



New England Association of Teachers of English
A Community of Virtual Learning Fall 2020 - Spring 2021
Empowering Authentic Voices and Identity: Fostering Inquiry and Engagement Through Culturally Responsive Literacy

Dear Supporter of Education:

This year brings exceptional difficulties as well as unique opportunities for anyone interested in education! **Would you not be pleased to connect with NEATE's membership from the comfort of your office, achieving visibility for eight full months?** Consider becoming a "virtual exhibitor," associated with a number of quality events designed to enhance educators' classroom practice, spark discourse with colleagues, and foster progress in culturally responsive literacy. NEATE President Brenda Le Blanc Jaster recently announced that our members will be invited to participate in a year-long, virtual un-conference, featuring keynote speeches by Mahogany Browne and Marcelo Hernandez Castillo, dynamic and interactive workshops, and book clubs. Our Teacher-Poet of the Year Award will be presented in April to align with National Poetry Month. Both the Marian Gleason Award and Ann Garland West Award recipients will be celebrated in May to honor Teacher Appreciation Week.

NEATE is offering you space in our Virtual Exhibits Hall, connected to all of our training and discussion events. A 100-word description of your products, programs, and/or services, linked to your own website, would be available to all visitors to the NEATE website. You might even like to raffle off an item to draw more attention to your website. Perhaps you will want to provide a certain number of free or discounted books to help NEATE members appreciate what you have to offer them. Seeking to make this opportunity affordable to everyone, we have established three levels of participation: Gold, Green, and Yellow. Gold exhibitors (\$300) will have maximum and priority visibility, with an opportunity for large images. Green exhibitors (\$200) will have moderate visibility, with an opportunity for medium images. Yellow exhibitors (\$100) will have lesser visibility, with an opportunity for smaller images. Non-profit organizations will be charged half of these fees. Contact us directly if you are interested in sponsoring an event in full or part or if you have any questions.

As one of the oldest professional educational organizations in the country, we are proud to provide educators with access to information, products, and services that can help them foster culturally responsive literacy in their school communities. Many of our attendees are considering taking courses to enhance their skills and knowledge during this particularly challenging time, so we welcome colleges, universities, and professional development agencies. Our Executive Board specifically asked us to seek independent, local bookstores that our members will want to support, too.

You can download forms and more information at <http://neate.org/>, where you will find the registration form that is attached here as well as a link to PayPal. We are eager to talk with you about ways that we can collaborate to enhance NEATE's Community of Virtual Learning!

Sincerely,

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