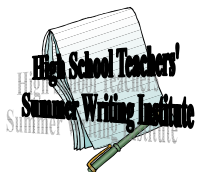


# High School Teachers' 3-Day Summer Writing Institute

Sponsored by Northeast Georgia RESA in collaboration with the  
Georgia Center for Assessment



June 17—19, 2008

Registration: 8:00 AM Workshop: 8:30 – 4:00 PM

Location: Georgia Center for Assessment  
1985 New Jimmy Daniels Road (behind Sam's)  
Athens, GA 30602

*"Good writing can be taught and learned."*

This workshop will focus on assessment, lessons, and strategies designed as relevant, practical approaches to help high school students become more engaged, more productive, and more purposeful writers. The emphasis of the High School Teachers' Summer Writing Institute is on practicality.

## Day 1, June 17

Welcome  
Mary Stout  
High School ELA Specialist  
Georgia Department of Education

"Understanding the GHSWT and Implications for  
Instruction"

*Presenter:* Kevin Raczynski, GA Center for Assessment

## Day 2, June 18

"Teaching Rhetorical Form not Formulas: Persuasive  
Strategies for High School Writing Teachers"

*Presenter:* Sharon Murphy Augustine, Mercer University

## Day 3, June 19 Two Sessions

**Morning Session:** "The Schoolwide Writing Program"

*Presenter:* Linda Williams, Camden County High School

**Afternoon Session:** "Research-based Writing Strategies  
to Implement with SWD, ED, and Minority Subgroups"

*Presenter:* Dyanne Pedersen, GA Center for Assessment

## About the Presenters

**Kevin Raczynski:** Kevin Raczynski has been with the Georgia Center for Assessment for over six years. He started as a rater while working on his graduate degree in English and Composition at the University of Georgia. After earning his Master of Arts, Kevin taught First-Year English at UGA. In August of 2005, he joined the GA Center for Assessment full-time as a program coordinator. His main responsibility is to supervise rater training. He works closely with a staff of seven to train raters to score student essays. These essays are responses to the Georgia High School Writing Test, the Georgia Grade Eight Writing Test and the Georgia Grade Five Writing Test.

**Sharon Murphy Augustine:** Sharon Murphy Augustine is on the faculty at Mercer University's Tift College of Education where she teaches K-12 reading, literacy, and language arts methods courses. Her interest in how to prepare struggling writers for standardized assessments in meaningful and productive ways began when she was an English teacher at Jones County High School in Gray, Georgia. For nine years, she taught 9th and 11th graders at every level. One year her principal sent her to a writing test preparation workshop at Heart of Georgia RESA. Dr. Belita Gordon conducted the workshop and inspired Sharon to dispel the myths teachers in her district had about writing test preparation. Soon after this fateful meeting, Sharon began graduate work at the University of Georgia. While in graduate school, she taught classes at UGA in adolescent literature and writing in secondary schools. She became interested in how standardized writing assessments influence the writing pedagogy of middle and high school teachers. She is currently teaching full time at Mercer and completing her dissertation.

**Linda Williams:** Linda Williams has been an instructional lead teacher at Camden High for six years where she has specialized in literacy matters. She served on a summer team that wrote the 9th grade frameworks for the Georgia DOE after GPS adoption, and she has led her school in adopting the rigorous literacy standards advocated by *High Schools That Work*. When the 11th grade writing test revision came about recently, she served on the state benchmarking team to set standards and select models at each performance level. For two years she has been serving on the state's ELA Advisory committee.

**Dyanne Pedersen:** Dyanne Pedersen has taught nine years middle school resource (BD and MI); three years elementary (MI), and has been with the Georgia Center for Assessment for nine years.

### Registration

Online Registration:

<http://www.negaresa.org>, PL Courses,  
All Classes by Date

Registration fee: \$150  
(Includes lunch each day.)

**NOTE:** We make every effort to have food suitable to everyone's dietary needs; however, if you have special needs you may want to bring your own food.

#### ***Registration Deadline:***

May 10, 2008

#### ***Cancellations:***

Cancellations must be received in writing  
by June 10, 2008

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### ***Save the Date:***

August 22, 2008

**Dr. Laura Robb**

Reading and Writing in the Content Areas  
3-8 Content Area and ELA Teachers,  
Administrators, and Literacy Coaches.

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*"When students write more frequently,  
their ability to think, reason, analyze,  
communicate, and perform on tests  
will improve. Writing is critical to  
student achievement."  
Doug Reeves—Founder,  
The Leadership and Learning Center  
(formerly the Center for Performance  
Assessment)*

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### ***Target Audience:***

This Institute is designed for regular and special education teachers, high school administrators, and curriculum coordinators who work with high school ELA.