



# RIWP E-Mail Newsletter

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## Staff Updates

**Sarah Couch** is our new Program Assistant. Sarah comes to us from Denver, CO where she worked at the University of Denver in the Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning. Sarah brings a lot of experience with budgets and grant writing, and we are really looking forward to having her expertise in the office. We warmly welcome her to our team. **Jill Usenia** will be staying on to help with publicity and other projects

We also welcome **Katie Carroll**, our student worker. Katie is a Communications and Writing major at RIC and Layout Editor for *The Anchor*. Katie has participated in our Young Writers Program and is very enthusiastic about the Writing Project's work. Who knows, maybe we will make yet another teacher from our office staff. Katie has been doing great work for us the past few months, and we look forward to having her on board.

As many of you know, **Marjorie Roemer** is retiring this Academic Year. **Beverly Paesano** will be assuming the role of Executive Director, but we are happy to announce that Marjorie will be staying on as the Principal Investigator for our research study with Woonsocket Middle School and NWP.

## Save the Date

**MARCH 7, 2009 – Annual Spring Conference  
Donovan Dining Center**



**Georgia Heard**

This year's Annual Spring Conference will feature Georgia Heard as the Keynote Speaker. **Georgia Heard** is an internationally known writer, keynote speaker and educational consultant. Thousands of educators and writers have listened to Ms. Heard speak of her passion for poetry and writing. She has keynoted hundreds of conferences and given workshops on writing throughout the United States as well as in Sweden, Canada, and Southeast Asia, and she has brought her love of writing to classrooms throughout the United States.



**Louise Dunlap**

The conference will also feature Louise Dunlap. **Louise Dunlap** found two vocations during the Berkeley Free Speech Movement in 1964--writing teacher and community activist. Always seeking to combine them, she taught writing at University of Massachusetts, Boston, during its founding years as an urban campus and then in graduate planning and environmental programs at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Tufts University, University of California Berkeley, University of California Los Angeles, and many others. She has taught writing to city workers, foundation staff, environmental professionals and adult education students. She offers workshops for citizen activists in the labor, women's, peace, racial justice and environmental movements around the United States and in South Africa. Louise is currently Lecturer in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University.

## ATTENTION:

*Spring Conference Registrations can now be found on our website. They have also been mailed to all fellows and schools.*

## RI Writing Project

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## RIWP Summer Offerings

### Summer Invitational

June 29 – July 23, 2009

8:30 – 1:00 PM

Alumni Lounge – Roberts Hall

Facilitators: Eileen Medeiros and Chris Pariseau

**This institute offers teachers the opportunity to explore literacy and best practice in a time when there is an increasingly high demand for highly qualified teachers.**

### Literature Institute

July 7 – July 16, 2009

8:30 – 1:00 PM

Location TBA

Facilitators: Susan Friendson and Keith Sanzen

**For secondary and post-secondary teachers, we apply interactive Writing Project strategies to the study of reading and writing connections in the classroom.**

### Planning for Change

July 20 – July 30, 2009

8:30 – 1:00 PM

Location TBA

Facilitators: Pam Fracareta and Tim Kenney

**Planning for Change offers participants the luxury of time to research a topic of their choice and to develop a plan of implementation.**

### Young Writers

July 13 – July 24, 2009

9 – 12

Location TBA

**Throughout the United States, the Young Writers Institutes offer students a unique opportunity to learn about the craft of writing by participating in all aspects of the writing process.**

### Attention Fellows

We love to brag about all the great things our fellows do. Please keep us updated on your accomplishments. For example, we know many of you are working on obtaining your National Board Certification; some of you have already achieved Certification. Tell us about it. No achievement big or small should be left out. Email us with any good news! [RIWP@ric.edu](mailto:RIWP@ric.edu)

### Web links

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