Call for Conference Proposals and/or Manuscript Submissions

Lived Words and Worlds: Community Engaged Literacies

JoLLE@UGA 2016 Winter Conference
January 29-31, 2016   Athens, GA

The JoLLE@UGA Winter Conference has established itself as an inventive and creative place for students, teachers, researchers, and community members to bridge theory, research, and practice in hands-on and action-oriented ways. This year’s theme for the JoLLE@UGA Winter Conference and subsequent spring journal issue is Lived Words and Worlds: Community Engaged Literacies. This theme invites educators and researchers to examine ways in which communities and literacies inform one another in pedagogy and scholarship.

JoLLE understands literacies to include not only reading and writing, but other elements such as:
• the social, cultural and historical contexts of language and literacy learning and teaching;
• ongoing changes in communication tools and practices in the 21st century; and
• issues involving first and multiple language acquisition and use, regardless of semiotic systems involved.

Friday Evening Opening Session: Dr. sj Miller and Michael Wenk from the University of Colorado Boulder. They will share their documentary about four Queer YA authors and individuals who talk about the critical power queer YA literature has to affirm and empower queer youth through their mirrored realities. Both speakers will discuss the impetus for this work and their extensive knowledge of this important topic and will also allow plenty of time for discussion.

Saturday Keynote Address: Dr. David Kirkland of New York University.
Dr. Kirkland’s presentation is titled: The Practice of Freedom: Understanding the Complexities of Teaching and Learning in Urban Settings. This powerful address will raise awareness of the effects of educational injustices in the lives of urban youth in order to interrupt cycles of miseducation. It will explore how critical educators might disrupt such cycles to empower urban youth to transform their own communities, lives, and educational destinies.

The conference is held at the Georgia Hotel & Conference Center   1197 S. Lumpkin Street
Athens, GA 30607

Conference Proposal Submissions will be accepted between July 6, 2015, 12:01 a.m. EST and October 11, 2015, 11:59 p.m. EST See: http://jolle.coe.uga.edu/conference/

Manuscript Proposals for our themed spring issue are due by February 21, 2016, 11:59 p.m. EST See: http://jolle.coe.uga.edu/about/submission-guidelines/