

SAVE THE DATE

The Northern California
College Reading Association (NCCRA)
Annual Conference and Meeting

Friday, March 7, 2008

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Monterey Peninsula College
Monterey, CA

**Special hotel rates for conference attendees are being negotiated.
Register early to ensure that you receive a parking pass!**

The NCCRA is a small but dedicated group of reading instructors who gather yearly for the opportunity to learn more about the field of reading instruction from peers. We welcome you and your participation.

College reading instructors and others involved with reading make presentations on various topics ranging from the Integration of Reading and Writing in a Developmental Course to Phonics in Developmental Reading. In the past, topics of interest included Using Visual Media to Enhance Critical Thinking Skills, Explorations in Tone through Musical Interpretation, the Pre-Algebra/Reading Connection, and Academic Discourse Development in a Web-Enhanced Reading and Writing Course. Topics of interest are diverse in range and scope, covering subject matter of interest to the college reading instructor. If you wish to make a presentation, please contact Susan Joplin at sjoplin@mpc.edu.

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SNEAK PREVIEW! *NCCRA Conference, March 7, 2008*
Monterey Peninsula College

MANY VOICES: LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

*Learn about Monterey Peninsula College's
Reading Program and Reading Center!*

Learn from Others As Well!

Guest Speakers

Keynote Speaker: Mellinee Lesley, Ph.D.

Mellinee Lesley is an Assistant Professor of Language and Literacy at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. She has published articles in the *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy*, the *Journal of College Literacy and Learning*, *Reading Research & Instruction*, and *Language Arts*. Revamping a developmental reading program at the open-enrollment state university where she formerly taught, Dr. Lesley brought her college reading students from an average 9th to 12th grade reading level in one semester. Her most recent research projects include partnering with the Communities in Schools program to examine the literacy development of marginalized adolescents. In addition to the keynote address, Dr. Lesley will give a breakout session presentation on "Using Multiple Texts with Developmental Readers."

Featured Presenters

Alison Kuehner is an English Instructor at Ohlone College, where she teaches literature, composition, and reading. She has published in the *Journal of College Reading and Learning* and in *Teaching Developmental Reading*.

Joe Navarro is a "Literary Vato Loco," creative writer, poet, teacher and activist for social change from Hollister, CA. He has authored seven chapbooks of poetry and has been a featured poet in coffee houses and colleges throughout the U.S.

Kathleen Rozman and *Terria Odom-Wolfer* are instructors in Supportive Services at Monterey Peninsula College. Kathleen and Terria will give a hands-on presentation of Kurzweil, a reading, writing and learning software for use with struggling readers, including students with learning difficulties and English Language Learners.

Kristin Lewis is a Reading Teacher at Fresno City College. Kris and a few of her fellow reading instructors will be presenting key features of Fresno City College's Reading Program. The Fresno City College Reading Program is known for its success with paired course offerings and leadership and mentoring programs such as Puente (an academic preparation program with a Chicano/Latino emphasis), IDILE (a leadership and mentoring program for African-American students), and USEAA (prepares Southeast-Asian American students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities).

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