

To Our Readers:

We hope you will join English and language arts teachers from across the state who will gather in Mankato on April 19-20 for the thirty-second annual spring convention sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Teachers of English. The convention will give you the opportunity to hear speakers, participate in sessions, go on tours, and visit with exhibitors. This year's convention theme is "Reloading the Canon," recognizing the need for all of us to reexamine the subject areas as we face classrooms which are becoming more culturally diverse.

The keynote speaker for the Friday luncheon is Jesse Perry, current NCTE Vice-President, and Program Manager for English Language Arts, K-12, San Diego City Schools. He will speak about the importance of literature to a multicultural society.

In addition to the opportunity to hear speakers addressing the issue of how to be more multicultural and gender fair, you can attend sessions about teaching technical writing, composing for academic and nonacademic audiences, understanding third world models of composition, assessing student writing, improving critical thinking, understanding the relationship between the oral tradition and writing.

Come to Mankato and join your peers for this enriching experience. You will also have the opportunity to meet the editors of this journal and share your insights with them.