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It's that time of year again, and we can't wait to see you!

The Montana Federation of Public Employees Educators' Conference (formerly known as MEA-MFT) is right around the corner, and if you haven't registered yet now is the time. MATELA is offering a number of engaging and practical sectionals at this year's conference in Belgrade, and we encourage you to attend all you can - we'd love to connect with you there!

Be sure to Pre-register by Oct. 14 to register for only \$30.00 at <https://www.mfpe.org/edconference/>. Onsite registration will be available for \$55.00.

MATELA has a sectionals schedule that is jam-packed with engaging sessions on topics from social media in the classroom to beast fables to ACT prep and more - register soon if you haven't done so already, because these sessions are sure to fill up fast!

| Wednesday, October 16, 2019 | | | |
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| 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Creation, Community, and Collaboration A no-host dinner event | Dana Haring | Midtown Tavern, 726 N. 7 th Ave., Bozeman |
| Thursday, October 17, 2019 | | | |
| 7:00 – 8:50 a.m. | MATELA Executive Board Meeting | Sue Stolp | BHS 012 |

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| 8:00 – 8:50 a.m. | Naturalist, Evelyn and Ewen Cameron | Lorna Milne | BHS 010 |
| 8:00 – 8:50 a.m. | Social Media as Content: The Museum of Our Time | Brian Miller | BHS 011 |
| 8:00 – 9:50 a.m. | Belt Valley Shakespeare: From Rural Montana to Edinburgh's Central Hall | Jeff Ross | BHS 110 Library |
| 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. | My Name--My Identity | Beverly Chin | BHS 011 |
| 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. | MATELA Keynote Speaker Teacher Leadership in Montana: Leveraging Leadership to Build Literacy | Christy Mock-Stutz | BHS Auditorium |
| 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. | A GREEN APPLE Guide for Classroom Inquiry | Donna Miller | BHS 010 |
| 11:00 – 11:50 a.m. | Using Beast Fables to Improve Literacy – Reading Focus | Curt Bobbitt Taylor Almon | BHS 010 |
| 11:00 – 11:50 a.m. | Notable Books for a Global Society: 2019 Winners | Joyce Herbeck | BHS 011 |
| 11:00 – 11:50 a.m. | MATELA Exhibit Hall Hospitality | Exhibit Hall Hospitality, MFPE | Exhibit Hall |
| 12:00 – 12:50 p.m. | Double! Not Half. A Discussion about Identity | Rod Gottula | BHS 010 |
| 12:00 – 12:50 p.m. | Social Media as Content: Putting it Into Action | Brian Miller | BHS 011 |
| 1:00 – 1:50 p.m. | How to Adapt Writing Assignments for English | Amanda Mcginnis | BHS 010 |

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| 1:00 – 1:50 p.m. | Nonfiction that Knocks their Socks Off! | Joyce Herbeck | BHS 011 |
| 2:00 – 2:50 p.m. | Media Literacy for All | Ivanna Fritz | BHS 010 |
| 2:00 – 2:50 p.m. | Russell for Learning – Art and Literacy Based Learning | Melissa Werber | BHS 011 |
| 3:00 – 3:50 p.m. | Prepping Yourself and Your Students for the ACT | Bridgett Paddock | BHS 010 |
| 3:00 – 3:50 p.m. | Supporting Striving Readers in the Secondary Grades: Moving Beyond Motivation | Kari Dahle-Huff | BHS 011 |
| Friday, October 18, 2019 | | | |
| 8:00 – 8:50 a.m. | Creating Safer Classrooms for K-8 LGBTQ+ Students | Donna Bulatowicz | BHS 010 |
| 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. | Riveting Reading for Young Adults | Joyce Herbeck | BHS 010 |
| 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. | The Uncommon Resource of CommonLit | Dana Haring | BHS 131 Lab |
| 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. | Russell for Learning – Art and Literacy Based Learning | Melissa Werber | BHS 010 |
| 10:00 – 11:50 a.m. | EdReady Montana English – Beyond Year One | Virg Hale | BHS 131 Lab |
| 10:00 – 10:50 a.m. | Talking as Stepping Stone to Testing | Donna Miller | BHS 011 |
| 11:00 – 11:50 a.m. | Using Beast Fables to Improve Literacy—Writing Focus | Curt Bobbitt Taylor Almon | BHS 011 |
| 11:00 – 11:50 a.m. | Writing Advice and Life Lessons | Mike Thayer | BHS 010 |

