

About the Presenters

Susan Bennett-Armistead is Associate Professor of Literacy Education and Correll Professor of Early Literacy at the University of Maine. Her Ph.D. from Michigan State is in Curriculum, Teacher Education, and Policy, with an emphasis in Literacy.

Nancy Connor has been involved with Literacy Volunteers as an ELL tutor and tutor trainer for more than 20 years. She taught English as a Second Language (ESL) in the public schools for 16 years and did a short stint teaching ESL in Korea. Nancy is currently the coordinator of programs for advanced students in RSU 26 (Glenburn-Orono-Veazie).

Mikal Crawford is Associate Professor of Education at Husson University, formerly a staff psychologist and program coordinator at Frostburg State University in Maryland. Her Ed.D. in Counseling Psychology is from West Virginia University. She is a strong advocate for maintaining a healthy sense of balance and well-being in professional and personal functioning.

Chris Mares is Director of the Intensive English Institute at the University of Maine and has been involved in English Language Teaching since 1981. He has taught ESL/EFL students, trained teachers, and written textbooks and other teaching materials. He has worked and lived abroad. Chris has a Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics from the University of Reading and also holds a Cambridge Diploma in Teaching English as a Foreign Language to Adults from International House.

Jen Montgomery-Rice has worked with Literacy Volunteers for six years as a tutor, trainer, committee member, and Board member. She has a passion for literacy and the knowledge that improved literacy improves lives. Formerly an elementary school teacher, she is now the Director and owner of Parkside Children's Learning Center, a large child care and preschool.

Kara Schreiber has been with Literacy Volunteers for over 30 years. She has had over two dozen students, representing over a dozen different countries. She is also a certified tutor trainer who is part of the tutor training team. She has facilitated workshops locally, on the state level, and at a national conference.

Annaliese Jakimides' poetry and prose have been published in many journals and magazines, including the *Beloit Poetry Journal*, *Utne Reader*, and *Bangor Metro*, and on MPBN and NPR. She has taught writing workshops on the East Coast and in the Maritimes, and for many years has been a facilitator in a variety of programs for the Maine Humanities Council.

Laurie Carpenter is the Director of the Orono Public Library and holds a Master of Library and Information Science Degree from the University of South Carolina.

Fees

There is no charge to attend the conference. However, lunch is available for \$10, with vegetarian options. You're welcome to bring your own lunch for no cost.

Getting There

Location:

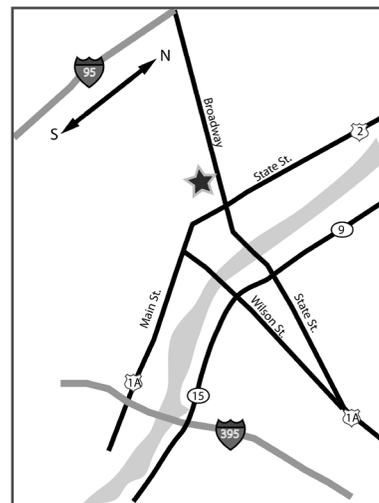
John Bapst Memorial High School, 100 Broadway, Bangor. You can park on Broadway or any of the adjacent streets.

Directions:

From I-95 South: Take Exit 185 Broadway/ME 15 N. At the off-ramp signal, go left onto Broadway. Stay in the right lane. Go about a mile to the high school on the right.

From I-95 North: Take Exit 185 Broadway/ME 15 N. At the off-ramp signal, take a hard left onto Broadway. Go about a mile to the high school on the right.

From Rt. 3/1A West: In Brewer, follow the signs toward I-95. Go across the bridge and continue straight about 0.3 mile. The high school is on the left.



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