

**Proposal deadline extended to April 24<sup>th</sup>**

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## **Northwest Association of Teacher Educators**

*Alberta, Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho,  
Montana, Saskatchewan, Washington, Oregon*

Welcome to the NWATE 2013 Conference

**May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 in the Palouse**

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Conference Theme:

### **Curriculum in Community:**

**Language, Culture, and Partnership in Our Schools**

The Northwest Association of Teacher Educators is pleased to announce a multidisciplinary collaboration for our 2013 Annual Conference at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington. Together with WSU's [\*Plateau Center for American Indian Studies\*](#) and [\*Pacific Northwest Center for Mestizo & Indigenous Research and Outreach\*](#), our conference theme centers on simple, yet profoundly important question: How do we more authentically connect schools and the diverse people and places they serve? *How do we provide real opportunities to understand one another?*

The latter question, shared by our conference keynote Dr. Anton Treuer, requires us to learn to listen and then listen (Prakash & Esteva, 1998). From this point of openness, what possibilities emerge so that we allow for enlivened relationships in education?

Can we better build curriculum *in* community? How might indigenous ways of knowing become guides? What revitalization efforts are present in our communities that allow everyone to shine? What language is required for us to courageously connect mind and heart in schooling and education?

This announcement serves as a “call in” for proposals—join us in sharing respective work that is presently, or seeks to reconstitute education and our schools. This combined conference is for the whole of our educational communities, including Tribal leadership, K-12 teachers and leaders, college, and university educators, and language/culture activists through panels, workshops, and papers to share ideas for improving the lives and education of children and grown ups alike.

## Conference Venue

Please join us on Washington State University's Pullman Campus in the beautiful Palouse for this year's conference. During late spring, some of the finest weather and scenic views this landscape avails itself making this conference fulfilling aesthetically, intellectually and collegially. In off-hours, enjoy biking, walking, fine food and a big open sky.

## Keynote Speaker



This year's guest is Dr. Anton Treuer, (pronounced troy-er), a noted Ojibwe scholar and Professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University. We are honored to welcome Dr. Treuer, as his engaging and insightful frankness is a guide for how we can better embrace today's controversial topics especially connected to culture, language and partnership in schooling and education.

In addition to his teaching and scholarly work, Dr. Treuer is Executive Director of the American Indian Resource Center at Bemidji State University. He has a B.A. from Princeton University, M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. He is Editor of the Oshkaabewis (pronounced o-shkaah-bay-wis) Native Journal, the only academic journal of the Ojibwe language and author of 9 books: *Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask*, Ojibwe in Minnesota ("Minnesota's Best Read for 2010" by The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress), *The Assassination of Hole in the Day* (Award of Merit Winner, American Association of State and Local History), *Ezhichigeyang: Ojibwe Word List*, *Awesiinyensag: Dibaajimowinan Ji-gikinoo'amaageng* ("Minnesota's Best Read for 2011" by The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress), *Living Our Language: Ojibwe Tales & Oral Histories*, *Aaniin Ekidong: Ojibwe Vocabulary Project*, *Indian Nations of North America*, and *Omaa Akiing*. Dr. Treuer has sat on many organizational boards, including the White Earth Land Recovery Project, Sanford/MeritCare Health System, and the Minnesota State Arts Board. Dr. Treuer has received more than 40 prestigious awards and fellowships from many organizations, including the American Philosophical Society, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, the Bush Foundation, and the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation.

## Session Submissions

Each submission will be reviewed for the ways in which a proposal speaks to and highlights this year's conference theme and related questions. Three alternate Conference Session Formats include:

### Round Tables Symposia

A Round Table Symposium usually involves three or four short presentations linked by theme. Presenters should plan one hour for the presentation and discussion afterwards. They usually include 3 – 4 papers per session plus a Discussant. The proposal for a symposium needs to be handed in as one submission with a description of the symposium (500 words) and a list of all

abstracts for all papers linked to it (100 word abstract per paper). A Chairperson and a Discussant must be identified as part of the proposal.

### **Alternative presentation**

Proposals for alternative presentations such as films, documentaries, performances, workshops or other creative endeavors are highly encouraged. In your proposal please indicate the kind of presentation you will be doing and the time needed. Shorter presentations, installations or exhibitions may be combined. Please indicate if you have special space or technology requirements.

### **Papers**

A Paper is submitted by one author plus up to three co-authors. Papers are oral presentations lasting 15 – 20 minutes and will be scheduled in 90 minute sessions and will normally include 3 - 4 papers on similar themes. A chairperson for each session will manage time and discussion.

### **Guidelines for Writing a Proposal Abstract:**

Proposals for conference sessions are welcome from all fields of teacher educational but should align in some way to our conference theme and sub-themes. All proposals must be submitted electronically as **Word .doc** file attachments to e-mail sent to Francene Watson at the following address: [fwatson@wsu.edu](mailto:fwatson@wsu.edu)

Submissions may be as short as 300 words but not exceed a maximum of 1000 words, plus references. The following should be included:

- 1) Title of proposal
- 2) Authors(s) of proposal including affiliations and email addresses
- 3) Short summary of the paper or presentation (for Conference Program, approximately 50 words)
- 4) Proposal

Please identify all contributing authors with their affiliations and email addresses as part of the proposal, and clearly specify who will be presenting. Take care to provide accurate information: misspellings and missing email addresses may mean that co-authors are not correctly linked to their contributions.

PLEASE SEND PAPER PROPOSALS BY ~~April 15, 2013~~ Wednesday, **April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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Francene Watson, from Washington State University, is First Vice-President and Jim Parsons, from the University of Alberta, is President and working to support the conference happenings.