

OELMA 2010 Conference - *Forging the Future*

Featured Authors



Allison Zmuda —

Allison Zmuda began her work in education as a public high school social studies teacher in Sandy Hook, Connecticut. Zmuda's focus is to help every educator create a competent classroom—a learning environment

where all participants believe it is possible for them to be successful—in which what teachers and students are expected to know and be able to do is challenging, feasible, and worthy of the attempt. She is the author of *Librarians as Learning Specialists*; *The Competent Classroom* and *Transforming Schools: Creating a Culture of Continuous Improvement*.



David Diaz —

David Diaz has illustrated numerous award-winning books for children, including Eve Bunting's *Going Home*; as well as Newbery Honor winner, *The Wanderer*, by Sharon Creech. Mr. Diaz was awarded the Caldecott

Medal in 1995 for his work in *Smoky Night* by Eve Bunting, and his colorful illustrations in Margaret Wise Brown's *The Little Scarecrow Boy* lead to the book being named the New York Times Best Illustrated Book for 1998. Most recently, Mr. Diaz has teamed up with renowned author Joyce Carol Thomas, creating vibrant illustrations for *The Gospel Cinderella*, a soulful retelling of the classic Cinderella story.

Sharon Draper— www.sharondraper.com



Dr. Sharon M. Draper is a professional educator as well as an accomplished writer. She has been honored as the National Teacher of the Year, is a five-time winner

of the Coretta Scot King Literary Award, and is a New York Times bestselling author. She is the published author of numerous articles, stories, and poems, including *Tears of a Tiger*; *Darkness Before Dawn*; *Copper Sun* and the *Sassy* series.



Jack Gantos—www.jackgantos.com

Jack Gantos published his first children's book, *Rotten Ralph*, in 1976. He developed the master's degree program in children's book writing at Emerson College and the Vermont College M.F.A. program for children's book writers.

His publications can take a reader from "cradle to grave" -- from picture books and middle-grade fiction to novels for young adults and adults. Mr. Gantos is known nationally for his educational creative writing and literature presentations to students and teachers. His titles include the *Jack Henry Books*, the *Joey Pigza Books*, *The Rotten Ralph Rotten Readers* and young adult titles, *Hole in My Life*, *Desire Lines* and *The Love Curse of the Rumbaughs*.

Other Featured Speakers—

The 2010 OELMA Conference will also host the ever-popular Dr. Carolyn Brodie and Dr. Greg Byerly from Kent State University. In addition, Mark Pohlman from The Educational Service Center of Central Ohio's Center for Achievement and Leadership Services, along with Discovery Education, Learn360 and NBC Learn will bring you sessions on streaming media. If you are looking for video clips, photographs, audio clips and full-length videos that are aligned to state standards in many curricular areas and grade levels that can be integrated into your current classroom lessons, you will want to attend these grade level sessions.