

**2011 Annual Conference of the American Reading Forum  
Sundial Beach and Tennis Resort, Sanibel Island, FL**

**The Third Dimension: The Preparation and Practices of Classroom Reading  
Teachers**

It has long been argued that there are three dimensions of classroom reading instruction: the student, the text, and the teacher. Our 2010 American Reading Forum Conference focused on the text in reading instruction. For the 2011 conference, the conference planning committee would like to extend the discussion of the triad (student, text, teacher) by focusing on the teacher: preparation and practices. From the William S. Gray to the *Torchlighters*, to the *First Grade Studies*, to the National Reading Panel, experts have always seemed to agree that the teacher makes the difference in the classroom, although most have disagreed about the best ways to ensure that every child is taught by a competent, qualified teacher of reading. Similarly, most experts agree that there are "best practices" that should be used in teaching children to read; however, experts disagree about what constitutes "best practices."

Since the American Reading Forum is an organization that facilitates the dissemination of ideas and research and places a high priority on providing its members opportunities for critical discussions of ideas, issues, research, emerging research interests, and paradigms, we extend this invitation to all members of the Reading/Literacy community to participate in the year's 2011 American Reading Forum Conference.

The 2011 conference theme calls for participants to submit proposals, panels, and/or problems court sessions relating to reading teacher preparation, reading teacher practices, or other reading/literacy teacher-centered/teacher-focused topics.

**General Information**

Proposals for Papers, Panels, and Problems Courts will be considered for inclusion in the 2011 American Reading Forum Annual Conference Program if they are received by April 1, 2011. The theme is **The Third Dimension: The Preparation and Practices of Classroom Reading Teachers**.

All presenters are expected to register and attend the conference to present and discuss the paper with the audience. The membership of the Forum has consistently requested that people submit proposals only if they fully believe the related obligations can be met. Generally, a person will appear only once as a presenter on the program but could also appear as a reactor for one of the various sessions. It is our hope that all presenters will become active conferees.

All presenters are invited to submit their papers for consideration for publication in the *Yearbook of the American Reading Forum*. Reactors and members of the audience are invited to write reactions for such consideration. However, if the original paper is not accepted in the peer review process, related reaction papers will be dropped from consideration.

## Guidelines for Submitting Proposals

Generally, each **paper session** will be limited to 30 minutes. The Program Committee will schedule two or three papers on related topics in a time slot and appoint a reactor who will start the sessions and conduct a 10-minute reaction to the papers including comments and questions from the audience. Special arrangements may be made for paper presentations that need more time, depending on time availability.

**Panels** will be limited to 60 minutes. Those proposing panel sessions should assemble a program on one topic or multiple but related topics. Panel proposers should name their own chairs, reactors, and any others who may have a specific role in the program. Novel approaches, ways of presenting, and/or ways of involving the audience are welcomed in the panel approaches. If additional time is needed, please request additional time on the proposal cover sheet.

**Problems Court** sessions will be allotted 60 to 90 minutes. Not more than 30–45 minutes should be spent presenting to the audience a problem or problems that need to be resolved along with some possible solutions or courses of action. The remaining 30–45 minutes should be reserved for audience participation. Panel proposers should name their own chairs, reactors, and any others who may have a specific role in the program.

### Materials to be Submitted with a Proposal

**All Proposals must be submitted electronically and must include:**

1. One cover sheet
2. A two-to-three-page, double-spaced summary of the proposal. The summary should include:
  - A. Objectives
  - B. Perspectives or theoretical framework
  - C. Methods and/or techniques
  - D. Data source(s)
  - E. Results, conclusions, point of view
  - F. Educational or scientific importance

Problems Court sessions should be outlined in a two-to-three-page, double-spaced summary.

Receipt of the proposal and notification of the decision of the Program Committee will be sent electronically to the first author.

**PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE NAMES ON PROPOSAL SUMMARY. NAMES SHOULD APPEAR ONLY ON THE COVER SHEET.**

## Audio Visual Equipment

Projectors will be provided; however, **laptops, or other computer equipment will not be provided**. Presenters are responsible for additional equipment, including adapters unique to their laptops.

## Where to Submit a Proposal

Proposals must be received by April 1, 2011. The program coordinators are Cindy Hendricks (BGSU), Lessie Cochran (BGSU), Penny Soboleski (UF), James Hendricks (BSU), Kiesha Warren-Gordon (BSU). Proposals should be submitted to:

[cindyg@bgsu.edu](mailto:cindyg@bgsu.edu)

or

Cindy Hendricks  
529 Education Building  
Bowling Green State University  
Bowling Green, OH 43403

**2011 American Reading Forum  
PAPER PROPOSAL COVER SHEET  
DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL: April 1, 2011**

Person Submitting Proposal

Institutional Affiliation

Mailing Address

Telephone: Office (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address:\_\_\_\_\_

SESSION TITLE:

**Name of First Presenter:**

Institutional Affiliation

Mailing Address

Telephone: Office (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

**Second Presenter**

Institutional Affiliation

Mailing Address

Telephone: Office (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

**Please add all additional presenters here (Just copy and paste format above).**

**Suggested Reactor:**

Institutional Affiliation

Mailing Address

Telephone: Office (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have contacted this reactor.

**If you are a graduate student, who may be nominating you for a scholarship?**

\_\_\_\_\_

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2011 American Reading Forum  
PANEL/PROBLEMS COURT PROPOSAL COVER SHEET  
DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL: April 1, 2011

Person Submitting Proposal  
Institutional Affiliation  
Mailing Address

Telephone: Office (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Fax: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address:\_\_\_\_\_

SESSION TITLE:

PLEASE CIRCLE TYPE OF SESSION:                      PANEL                      PROBLEMS COURT

**Name of First Presenter (Chair)**

Institutional Affiliation

Mailing Address

Telephone: Office (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

**Second Presenter**

Institutional Affiliation

Mailing Address

Telephone: Office (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

**Third Presenter**

Institutional Affiliation

Mailing Address

Telephone: Office (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

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**Reactor (required for panels and problems court):**

Institutional Affiliation

Mailing Address

Telephone: Office (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I have contacted this reactor.

**Graduate students: Who may be nominating you for a scholarship?**

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GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SESSION PROPOSAL COVER SHEET  
DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL: September 15, 2011

Name of Graduate Student Presenter:

Institutional Affiliation:

Mailing Address:

Telephone: Office (    )

Home: (    )

Fax: (    )

E-mail address:

Faculty Advisor/Mentor (ARF Sponsor):

Institutional Affiliation:

Mailing Address:

Telephone: Office (    )

Home: (    )

Fax: (    )

E-mail address:

This cover sheet is for graduate students presenting research papers at the 2011 ARF conference who wish to be considered for the ARF 2011 research scholarship awards. The due date for the proposal is later (September 15, 2011) to give entering graduate students time to submit a proposal.

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**American Reading Forum  
REACTOR REQUEST**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: April 1, 2011**

I would like to participate in the 2011 American Reading Forum by serving as a reactor to paper sessions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Office (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN BEING A REACTOR, PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION ON THE FORM BELOW.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## TIMELINE

December, 2011	All ARF members receive Program Proposal Forms
April 1, 2011	All proposals must be submitted to Program Co-Chair
April 4, 2011	All proposals sent to reviewers
May 1, 2011	Proposals returned to Program Co-Chair
June 1, 2011	Notification of proposal status
June 20, 2011	Preliminary programs sent to website for July newsletter
August 1, 2011	Corrected preliminary program returned to Program Co-Chair
September 15, 2011	Graduate Student proposal submitted to Program Co-Chair
October 10, 2011	Notification of Graduate Student proposal status
December 5-9, 2011	American Reading Forum Convenes