



*Long Island Language Arts Council
Nassau Reading Council
2010 Spring Conference - April 16, 2010
Calling All Learners*

Keynote Speakers: Alfred Tatum & Lindamichellebaron

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Dear Colleague:

On Friday, April 16, 2010, LILAC and NRC will host our annual spring conference at the Melville Marriott. We are very excited to announce our conference title and keynote speakers for this year: **CALLING ALL LEARNERS**

Alfred Tatum

Dr. Alfred Tatum is a renowned literacy expert working in the Department of Literacy at Northern Illinois University. He also serves on the National Advisory Reading Committee of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, and is on the Board of Directors of the International Reading Association. He provides professional development support to schools across the nation interested in addressing the literacy needs of students characterized as vulnerable, particularly African-American adolescent males. Dr.

Tatum's career began as an eighth-grade teacher on the south side of Chicago. Among other positions, Tatum has served as a senior program associate in the Center for Literacy of the North Central Region Education Lab, as assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Maryland, and director in the Reading Clinic at Buffalo State College in New York.

A published author, Tatum's work has appeared in the three major journals of the International Reading Association. His latest book, *Teaching Reading to Black Adolescent Males: Closing the Achievement Gap*, was published in 2005.

Lindamichellebaron

Dr. Lindamichellebaron, a former New York City public school teacher, is currently an Assistant Professor in the Teacher Education Department at York College (CUNY) in New York City. She is the President and founder of Harlin Jacque Publications. As an author/poet, Lindamichellebaron's books include: *The Sun Is On* (listed as a recommended book for New York State middle schools), *Rhythm & Dues*, *For the Love of Life* and *Anthony Ant and Grady Grasshopper*. Dr. Baron's innovative and expanding educational enrichment program, "Driving the Dream: Literacy and the Arts," has been implemented in educational systems across the country. Dr. Baron is also coauthor of *The Write Direction* (Modern Curriculum Press), an instructional writing textbook series published in 1999. Her poems have been featured in a number of poetry anthologies as well as on stage in the recent musical and dance production, *The Groove that Got the Move of Us!* Dr. Lindamichellebaron has received numerous awards as an educator, author, entrepreneur, inspirational speaker and performing artist. She lives in Hempstead, New York, where she was recently honored with the official designation, Village Griot (storyteller).

We hope that you will take this opportunity to share best practices, inspiring ideas, and your passion for English language arts and reading with your colleagues across Long Island.

We invite you to consider presenting a workshop either directly related to the theme or on another, timely topic. There will be 22 workshops, spanning grades K-12. We will make every effort to choose a variety of workshops to present the most appealing choices for conference attendees at all levels of instruction.

The registration fee for each presenter will be the discounted fee of \$40, rather than the regular conference fee of \$100 (or \$80 with early registration). This discounted fee will be for up to two presenters per workshop. Additional presenters must pay the \$100 fee (or \$80 with early registration). Also, please be aware that at least one presenter per workshop must be a current member of either LILAC or NRC.

**Please email your workshop proposal to me at
agroth@rockypoint.k12.ny.us by December 31, 2009.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 631-849-7562 or agroth@rockypoint.k12.ny.us.

Sincerely,
Anja Groth
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