



**LITERACY
CONFERENCE**



Literacy Education Conference, Fall 2019

Equity and Literacy Instruction

**September 20 and 21, 2019
University of Wyoming
Laramie, WY**

Registration \$35.00

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Call for Proposals: Conference proposals are due by **May 1, 2019**. Please use the following link to submit your proposal. <https://tinyurl.com/uwyolrc2019>

Conference registration will open on June 5, 2019.

Travel and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the registrant or the registrant's sponsoring institution. The UW LRCC will provide one travel scholarship up to \$300 (to be used for food, travel, and/or hotel) to each Wyoming teacher who lives outside of the Laramie area and presents at the conference. Please note that this reimbursement will be processed after the conference and will only be provided to Wyoming teacher presenters who have completed appropriate paperwork with the LRCC's Heidi Cruz, including providing Heidi with *original* receipts.

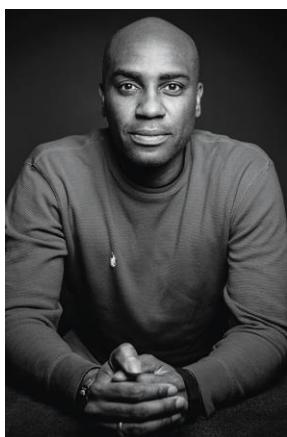
Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board (PTSB) renewal credit will be available to Wyoming certified teachers as well as UW's EDCI 5959 credit for only \$50.00.

Note: On Saturday, September 21, 2019, the conference will feature a variety of breakout sessions as well as several Featured Children's Authors' workshops.

Keynote Speakers



Elizabeth Dutro is professor and chair of literacy studies at University of Colorado Boulder, where she teaches courses in literacy methods, education in film, and literacy theory and practice. In her research, she collaborates closely with teacher colleagues to better understand the intersections of children's lives and knowledge, their opportunities to thrive in literacy classrooms, and the pursuit of justice in and through schooling. She welcomes connection and can be contacted at: Elizabeth.dutro@colorado.edu



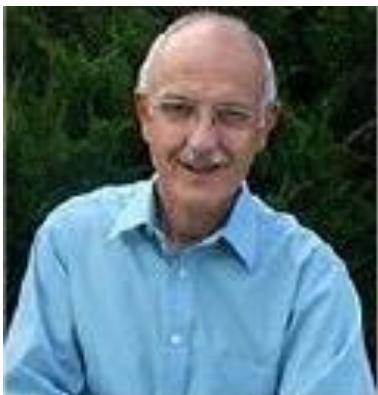
An award-winning author, teacher, and researcher, **Ernest Morrell** is the Coyle Professor of Literacy Education and the Inaugural Director of the Center for Literacy Education at the University of Notre Dame. Ernest is also past-president of the National Council of Teachers of English, a Fellow of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), and an appointed member of International Literacy Association's Literacy Research Panel. Since 2015, Ernest has been ranked among the top university-based education scholars in the RHSU Edu-Scholar Public Influence Rankings. Ernest is also the recipient of the Divergent Award for Excellence in 21st Century Literacies. Ernest was an award-winning English teacher and coach in Northern California and he now works with schools, districts, and families across the country to infuse social and emotional learning, media and digital technologies, project based learning, and multicultural literature into high leverage literacy practices that develop powerful readers and writers among all students.

Ernest is the author of more than 80 articles and book chapters, and eight books including *Every Child a Super Reader*, *New Directions in Teaching English*, *Linking Literacy and Popular Culture and Critical Media Pedagogy: Teaching for Achievement in City Schools*, which was awarded Outstanding Academic Title by Choice Magazine of the American Library Association. Ernest has earned numerous commendations for his K-12 and university teaching including being nominated five times for Who's Who Among America's High School teachers and receiving UCLA's Department of Education's Distinguished Teaching Award. Morrell earned his Ph.D. in Language, Literacy and Culture from the University of California at Berkeley where he received the Outstanding Dissertation Award. Ernest also proudly sits on the Executive Boards of Lit World and the African Diaspora Consortium.

