

## cost, lodging, and meals



### **Cost: \$250**

Includes conference registration, lodging in dormitory suites of 4 for Wednesday and Thursday evenings, meals in Belmont's cafeteria for Thursday (3 meals) and Friday (2 meals), and linens.

### **Cost: \$150**

Includes conference registration and meals in Belmont's cafeteria for Thursday (3 meals) and Friday (2 meals); does NOT include overnight lodging.

### **Extended Stay Lodging**

\$50 to extend stay on Friday & Saturday nights. No meals provided.

### **Family Members Attending**

Non-conference attendance is \$50 per night per person for lodging and \$17 per day for meal ticket.

## AILACTE Southern Regional Conference

Southern Voices:  
Speaking into the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Decade



**Conference Chairman:**

**Mark Hogan**  
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**June 9-11, 2010**  
**Belmont University**

### Focus of the conference

A conversation about how teacher education programs at independent liberal arts colleges shape the future for the preparation of teachers in the early part of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### Subthemes:

- **ACCREDITATION:** How is accreditation shaping/challenging liberal arts teacher preparation? Is accreditation improving teacher preparation?
- **LIBERAL ARTS:** What are the new 21<sup>st</sup> century liberal arts? How do these shape teacher preparation? How are the liberal arts impacting 21<sup>st</sup> century content; learning skills?
- **ADVOCACY:** How are AILACTE schools advocating for liberal arts at the state, regional, and/or national levels? What strategies are used; what are results of the advocacy efforts?

**Break-out sessions, panel discussions, and much more!**

### Keynote Speakers:

**Donna Ford**, award-winning author and researcher from Peabody College of Vanderbilt: "The Role of Liberal Arts and Equity Issues for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools"

Dr. Ford's research focuses on gifted education for minority children and youth, recruitment and retention of diverse students in gifted education; underachievement among diverse students, equity issues in testing and assessment, multicultural education, and issues in urban education.

#### **Robert B Cooter, Jr. & Kathleen**

**Spencer Cooter**, noted authors, researchers, and leaders in literacy and special education from Bellarmine University: "The Dead Russian Speaks! Learning and Teaching the Liberal Arts Dialogically in the New Millennium"

Dr. Robert Cooter has authored or co-authored 20 books in reading education and is the current editor of *The Reading Teacher* and the 2011-12 president of the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers.

Dr. Kathleen Cooter was a founder of the *Texas University RISE School*, a special school serving the needs of infants with Down Syndrome. She was an integral part of The New Teacher Center, working with Memphis City Schools to enhance teacher retention in urban schools.

### Registration and check-in:

Wednesday, June 9,  
7:00-9:00 PM

### Conference ends

Friday, June 11, after lunch

### Sightseeing in Nashville after the conference:

- 2010 Country Music Association Music Festival, starring Carrie Underwood; concerts every night at LP Field (Home of the TN Titans), June 10-13
- Grand Old Opry
- Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art
- Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center for the Visual Arts
- Bonnaroo Music and Art Festival in Manchester, June 10-13

For more information, RFP, and registration, visit AILACTE's website: <http://www.ailacte.org/>