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Register now to attend the 29th annual
Young Writers Conference
April 21, 2010



The Department of English and the
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing
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*Invite you to attend the
30th Annual*

YOUNG WRITERS' CONFERENCE



APRIL 21, 2010
SATELLITE STUDENT
UNION





Each spring, the Department of English and the College of Arts and Humanities at California State University, Fresno, host the Young Writers' Conference for area high school students.

This conference provides a valuable opportunity for young writers to hear a professional writer read his or her work and answer questions about the creative writing process and the profession in general. It also allows them to meet and interact with other student writers from across the Central Valley, to get a taste of what a university-level writing workshop might be like, and to get feedback on their own writing.

In addition, it provides excellent training and an opportunity for an exchange of ideas among teachers. This conference is an excellent example of an ongoing collaborative effort between area school districts and the University.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m

8:15 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:45	Welcome Award Presentations
9:45 - 10:45	Morning Session Keynote Speaker: Tim Hernandez
10:45 - 11:50	Lunch Lunch coupon provided to all participants
12:00 - 2:00	Afternoon Session Workshops for Teachers and Students



For more information and images from last year's conference, visit us at www.myspace.com/young_writers_conference



Deadlines:
Manuscripts: MARCH 12, 2010
Registration: MARCH 22, 2010

Spectrum

An important part of the conference is the publication of Spectrum, an anthology of student writing. All students are encouraged to submit original works of poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction to be considered for publication. Additionally, select manuscripts will be chosen by the Editorial Board to receive awards.

Manuscripts: We will accept electronic submissions anytime after January 5, 2010 and until March 12, 2010. This allows the opportunity for the manuscript reading, judging, layout, and printing of the anthology. Please email manuscripts to rjackson@csufresno.edu by Friday, March 12, 2010.



GUIDELINES FOR MANUSCRIPTS

- Teachers are responsible for ensuring students submit original work.
- Include (1) author's name, (2) school, (3) grade, and (4) the teacher's name in upper left corner of the first page.
- Manuscripts must be in .doc or .rtf format (not .docx)
- Avoid graphics, fancy fonts, and borders.
- Limit: three poems and/or two works of fiction or nonfiction prose (please limit prose pieces to 7 pages each).

Email manuscripts to rjackson@csufresno.edu by 5:00 PM Friday, March 12, 2010.

Only a limited number of submissions can be published, but we encourage all participating students to submit work.

Guest Speaker Tim Hernandez



Tim Z. Hernandez is an award winning writer and performer from California's San Joaquin Valley. In 2006, his debut book of poetry, *Skin Tax*, received the American Book Award, and the Zora Neal Hurston Award for writers of color dedicated to their communities. His performances have been featured in venues across the country,

including: The Getty Center in Los Angeles, the Denver Center for Performing Arts, The Bowery in New York City, and Stanford University, among others. In the past he's been commissioned by groups such as the United Way of Greater Los Angeles to write and perform his original plays on homelessness and poverty. He currently works in tandem with UCLA's Center for the Book and Poets & Writers Inc., teaching writing workshops across the west coast. His debut novel, *Breathing, In Dust* is forthcoming in Spring 2010. He lives in Fresno with his wife and children, and spends most of his time along the San Joaquin River.



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How to Register

Registration: We will accept registration anytime after January. We must stress that payment be received as early as possible.

Registration Limit: The Young Writers' Conference is open to students from ninth to twelfth grades with a limit of 20 students per school. Please use a selection method that will allow your most talented and motivated students to attend.

Registration Fee: The registration fee is \$15 per person. Payment is preferred before March 22, 2010; however, no later than the day of the conference. The fee includes admission to the conference session, lunch, one workshop of choice, and a copy of the *Spectrum*.

Register Now: Please register early. This provides time to adequately prepare for materials and meals. Late registration is accepted on a space available basis.

Refund Policy: A refund, minus 8% processing fee is authorized with a written request two weeks prior to the conference. No refund after March 22, 2010 can be granted.



DAY OF THE EVENT

Parking: Relaxed parking will be available in parking lots A & J, West Woodrow Avenue. **Buses may drop students at Satellite Student Union.**

Registration Area: Registration packets for schools are picked up on the day of the event at the Satellite Student Union by Contact Teachers.

Map of campus: <http://www.csufresno.edu/univrelations/map>

Registration Form

Contact Person: _____

School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Registration Fee: \$15 per participant

Total Number of Students ____

Total Number of Teachers ____

Total fee: \$ ____

Make checks payable to: Young Writers' Conference

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Return this form and payment to:

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WORKSHOP PREFERENCE SUBMISSION

One workshop is provided to all participants. Students choose from three genres: poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction. A workshop exclusively for teachers is also provided.

Please provide a TYPED roster of all participants, including teachers, by March 22, 2010. Indicate first and second choices for each participant. A sample registration form follows:

Name of School: _____

Participant Name: _____

	Workshop Preference	Participant
1.	Poetry, Fiction, Non-fiction	Teacher
2.	Fiction, Poetry, Non-fiction	Student

Number of Teachers: _____

Number of Students: _____

Number for Poetry: _____

Number for Fiction: _____

Number for Creative Nonfiction _____