Featured Children Authors

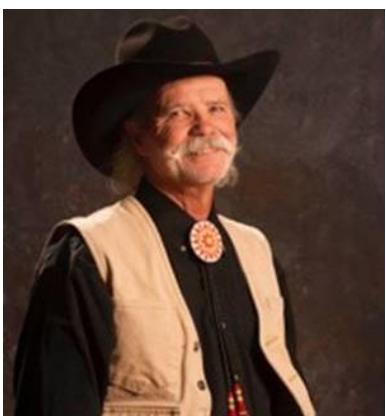


Matt de la Peña is the New York Times Bestselling, Newbery Medal-winning author of six young adult novels (including *Mexican WhiteBoy*, *We Were Here*, and *The Living*) and four picture books (including *Love* and *Last Stop on Market Street*). In 2016 he was awarded the NCTE Intellectual Freedom Award. Matt received his MFA in creative writing from San Diego State University and his BA from the University of the Pacific where he attended school on a full basketball scholarship. de la Peña currently lives in Brooklyn NY. He teaches creative writing and visits high schools and colleges throughout the country.



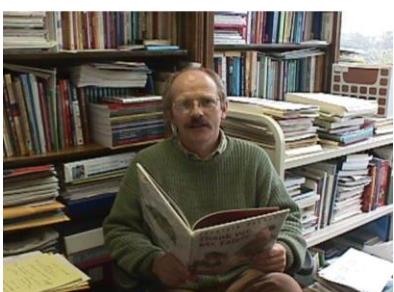
Known by many as the teacher who dances on his desk, **Eugene Gagliano** is a retired elementary teacher whose author presentations are entertaining, informative, and inspirational. He has presented at 147 schools, and at the International Reading Association, the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and for libraries and festivals in numerous states. Gene was the recipient of the IRA's 2004 Wyoming State Celebrate Literacy Award and the 2001 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. Gene's book *Dee and the Mammoth* illustrated by Zachary Pullen, won the 2010-2011 Wyoming State Historical Society Award for Best Fiction and represented the state of Wyoming at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C in 2011.

His other books include *C is for Cowboy: a Wyoming Alphabet*, *Four Wheels West: a Wyoming Number Book* (a former Western Writer's Spur Award nominee), *V is for Venus Flytrap: a Plant Alphabet*, *My Teacher Dances on the Desk* (winner of the 2010 Delaware Diamonds Book List Children's Choice Award), *Secret of the Black Widow* (a former Wyoming Indian Paintbrush Award nominee), *The Magic Box*, *Falling Stars*, *Inside the Clown*, *Booger*, *Little Wyoming*, and *Angel's Landing*. Gene is a member of Western Writers, Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, the International Literacy Association, and Wyoming Writers.



Tim Rush: A Professor Emeritus at the University of Wyoming, Dr. Rush's work has focused on the preparation of teachers of American Indian children, culturally relevant American Indian education, indigenous culture and language preservation, and occupational literacy. Rush came to UW in 1982 as an assistant professor and the coordinator of the Extended Degree Program in Elementary Education. Before the advent of distance-teaching technologies, Rush traveled Wyoming as one of UW's "flying professors" who were flown to teach classes in communities across the state. He then adopted evolving new technologies: from audio conferencing in the 1980s to video conferencing in the 1990s, and to the most recent technology of online learning. In 1987, Rush received the National University Continuing Education Association's *Annual Award for New Degree Programs* for leading the university's Extended Degree Program in Elementary Education. That same year, he was awarded UW's *Hollon Family Award for Excellence in Off-Campus Teaching*. In 2008, Rush and UW Associate Professor

Angela Jaime established the Teachers of American Indian Children graduate certificate program. The Wind River Tribal College bestowed him an honorary degree in 2007, and in 2009, the International Reading Association recognized him with the *Jerry Johns Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading* award. These accomplishments led to his receiving the WyDEC *Master Distance Educator Award* in 2012. Rush currently writes high interest books for young adults and adults who are new to the reading of English.



Professor Stan Steiner's students have dubbed him "The Bookman" because of his vast knowledge of children's literature. He has written and coauthored many articles connecting literature and content areas for such journals as *Book Links*, *Reading Teaching* and *Multicultural Review*. Prior to his present position teaching children's and young adult literature at Boise State University, he taught elementary school for fifteen years. Stan, and his storytelling wife Joy, present across America combining their love of literature and story.