Practice* from elementary and middle school general ed, special ed, ESL and social studies teachers who are implementing the approach in their classrooms, school leaders who are bringing it to school-wide scale, and theorists who explain why it works.

Cynthia McCallister, NYU Associate Professor, Teacher Educator and Conference Organizer
Questions? Contact cynthia.mccallister@nyu.edu or go to Genrepractice.org.

Genre Practice Conference Registration Form

Name _____

Your Involvement in Education (Teacher? Student?) _____

Home Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Country _____ Daytime Phone: _____

E-mail address _____

Pre-conference School Visit General Registration: \$25.00 (Students \$20.00) _____

Visit Public School 126 where *Genre Practice* is being implemented on a school-wide basis, impacting student achievement and engagement in highly favorable ways. You will have the opportunity to tour primary, elementary and middle school classrooms to observe *Genre Practice* in action, to study children's writing, and to talk to the principal and teachers about their curriculum reform work.

Indicate grade levels of interest (PK-8) _____

Conference General Registration: \$20.00 (Students \$10) _____

Our featured sessions will include presentations by Cynthia McCallister, a teacher educator and creator of *Genre Practice*, David Olson, a cultural psychologist whose theories of school reform and literacy explain the logic of the *Genre Practice* approach, Kerry Decker, the Principal of Public School 126 where the *Genre Practice* approach is being implemented on a school-wide basis, and primary, elementary and middle school teachers who are implementing the approach in their classrooms.

The program will be sent electronically in early April, and you will have the opportunity to sign up for selected sessions in advance.

Total Registration: Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to **New York University**

Return completed form and check to:

Genre Practice Registration
C/O Patty Oscategui
New York University
239 Greene Street, Suite 600
New York, NY 10003

Pre-registration deadline is April 30
Registration after 4/30/09 available on-site
Refunds must be requested before 4/15/09
For information contact cynthia.mccallister@nyu.edu