

International Society  
for  
Educational Biography



25th Annual Meeting  
Radisson Hotel  
Chicago, IL  
April 24-26, 2008

# Radisson Hotel & Suites Chicago



160 East Huron Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
Phone: 312.787.2900  
Fax: 312.787.5158



# About I.S.E.B.



The International Society for Educational Biography (ISEB) has a threefold purpose:

- to promote the scholarly study of the lives of educators and those whose lives are educative;
- to encourage the exchange of ideas between scholars of education and those from other disciplines who have an interest in the field of education through the common bond of the educational biography;
- to further the improvement of teaching in education by adding a biographical dimension to the study of pedagogy.

The ISEB publishes a journal, *Vitae Scholasticae*, once to twice a year and holds an annual conference to fulfill these purposes.

By “biography” we include traditional biographical accounts as well as biographical methods, which include narrative, oral history, autobiography, ethnography, auto-ethnography, and self-study. All analytical and interpretive approaches to biographies are encouraged in papers selected for presentation at the annual ISEB conference.



## ***It's Never Too Early to Plan for Future ISEB Conferences!***

The ISEB annual conference typically takes place either in late April or early May. We hope to see you at our future events.

2009 — Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

2010 — Chicago, Illinois (site to be determined)

2011 — Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas



Visit [www.edu.yorku.ca/iseb](http://www.edu.yorku.ca/iseb) for more information on I.S.E.B. and upcoming events.

# I.S.E.B. Leadership



---

## Officers

<b>President:</b>	Luigi Iannacci (2007–2008)
<b>President-Elect:</b>	Von Pittman (2007–2008)
<b>Past-President:</b>	Thalia Mulvihill (2006–2007)
<b>Secretary:</b>	Martha Tevis (2007–2010)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Kay Ann Taylor (2006–2009)

---

## Executive Council

<b>2005–2008</b>	Gerald Gutek, Loyola University-Chicago (2007–2008, to fill out Maureen McCormack's term) Charlesetta Ellis, Chicago State University
<b>2006–2009</b>	Lucy Townsend, Northern Illinois University Raji Swaminathan, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
<b>2007–2010</b>	Robert Bérard, Mount St. Vincent Linda Morice, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

---

## Site Coordinators

Lucy Townsend, Northern Illinois University  
Pat Inman, Woodstock Public Schools

---

## Program Committee

Von Pittman, University of Missouri  
Martha Tevis, University of Texas—Pan-American

---

## *Vitae Scholasticae* Editors

Pat Inman, Woodstock Public Schools  
Naomi Norquay, York University

# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual I.S.E.B. Conference



---

## Registration

Registration fees for the annual conference are \$140 USD before April 1, 2008 and \$160 USD after April 3, 2008 (includes the price of one lunch). The registration fee is separate from membership dues. Canadian members should use money orders for payment unless their bank uses a U.S. branch.

***NOTE: Registration at the conference will take place Thursday, April 24 in the foyer outside of the Independence Ave. and Madison Ave. rooms, 7<sup>th</sup> floor.***

---

## Accommodations

Rates at the Radisson Hotel & Suites Chicago, 160 Huron Ave., Chicago, IL 60611 are \$209 US single or double. Committed guest rooms will be held until March 23, 2008.

---

## Dining

Lunch on Friday, April 25 and breakfast on Saturday, April 26 are included in the cost of registration and will take place in the meeting facilities, as designated on the calendar of events for each day.

The Radisson Hotel also has a full-service restaurant—the Elephant and Castle Pub—and room service available between select hours for other meals. Please check with the hotel staff for hours of availability and fare options.

---

## Presentation Arrangements

Fees & arrangements for overhead, video, and LCD projectors and screens are the responsibility of the presenters. If two or more presenters use the same equipment on the same day, they may share expenses. Please contact Von Pittman, the Program Chair, if you need to know if anyone else has indicated an interest in sharing equipment.

