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President's Message

Dear LRA Family and Friends,

With our conference just around the corner, I write to you with great excitement and anticipation. In only a month's time, we will have the pleasure of gathering in the vibrant city of Atlanta, GA for our much-awaited annual conference.

Each year the annual conference chair and co-chair have the all-consuming responsibility of organizing a high-quality conference that the membership and the greater literacy community deserve. This year's conference chair, Alfred Tatum, and co-chair, Fenice Boyd, have continued the tradition by working tirelessly to achieve this goal. The slate of esteemed plenary speakers includes Donna Ford, Tyrone Howard, Lisa Delpit, the 2023 recipient of the Distinguished Scholar Lifetime Achievement Award, and Elizabeth Birr Moje, the 2022 Oscar S. Causey awardee.

Each speaker's expertise and passion for literacy research and invaluable contributions to the field of literacy are certain to spark engaging discussions and open new avenues of understanding. We eagerly anticipate the impact of their words on our collective research endeavors and understandings.

Our annual conference is not just a gathering; it is a testament to the strength of our community. It embodies the spirit of collaboration, the excitement of exploring new research frontiers, and the joy of reconnecting with familiar faces and forging new friendships. This year, the conference takes on a profound significance under the theme "Interrogating Hierarchies: Building a Humanitarian Literacy Research Architecture that Binds." It challenges us to confront why entrenched educational hierarchies persist despite our rigorous research efforts and calls upon us to shape positive outcomes for students, both on a global and national scale.

Our world is changing, and so is the landscape of education. New legislative and educational paradigms demand our attention and action. As members of LRA, we have a responsibility to address these changes head-on. We must communicate our findings in ways that support a humanitarian research architecture, one that is inclusive, empowering, and forward-thinking.

I implore each of you to engage with us in this transformative dialogue. Your voice, your research, and your passion are invaluable in shaping the future of literacy research. Together, let's interrogate hierarchies, build bridges, and pave the way for a brighter future in literacy education.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Atlanta. This year's conference promises to be a landmark event, and I am confident that our collective efforts will help advance the cause of literacy research and create a more equitable world. If you haven't registered yet, please remember that regular registration ends on November 14, 2023.

With appreciation and respect,

Doris Walker-Dalhouse
LRA President 2022-2023
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Conference Chair and Vice President's Message

Dear LRA Community,

We are one month away from the 73rd Annual Conference to be held at the Hilton Atlanta from November 29 – December 2nd. Recent national and world events suggest that this year's theme, Interrogating Hierarchies: Creating a Humanitarian Research Architecture that Binds, is both timely and necessary. The author and poet Maya Angelou was right when she stated, "during bad circumstances, which is the human inheritance, you must decide not to be reduced. You have your humanity, and you must not allow anything to reduce that. We are obliged to know we are global citizens. Disasters remind us we are world citizens, whether we like it or not." The seriousness and sincerity of this year's research proposals align with this humanitarian perspective. We are in for a scholarly treat.

As a reminder, this year's major addresses will be delivered by a stellar intellectual lineup:

Doris Walker-Dalhouse, Presidential Address

Elizabeth Moje - Oscar S. Causey Award Address

Lisa Delpit - Distinguished Scholar Lifetime Achievement Award Address

Donna Ford – Plenary Address

Tyrone Howard – Plenary Address

Registration for the conference is close to 700. Online pre-registration is available until November 14th, 2023. You will only be able to register at the conference if you do not pre-register.

One hundred percent of the hotel room block is filled, but the Hilton Atlanta is still accepting hotel registrations at the conference rate. We recommend that you reserve your room now!

In 2020, members from 16 countries participated in the conference. We want to continue to grow our international participation and presence as part of our mission to elevate global diversity and foster meaningful international collaborations. This will allow us to become smarter, more connected, and better positioned as literacy researchers to interrupt hierarchies wherever they exist in the world.

Planning the annual conference would not be possible without the support of so many of our LRA colleagues. We are truly grateful for each of you and look forward to personally thanking you in Atlanta.

See you at the conference.