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| | 12:00 – 1:50 p.m. | MATELA Business Meeting | Sue Stolp | Library |
| | 2:00 – 2:50 p.m. | Emotion Coding and Character Analysis | Sue Stolp | BHS 010 |
| | 3:00 – 3:50 p.m. | The Fugue, the Chronotope, and Critical Literacy | Sue Stolp | BHS 010 |

BHS = Belgrade High School



MFPE Educators' Conference Sectional Spotlight: MATELA Keynote - Teacher Leadership in Montana: Leveraging Leadership to Build Literacy

From and by Montana Officer of Public Instruction English Language Arts & Literacy
Instructional Coordinator, Christy Mock-Stutz

Christy Mock-Stutz will address the importance of leadership and professional connections as avenues toward improved student literacy. This keynote will share data of successful leadership programs that connect educators across Montana, engage you in mindfulness, encourage you to meet your neighbor, all while inspiring

MFPE Educators' Conference Sectional Spotlight: Creation, Communication and Collaboration

From and Presented by MATELA Treasurer Dana Haring:

Launch your conference journey on Wednesday evening with a session coordinated by MATELA that combines primary objectives of a satisfying professional experience: creation, communication and collaboration. In this literacy-focused session, participants will gather at the Midtown Tavern in Bozeman to create new ideas and new bonds, communicate with colleagues across the table and across the state, and collaborate with different colleagues and content. Participants are welcome to purchase their own meals and refreshments while they connect with one another. One renewal unit will be offered. This event will be held Wednesday, October 16, 2019 6:00 PM - 7:50 PM at the Midtown Tavern.

MATELA Needs YOU - Leadership Opportunities Available!

From MATELA President Sue Stolp:

Dear Members of MATELA,

MATELA has recently been recognized for two awards through NCTE, the National Council of Teachers of English: Affiliate Newsletter of Excellence, *Update*, which is now available to you in digital form, and the Kent D. Williamson Award for increasing our membership from 2018 to 2019, thanks to you, its members!

As you begin to settle in to the excitement, anticipation, and promise of a new school year, I urge you to consider the reward of a leadership position in

conference planning and leaders at the state level is a rewarding means by which to give back to MATELA and to broaden your own skill set.

Please contact me or a board member if you are interested.

Sue Stolp

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MATELA Business Meeting at MFPE Educators' Conference

Join us for MATELA's business meeting Friday, October 18 from 12:00 - 1:50 p.m. in the Belgrade High School library! Meet your upcoming slate of officers, and cast your vote - it's a great way to get involved!



Writing Projects Across the Big Sky at MFPE Educators' Conference 2019

From Donna Miller, MATELA Writing Project Liaison :

As you are likely aware, **Belgrade is host to the 2019 MFPE (previously referred to as MEA) Educator's Conference October 17-18**. We have excellent sessions scheduled for both Thursday and Friday and encourage you to attend and support MWP, ERWP and YWP under the broader umbrella of Writing Projects Under the Big Sky (WPUBS).

Pre-register by Oct. 14 for the discounted rate of \$30.00. <https://www.mfpe.org/edconference/> Onsite registration will cost \$55.00

Supporters of Writing Projects will gather Thursday evening in the home of Belgrade teacher Mark Lehman for a "BelGREAT Social with a Side of Writing." Yes, we'll write. Yes, we'll socialize. Yes, we'll eat. Yes, we'll earn credit!

For our keynote speaker this year, we are thrilled to host retired Yellowstone National Park ranger and park historian Lee Whittlesey. He has published many books (best known for *Death in Yellowstone*) and will present in the auditorium (Friday, Oct. 18 at 10 am) about how he uses hooks, stories, and drama to grab readers and make history books come alive. He is a dynamic speaker and will surely grab your attention as well!

