



## 2010 Call for Papers

### Literature, Education, and the Creative Mind

Susquehanna University invites undergraduate scholars and writers to participate in “Literature, Education, and the Creative Mind,” its sixth annual Undergraduate Conference on Literature and Creative Writing.

We welcome discussion of this theme from the point of view of practicing and future readers, creative writers, literary critics, and teachers; options include the value of literature and creative experiments in educating the mind; pedagogy for literary education; literary representations of education; the bildungsroman; the development of the imagination through literature and education; stories, poems, or other works that thematize education; the tensions between formal schooling and the life of the mind, or between creativity and literary study.

All types of literature and all methods of study, including interdisciplinary approaches, are welcome. Creative writing can take any number of forms, including poetry, prose fiction and non-fiction, and literary journalism.

Gerald Graff, professor of English and Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago and president of the Modern Language Association, will give the keynote address. Professor Graff, “one of his generation’s most influential commentators on education,” has published widely: *Professing Literature: An Institutional History* (1987), *Beyond the Culture Wars* (1992), *Literature Against Itself* (1995), the best-selling writing textbook *They Say / I Say* (with Kathy Berkenstein, 2005), and *Clueless in Academe: How Schooling Obscures the Life of the Mind* (2004). He is co-founder of Teachers for a Democratic Culture, an organization aimed at combating conservative misrepresentations of the academe, and has won numerous awards and fellowships, including a Guggenheim in 1987.

To be considered for the conference, please submit a 300-word abstract of a scholarly paper or a 300 word summary of a work of creative writing appropriate for a 15-minute presentation by November 24, 2009. Abstract or summary should indicate connection to conference theme. Email submissions as an MS Word attachment to [englishdept@susqu.edu](mailto:englishdept@susqu.edu). In the subject line of your email, please indicate: Conference: [Title of Paper].

Deadline for Submissions: November 24, 2009.

Conference registration fee is \$30 for non-SU participants.

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