

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**November 5-6-7,1993:** Adelphi University and The City University of New York will hold "Autumn in New York," the first annual **Conference on Redefining Basic Skills in Higher Education** in Garden City, NY. The theme is "Exploring New Approaches and Transforming Our Pedagogies." Topics to be explored in panels and workshops include models of literacy education and assessment; new approaches toward basic skills education in reading, writing, mathematics, visual literacy, and ESL; basic skills assessment; and computer applications in basic skills instruction. Keynote speakers include Peter Elbow and Joseph Harris (new editor of *College Composition and Communication*). **For information:** Write Dr. Max Kirsch, CUNY, 555 West 57th Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY, or call (212) 541-0324.

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**March 4,1994: The Sixth Annual Conference of the CUNY Writing Centers Association** will have as its theme, "Critical Times—Critical Teaching." Hosted by Kingsborough Community College, CUNY, in its recently completed Conference Center overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, the featured speaker will be Dr. Ira Shor, College of Staten Island, CUNY, author of *Empowering Education*, and well-known for his writing and lecturing on Paulo Freire's philosophy and practice. **For information:** Lucille Nieporent (718) 368-5405 or Steven Serafin (212) 772-4212.

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**March 4-5, 1994: The MacBeth National Conference on Computing in the Liberal Arts**, a national forum on the use of the Macintosh computer in college classrooms, will be held at Bethany College, Bethany, WV 26032. Directed to higher education classroom practitioners, and to professionals who support faculty in the use of technology, the conference will also present the MacBeth Awards, given for excellence in the use of Macintosh computers in college liberal arts classrooms. **For information:** Dr. Leslie Lucas, Conference Coordinator. Voice: (304) 829-7749; Fax: (304) 829-7333; Internet: LeslieL@delphi.com. Deadline: was October 1, 1993 but please inquire.

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**April 18-20, 1994: The Regional Language Centre (RELC)**, educational project of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Orga-

nization (SEAMEO), will hold its **Regional Seminar on Reading and Writing Research: Implications for Language Education** in Singapore. Papers and workshops are invited on Reading and Writing Research in the First/Second/Foreign Language and on Issues and Concerns in First/Second/Foreign Language Reading and Writing Acquisition/Learning/ Instruction. **To submit proposals:** A 200-word abstract and a 50-word bio should be sent post-marked no later than November 15, 1993. Proposers will be notified of results no later than December 31, 1993. If accepted, a floppy diskette and a hard copy of the complete text of the paper/workshop will be required by March 10, 1994. **Contact:** The Director, Att. Seminar Secretariat, SEAMEO, 30 Orange Grove Rd., Singapore 1025, Republic of Singapore. Tel.: (65) 7379044; Fax: (65) 7342753; Telex: RS 55598 RELC; E-mail: GBOREL@NUSVM

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**July 13-16, 1994: The 13th Annual Penn State Conference on Rhetoric and Composition** will be held in State College, PA. Plenary speakers Shirley Brice Heath, Susan Miller, and John Swales, and other featured speakers including Thomas B. Farrell, Cheryl Geisler, Patricia Harkin, Joseph Harris, and George Myerson will be among the participants. Scholars, researchers, and teachers of rhetoric and writing are invited to propose papers, demonstrations, panels, or workshops on any current topic in rhetoric and composition. One-page proposals (including a 150-word abstract) will be accepted through April 4, 1994. **For conference information**, to submit a proposal, or to volunteer to chair a session, **contact:** Don H. Bialostosky, Department of English, Penn State University, University Park, PA, 16802 (e-mail, rae2@psuvm.psu.edu).

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**Members wanted: The National Council of Writing Program Administrators**, a nonprofit, professional organization that focuses on administration of college and university writing programs, invites those involved in helping administer writing programs, as well as graduate students who will be so involved, to join this proactive group. Regular membership fee of \$15.00—full-time graduate students \$10.00—includes subscription to WPA's journal and an invitation to WPA's annual workshop and conferences. **Address:** National Council of Writing Program Administrators, Dept. of English, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056.

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**Information needed:** Jane Maher, assistant professor who teaches writing in Nassau Community College's Basic Education Program, has begun research **for a biography of Mina Shaughnessy**. She would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew Mina Shaughnessy, who has letters, photographs, or other relevant material. **Please contact her at 299 Overlook Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830, (203) 869-8468.**