Alfred W. Tatum,
Conference Chair



Fenice B. Boyd
Conference Co-Chair





"Interrogating Hierarchies: Building a Humanitarian Literacy Research Architecture that Binds"

The demands for literacy research to make sense of or provide the guiding light for the ongoing instructional, political, cultural, institutional, and geographic currents dictate that our role as literacy researchers should be reflective, responsive, timely, and forward-looking. Our supreme challenge is interrupting stubborn hierarchies that persist across social and scientific landscapes despite rigorous research, sophisticated analyses, and a strong methodological and theoretical canvas.

[Register Now For LRA's Annual Conference!](#)

Regular Registration Ends on November 14, 2023

Make sure to use the hashtag #LRAConference2023 on social media!

[Click Here To View Your Conference Schedule On The Online Program](#)

Our Plenary Speakers



Doris Walker-Dalhouse

President's Address

Doris Walker-Dalhouse, Ph.D., is professor of literacy in the College of Education at Marquette University and Professor Emerita of literacy, Minnesota State University Moorhead.



Tyrone Howard

Plenary Speaker

Tyrone C. Howard is the Pritzker Family Endowed professor in the School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA.



Donna Ford

Plenary Speaker

Donna Y. Ford, PhD, is a Distinguished Professor of Education and Human Ecology in the College of Education and Human Ecology at Ohio State University.



Elizabeth Moje

Oscar S. Causey Award

Elizabeth Birr Moje is dean, George Herbert Mead Collegiate Professor of Education, and an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor of Literacy, Language, and Culture in the Marsal Family School of Education.



Lisa Delpit

Distinguished Scholar Lifetime Achievement Award

Lisa D. Delpit is an American educationalist, researcher, and author. She is the former executive director and Eminent Scholar at the Center for Urban Educational Excellence at Florida International University in Miami, Florida, Benjamin E. Mays Chair of Urban Educational Leadership at Georgia State University, and the first Felton G. Clark Distinguished Professor of Education at Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

73rd Annual Conference: Travel Information

Hilton Atlanta
255 Courtland Street NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303



Housing and Travel

LRA has negotiated discounted rates, plus applicable taxes, at the Atlanta Hilton Hotel, Atlanta, GA. Discounted rooms are sold on a first-come, first-served basis for reservations received by November 7, 2023 (provided rooms are still available in the room block). Please make your reservations early!

Atlanta Hilton
255 Courtland Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

Room Rate: \$169.00 USD plus taxes
+1-404-659-2000

[**BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW!**](#)

Check-in and Check-
out Check-in: 4:00 PM
Check-out: 11:00 AM

Transportation

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport – 13 miles/30 minutes

MARTA Public Transit – MARTA from the Airport to Atlanta Hilton Hotel

Walking Directions from the MARTA station to the Atlanta Hilton.

Accommodations

- Free Wi-Fi in guestrooms and social spaces, like lobbies and restaurants
- Electronic door lock with automatic deadbolt
- Coffeemaker with complimentary coffee
- In-room electronic safe
- Individual climate control
- Full bath amenities and hair dryer
- Iron/ironing board
- \$5 discount on Self-parking
- Free use of Fitness center, Basketball, Tennis Court, and Outdoor Jogging track

Restaurants

Nikola's Roof: Offers breathtaking panoramic views of the Atlanta skyline

Southern Elements: Enjoy traditional Southern cuisine with a contemporary twist

Trader Vic's Atlanta: Home of the original Mai Tai, for international cuisine, tropical cocktails and an unforgettable ambiance featuring hand-carved tikis, palm-thatched ceiling, and south pacific decor.

Questions – Contact LRA Headquarters at lrahq@literacyresearchassociation.org.

Note: LRA does not handle hotel reservations, attendees need to reach out to the Hilton directly (877) 803-7534.

LRA JOB POSTINGS!



Bowling Green State University
 College of Education and Human Development
 School of Inclusive Teacher Education
Assistant/Associate Professor in
 Reading/Literacy



COLLEGE OF
 EDUCATION

The College of Education at the University of
 Houston
Assistant Professor – Early Literacy Education



Purdue University
Clinical Assistant Professor of K-6 Literacy
 Education



Florida Atlantic University
Assistant Professor of Literacies



The Marsal School of Education at the
 University of Michigan
Tenure Track Faculty Member at the rank of
 Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor of
 Educational Studies with focus in Early
 Literacy