This fall conference is such a wonderful way to network, to communicate research-based practices, and to collect good teaching strategies. We could not offer any of those opportunities without presenters, so **many thanks in advance to our presenters for their willingness to share their time and talent.**

For those of you travelling, **we have 20 rooms blocked (for Wed/Thur nights) at the Holiday Inn Express in Belgrade.** This hotel is conveniently located (only 1.1 miles to our home for the Thursday social and 1.1 miles to Belgrade High School!) for a discounted rate of \$85/night for double occupancy. Call (406) 388-7100 to make a reservation. It's a very nice, new(ish) hotel that includes hot breakfast. Use the group name WPUBS and/or group contact Mark Lehman to book your room. **Book now as they will only hold rooms until September 25. After that, it is space available only.**



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NCTE News

National Council of Teachers of English Announces 2019 Leadership Award Recipients

The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) is pleased to announce the 2019 recipients of its six leadership awards. Each of these awards is given to a recipient who has demonstrated significant contributions to the Council. Nominations are issued by member groups of the Council and final decisions are made by NCTE's Executive Committee.

Award recipients will be honored during a ceremony at the 2019 NCTE Annual Convention in Baltimore, Maryland on Saturday, November 23.

Mollie Blackburn, Ohio State University

[NCTE LGBTQ+ Advocacy & Leadership Award](#)

[Mollie Blackburn](#) is a professor in the Department of Teaching and Learning at The Ohio State University. Her research focuses on literacy, language, and social change, with particular attention to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning youth and the teachers who serve them. She is the author of *Interrupting Hate*, the editor of *Adventurous Thinking*, among other co-authored and co-edited books. She has received WILLA's Inglis Award for work in gender, sexuality, sexual orientation, and young people; AERA's Queer Studies SIG body of work award; and the Alan C. Purves Award for an article in the *Research in the Teaching of English* deemed rich with implications for classroom practice.

Stephanie L. Kerschbaum, University of Delaware

[NCTE Leadership Award for People with Disabilities](#)

Advancement of Knowledge Award from the Conference on College Composition and Communication, and she has authored or co-authored more than twenty essays, articles, and book chapters. She served as chair of the Committee on Disability Issues in College Composition from 2015-18 and was elected as a member of the CCCC Executive Committee from 2016-19. During 2019-20 she is scholar-in-residence at the National Center for Institutional Diversity at the University of Michigan.

David E. Kirkland, New York University

NCTE Advancement of People of Color Leadership Award

David E. Kirkland is a professor of English and urban education at New York University, where he also serves as the executive director of the Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools. A leading national scholar and advocate for education justice, Dr. Kirkland has spent decades analyzing the cultures, languages, and texts of urban youth, using critical mixed methods approaches to answer questions that center equity in classrooms and beyond. He has received many awards for his work, including the 2014 NCTE David H. Russell Award for Distinguished Research in the Teaching of English.

Nicole Mirra, Rutgers University

Awarded for *Educating for Empathy: Literacy Learning and Civic Engagement* (Teachers College Press, 2018)

David H. Russell Award for Distinguished Research in the Teaching of English

Nicole Mirra is an assistant professor of urban teacher education in the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. She previously taught high school English Language Arts in Brooklyn, New York and Los Angeles, California. Her research explores the intersections of critical literacy and civic engagement with youth and teachers across classroom, community, and digital learning environments. Central to her research and teaching agenda is a commitment to honoring and amplifying the literacy practices and linguistic resources that students from minoritized communities bring to civic life.

Ernest Morrell, University of Notre Dame

Distinguished Service Award

Ernest Morrell is the Coyle Professor of Literacy Education and Inaugural Director of the Center for Literacy Education at the University of Notre Dame. He is an elected Fellow of the American Educational Research Association and past president of the National Council of Teachers of English. Ernest has been annually ranked among the top 200 university-based education scholars in the RHSU Edu-Scholar Public Influence Rankings published by EdWeek. He has authored 90 articles and book

and the literature of the African Diaspora.

Kathleen Blake Yancey, Florida State University

James R. Squire Award

This award is given by the Executive Committee in recognition of outstanding service, not only to the stature and development of NCTE and the discipline which it represents, but also to the profession of education as a whole, internationally as well as nationally.

Kathleen Blake Yancey, Kellogg W. Hunt Professor of English and Distinguished Research Professor at Florida State University, has served as an elected leader for several professional/scholarly organizations, including NCTE. Her scholarship focuses on composition studies; on students' transfer of writing knowledge and practice; on cultural studies of everyday writing; on writing assessment, especially print and electronic portfolios; and on the intersections of culture, literacies, and technologies. A past editor of two journals, Yancey has authored or edited, often with colleagues, 16 books and 100+ articles and book chapters. She is the recipient of several awards, including the FSU Graduate Teaching Award, the Purdue University Distinguished Woman Scholar Award, and the CCCC Exemplar Award.

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