---

## Scheduled Executive Committee Meetings

Thursday, April 24, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 25, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24	
12:45 – 1:00 p.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
<b>Presidential Welcome</b> Luigi Iannacci, Trent University	<b>X</b>
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
<b>The Educator as Activist: The Activist as Educator</b> Presiding: Naomi Norquay  Martha May Tevis, University of Texas—Pan-American <i>Julian Nava: Persistence and Purpose</i>  Kelly Ann Kolodny, Framingham State College <i>Lydia Stowe Adams: Graduate of the First Class of the First State Normal School, Educator, and Abolitionist</i>  Jeanette Corkraft, Schreiner University <i>A Declaration of Conscience as a Declaration of Self: The Autobiography of Margaret Chase Smith</i>	<b>Studies in Paradox</b> Presiding: Gera Burton  Lucy Bailey, Oklahoma State University <i>Necessary Betrayals: Biographical Work on a Racist Ancestor and Educator</i>  Beverly Ashely-Fridie, University of Texas—Pan-American <i>"The Calm" in the Midst of a Storm: Melissa Dotson Betts</i>
2:30 – 3:45 p.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
<b>The Intellectual Labor of our Craft</b> Presiding: Von Pittman  Linda Morice, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville <i>The Story Behind the Story: Discovering Flora White</i>  Lucy Townsend, Northern Illinois University <i>An Educational Autobiographer Reexamines the Reconstructive Process</i>	<b>Life History Research &amp; Stories of Displacement</b> Presiding: Naomi Norquay  Jennifer King, York University <i>Between Desire and Impossible Demand</i>  Arpi Panossian-Muttart, York University <i>The Moment When Displacement Began</i>  Naomi Norquay, York University <i>Marie-Joseph Angelique and Aminata Diallo: Two Unusual Stories of Slavery in North America</i>
4:00 – 5:15 p.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
<b>Feminist Educators on Point and en Pointe</b> Presiding: Thalia Mulvihill  Stacy D. Gunner, Ball State University <i>Feminist Life Stories: A Silent Journey of the Conservator in Education</i>  Holly Mittelmeir, Ball State University <i>Ballet as Feminist Educational Storytelling</i>	<b>Studies of the Self</b> Presiding: Luigi Iannacci  Margaret McNay, University of Western Ontario <i>Absent Memory, Narrative Inheritance, and (Auto) Biography</i>  Marsha Rossiter, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh <i>Possible Selves and the Life Narrative: Implications for Transformative Learning</i>
5:30 p.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
<b>X</b>	Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, April 25	
8:00 – 9:15 a.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
<b>Women and the Educational Workplace</b> Presiding: Thalia Mulvihill  Ellie Barnes, Ball State University <i>Single Mothers in Higher Education</i>  Karen Dowling, Ball State University <i>A Woman's Body as the Roadmap for Gender-Related Schemas: Life History Perspectives</i>  Johnny Godfrey, Ball State University <i>My Mother was a Teacher</i>	<b>A Humanitarian Comprehension: Three Lives</b> Presiding: Kay Ann Taylor  Kay Ann Taylor and Ron Wilson, Kansas State University <i>The Quest for Education: Racism, Paradox, and Interest Convergence in the Life of George Washington Carver</i>  Charlesetta M. Ellis, Chicago State University <i>Revisiting the Black Experience through the Eyes of Zora Neale Hurston</i>  Raji Swaminathan, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee <i>Marion Ogden: Portrait of a Child Saver in Milwaukee</i>
9:20 – 10:20 a.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
<b>An Amistad Connection</b> Presiding: Luigi Iannacci  Ruby Cain, Indiana University/Purdue University—Fort Wayne <i>America, the Unknown: A Glimpse from the Life of Sarah Margu Kinson</i>  Gera C. Burton, University of Missouri <i>"To Check Oppression's Iron Sway": Combatting the Gold Coast's Illegal Slave Trade</i>	<b>Critical Actors in Critical Times</b> Presiding: Jim Hillesheim  Leon Hendricks, Chicago State University <i>Vincent G. Harding, Ph.D.—Historian, Activist, Theologian, Author, Freedom Fighter, Family Patriarch and Road Warrior for Social Justice</i>  Linda Morice and John Hunt, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville <i>Black Education at the Crossroads: The Life of John Monteith</i>
10:25 – 11:25 a.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
<b>Syncopation and the "Self"</b> Presiding: Lucy Townsend  Jim Hillesheim, University of Kansas <i>Scott Joplin as Educator?</i>  Don Hufford, Newman University <i>Mary Wolstoncraft: Educational Insights Gleaned from a Life's Journey</i>	<b>Considerations of Curriculum</b> Presiding: Linda Morice  David Meshoulam, University of Wisconsin-Madison <i>Famous Faces in New Places: Bibliographies of Scientists in Early Twentieth-Century American Science Textbooks</i>  Carol Schultz, Chicago State University <i>Mozart of Psychology: Lev Semyonovich Vygotsky</i>
☞ 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. ☛	
Fashion Ave. Room	
<b>Luncheon, Presidential Address, and Annual Business Meeting</b> Luigi Iannacci, Trent University <i>Ethics &amp; Narrative Methods: Developing a Frame for Praxis</i>	

