

The College of Language & Letters presents:

The 10th Annual

Pre-Professional CONFERENCE



October 13, 2011

Hinckley and Ricks Buildings

Hosted by the English Academic Society
and Pi Sigma Alpha



8:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Keynote: Gary Schmidt "The First Question" Hinckley Chapel
9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Presentations Hinckley 145, 157, 185, 277
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Presentations Hinckley 145, 157, 185, 277
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Student Readings Hinckley 145, 157, 185, 277, 307
12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Lunch Break
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Forum with Lawson Inada Hinckley Chapel

Evening Readings

Wed. Oct. 12 7:00 p.m. Smith 240	Lawson Fusao Inada Host: Nicholas Christensen
Thurs. Oct. 13 7:00 p.m. Smith 240	Gary Schmidt Host: Aubri Pope





Gary Schmidt

Professor Gary Schmidt received his undergraduate degree in English from Gordon College in 1979. Thereafter he attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, receiving an MA in English in 1981 and a PhD in medieval literature in 1985. Professor Schmidt is a prolific author of children's literature and young adult fiction, having written over 30 books. His most recent novel, *Trouble*, was published in 2008 by Clarion. He has received two John Newberry Honor Awards from the American Library Association, the first in 2005 for his novel *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* and the second in 2008 for his novel *Wednesday Wars*. He says of himself, "I was the quiet kid who never gave anybody any trouble, always, like, three years behind in fashion."



Lawson Fusao Inada

Lawson Fusao Inada is an emeritus professor of English at Southern Oregon University. Since writing his debut collection of poems, *Before the War: poems as they happened* (1971), he has spent a career giving eloquent voice to the Japanese American internment experience. Among his many works, he has penned the poetry collections *Legends from Camp* (1993) and *Drawing the Line* (1997), and has edited three important books of Asian American writing: *Aiiieeeee* (1983), *The Big Aiiieeeee* (1991), and *Only What We Could Carry* (2000). The recipient of many awards, Professor Inada earned two poetry fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts as well as a Guggenheim Fellowship. In 2010, he concluded a four-year term as Oregon's fifth poet laureate.



Guest Profiles

Presentations



8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Melissa Merrill

Melissa Merrill, a senior editor at Church magazines, began working at the Ensign in 2006. In her current assignments, she contributes content primarily to the Liahona, the Church's international magazine; Church News and Events; and LDS.org. Previous assignments have included participating on redesign teams and coordinating the Curriculum Department's internship program.

Prior to coming to Church magazines, she worked doing both technical writing and marketing for a company in Provo, Utah.

Melissa is a native of Dallas, Texas. She graduated from Brigham Young University-Idaho in 2003 with degrees in communication and English. While a student, Melissa worked as a staff member and editor at the Scroll, where her writing was recognized by both the Idaho Press Club and the Society of Professional Journalists.



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Keynote Address

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Gary Schmidt

"The First Question"

8:15-9:00 a.m.

Hinckley Chapel

Host: Katie Nielsen



Presentations

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12:45-1:45 p.m.

9:15-10:00 a.m.

Question and Answer

Lawson Fusao Inada
Host: Alex Christensen

Hinckley 185

Student Teacher Panel

Kristine George and Katelyn Berg
Host: Michele Millers

Hinckley 145

Pi Sigma Alpha Officers

Applying to Graduate School

Trent Hickman, BYU
Terry Engebretsen, ISU
Ann Campbell, BSU
Host: Dennis Cygan

Hinckley 157

Faculty Advisors

Duane Adamson
Jerry Hansen

Finding and Applying for an Internship

Elaine Hawker
Darin Hammond
William Brugger
Host: Elizabeth Porter

Hinckley 277



Presentations

Guest Profiles



10:15-11:15 a.m.

Question and Answer

Gary Schmidt
Host: Nicole Norton

Hinckley 185

How the Current Political Climate is Shaping Education

Geoff Thomas
Host: Tiffanie Meza

Hinckley 145

Writing a Letter of Intent

Joelle Moen
Suzette Gee
Paula Soper
Host: LuLu DeHaan

Hinckley 157

Melissa Merrill

Host: Lisa Taylor

Hinckley 277

Robin Riggs

Executive Vice President for Government Affairs and General Counsel

Robin Riggs joined the Salt Lake Chamber in 2003. He is responsible for the Chamber's public policy advocacy and government affairs. He is the lead lobbyist for all Chamber initiatives at all levels of government-- federal, state, and local-- and coordinates all political activities of the Chamber.



Robin also serves as in-house counsel for the Chamber, handling legal matters from contract review to litigation coordination. He serves as the liaison for the Chamber on a number of community boards. Before joining the Chamber, Robin was Utah President of Qwest. Before that he was General Counsel to Utah Governor Mike Leavitt and Associate General Counsel for the Utah Legislature. He also owns a consulting firm, is a partner in a commercial development business, and manages his family's land holding company.

He received his B.A. from the University of Utah and his J.D. and M.P.A. from Brigham Young University.

Willy Fautré

Director of Human Rights without Frontiers International

Willy Fautré is the Director of the Non-Governmental Organization Human Rights without Frontiers International. A well-respected figure in the Human Rights Community, Mr. Fautré has directed, consulted, or advised numerous international organizations associated with Human Rights, Democratization, and Religious Freedom. He has authored more than two dozen publications on these issues and has traveled the world on fact-finding missions and speaking on these important issues. He has presented information to the European Parliament, European Commission, the United Nations, the OSCE, UNESCO among many other institutions. In addition to being involved in Human Rights issues for more than 35 years, Mr. Fautre was previously a journalist and Professor of Germanic Languages.



Political Science Program Overview

Student Presentations



8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Keynote Speaker in American Politics, Robin Ricks
Ricks 147

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Keynote Speaker in Foreign Affairs, Willy Ricks
Ricks 147

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Panel Discussion—Careers in Political Science
Topic: LDS Public Affairs and Government Relations
Participants: Hans Noot and James Stevens
Ricks 147

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Brainstorm Session—Preparing for Graduate School
Ricks 263

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Student Fiction Winners

Host: Katilen McElroy
Hinckley 185

Student Poetry Winners

Host: Janae Roberts
Hinckley 145

British Literature

Host: Katelynd Gillins
Hinckley 157

American Literature

Host: Tiffany Crocker
Hinckley 307

Nonfiction

Host: Alyssa Longbrake
Hinckley 277



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Break for Lunch



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Forum and Q&A

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2:00-3:00 p.m.

Hinckley Chapel

Lawson Inada

“Continuing the Journey”

Host: Katie Nielsen

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