



THE
**School
Literacy
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Project**

Going Beyond the Here and Now:

Creating the Classrooms Children Need in the 21st Century

presented by

**The School Literacy and Culture Project
Rice University Center for Education**

Saturday, January 17, 2009
Duncan Hall, Rice University

This year we are thinking ahead to the future of today's children. We can't anticipate the challenges that our students will face in the years to come and yet we are charged with preparing them to capably and confidently meet these challenges. How do we teach thinking and problem solving skills in a meaningful, valuable way?

Dr. Patsy Cooper (SLC Founding Director) will deliver the keynote address: "The Critical Relationship Between Fantasy Play in the Preschool and Kindergarten Years and Learning to Read and Write." Patsy Cooper, education professor at New York University, has long been an articulate and outspoken advocate of early educators. Often provocative and always entertaining, Cooper consistently challenges teachers to imagine educational possibilities rather than simply respond to today's educational mandates.

Breakout sessions for teachers of toddlers through early primary grades, led by School Literacy and Culture Project (SLC) staff and guests, will address the needs of both first time attendees who are unfamiliar with the SLC Project's work and returning participants who have been taking children's stories for years. Sessions geared to special interests (bilingual classrooms, toddler curriculum, literacy across the curriculum, etc.), will be offered as well. Details will be available in mid December on our website centerforeducation.rice.edu/SLC.

NEW THIS YEAR: We are pleased to announce that CEUs will be available for purchase! Those wishing CEUs will need to sign in at the CEU table in the registration area upon arrival and sign out after the last session. The cost will be \$15 for .4 unit, payable on the day of the conference.

Morning Schedule

- 8:00 – 8:30 Registration, light breakfast, vendors
- 8:30 – 8:45 Welcome – Karen Capo, Director, School Literacy and Culture Project
- 8:45 – 9:45 Keynote Address – Patsy Cooper, Professor, New York University
- 10:00 – 11:00 Breakout Session I
- 11:15 – 12:30 Breakout Session II and evaluations

Parking

Participants are asked to park in the Central Garage, a short walk from Duncan Hall. (Use entrance #20 and turn right at the second stop sign.) Since mini-conference registration frequently reaches 250, carpooling is encouraged; the cost for the day is approximately \$9. Detailed campus maps showing Duncan Hall and other parking locations can be downloaded from www.rice.edu.

Notes about Registration:

- Please mail the completed registration form with \$40.00 registration fee by Thursday, January 8, 2009.
- On-line registration will be available through Thursday, January 8, 2009 at centerforeducation.rice.edu/SLC
- Forms may be faxed to 713-348-4229. If you are faxing the form, please arrive early at registration to allow time for payment of fees.
- Late registration by mail or fax will be accepted on a space-available basis; a \$5 late fee will apply.
- Onsite registration at the conference itself will cost \$50.00 if seats are still available.
- If you plan to purchase CEUs, remember to sign in at the CEU table in the registration area upon arrival.
- A limited number of scholarships are available. Please contact Karen Capo at kcapo@rice.edu.
- For additional information, please contact us at 713-348-5333 or dlingrey@rice.edu.

Registration Form

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Please complete and mail this form with applicable fees, made payable to **School Literacy and Culture Project**, to: School Literacy and Culture Project, Center for Education, Rice University, MS 147, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892. The registration deadline is Thursday January 8, 2009.

Please indicate which fees you are enclosing:
 \$40 conference registration fee
 \$5 late fee (after January 8th)

(Please print)

Name: _____

Home address: _____
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home phone: _____ E-mail: _____

School: _____ School fax: _____

What age children do you teach? _____ Have you participated in our mini-conferences or other programs in the past? _____