Georgia Heard
Writing NonFiction
Thursday, September 24, 2015

Georgia Heard received her M.F.A. in poetry writing from Columbia University. She is a founding member of the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project in New York City. Georgia has written several books on teaching poetry and writing, including her latest, The Revision Toolbox, 2nd Edition and Finding the Heart of Nonfiction. Her other essential educational books include Writing Toward Home and Awakening the Heart, which Instructor Magazine called one of its 12 books every teacher should read.

During this must-see seminar, Georgia will show you how to teach students to write nonfiction that informs and inspires. She will provide practical ways to select mentor texts, familiarize writers with nonfiction craft and text features, and connect nonfiction work to the state standards. You don’t want to miss this opportunity to hear Georgia. Register now for this outstanding presentation!

Meg Ormiston
Creating Digital Rich Classrooms
Thursday, October 29, 2015

Are you looking for ways to support your teaching in today’s technology-driven world? During this presentation, Meg will demonstrate how your standards-aligned curriculum can be enhanced with powerful technological resources to transform and enrich the content, while making it more accessible and relevant to meaningful learning.

Meg specializes in teaching and learning through the power of digital tools. Her research is focused on how curriculum can be delivered through the use of visual images, simulations, and multimedia. Meg has authored seven books, including Conquering InfoClutter: Timesaving Technology Solutions for Teachers, Digital Storytelling with PowerPoint, Digital Storytelling with Windows Movie Maker, and Creating a Digital Rich Classroom, Teaching and Learning in a Web 2.0. She shares great ideas that you can use in your classroom today! Sign up now for this must-see seminar!

Margarita Calderón
Effective Instruction & Assessment for English Language Learners
Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Dr. Margarita Calderón is a professor emerita and senior research scientist at the Johns Hopkins University. She has conducted research, training, and curriculum development for teaching language, reading comprehension, and content knowledge to K-12 English learners. A native of Juárez, Mexico, Dr. Calderón has more than 100 publications to her credit, including Teaching Reading & Comprehension to English Learners, K-5 and Breaking Through: Effective Instruction & Assessment for Reaching English Learners.

In this engaging seminar, Calderón will offer numerous strategies for selecting and teaching key words/phrases that make content comprehensible for ELL students. She will provide a model for comprehensive literacy instruction to enhance ELL students’ vocabulary and reading comprehension while gaining critical content knowledge. Performance assessments for vocabulary and reading comprehension will be practiced. Don’t miss this sought-after speaker!

Karen Haag
The Other Components of Reading Workshop (Besides Guided Reading)
Wednesday, March 16, 2016

During this informative seminar, reading specialist Karen Haag will examine the structure of Reading Workshop. She will provide basic comprehension strategies needed by readers and share exercises that boost reading achievement in any content class K-12. Karen will demonstrate how to use interactive notebooks to engage students and show ways to craft assignments that evaluate students’ progress. You will leave this seminar with ideas to implement immediately!

Karen’s vast experiences in public schools include teaching grades 3 through college for 20 years, as well as serving as a reading specialist at the school, district, and state levels in North Carolina. Karen co-wrote Thinking Out Loud on Paper: Student Daybooks as a Tool for Learning. She currently presents nationally and writes professionally on reading and writing instruction. Karen maintains websites LikeToWrite.com and LikeToRead.com that provide teachers with a wealth of free resources for literacy education. Sign-up now for this fantastic seminar!