☞ Friday's schedule continues on the next page. ☛

Friday, April 25 (Continued)	
1:45 – 2:45 p.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
<b>Stories of Struggle in the Ranks</b> Presiding: Martha Tevis  Gina Edghill, Ball State University <i>African Diaspora Women in American Higher Education: A Collection of Educational Biographies</i>  Lora Helvie-Mason, Southern University in New Orleans <i>Marion Talbot's Crusade for Women as Colleagues in the Faculty Ranks</i>	<b>Feminist Founders</b> Presiding: John Hunt  Thalia Mulvihill, Ball State University <i>Reimagining Beneficence: The Women Founders of Ball State University, 1822–1926</i>  Joan Marie Johnson, Northeastern Illinois University <i>Dissemination of Feminist Values and Social Awareness: Southern Educators for the Seven Sisters Colleges, 1875-1920</i>
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
<b>Making Their Lives Their Studies</b> Presiding: Von Pittman  Carolyn Kraus, University of Michigan-Dearborn <i>Private Documents</i>  Sandra Gail Teichmann-Hillesheim, West Texas A & M University <i>Journals, Trains, and Women</i>	<b>The Narrative Autobiography</b> Presiding: Gera Burton  Rocio G. Davis, University of Navarra <i>"Exactly Here": Academic Autobiography and Muslim Women's History in Leila Ahmed's <u>A Border Passage</u></i>  Ben Smyth, The University of Liverpool <i>Errant Educators and the Economy of Mystical Conversion: An Analysis of the Incendium Amoris of Richard Rolle and the Book of Margery Kempe</i>
4:05 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
X	<b>Publishing in <i>Vitae Scholasticae</i></b>  Discussion by Naomi Norquay and Pat Inman, editors
5:10 – 6:10 p.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
X	Executive Committee Meeting
🌀 6:10 – 9:00 p.m. 🌀	
Lexington Ave. Room	
President's Wine and Cheese Reception	



Saturday, April 26	
☞ 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. ☛	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
X	Continental Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
<b>Teaching Through Narrative</b> Presiding: Sandra Gail Teichmann-Hillesheim  Devarati Syam and Daniel V. Folkman, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee <i>Use of Narratives in Adult Education Settings: Voices from the Field</i>  Pamela Akinyi Wadende, Texas State University—San Marcos <i>Life Narratives in the Classroom</i>	<b>Panel Presentation</b> <i>Biography as Pedagogy: Implications for Transformative Learning</i>  Presiding: Monica Valdez  Panel: Monica Valdez, Miguel Guajardo, Jason Aleman, Mike Giveden, and Sarah W. Nelson Texas State University—San Marcos
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	
Independence Room	Madison Ave. Room
<b>Tools for Consideration</b> Presiding: Kay Ann Taylor  Olufunmilola Olorunda, Ball State University <i>Immersive Learning at the Center for Information and Communication Sciences, Ball State University</i>  Aaria Troiano, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee <i>Biographical Minicases: Existential Reflection and Pedagogical Possibilities</i>	<b>Reflections on Authority</b> Presiding: Von Pittman  Edward A. Janak, University of Wyoming <i>"Lordy, Miss, that's a Man!": John Elred Swearingen, Cole Blease, and the Intersection of Masculinity and Disability in Progressive-Era South Carolina</i>  Paul Reale, University of Chicago <i>Rethinking Egerton Ryerson: Universal Education in Upper Canada</i>

## Notes





