



# TexTESOL III Mini-Letter

Texas Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

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## TexTESOL State Conference

We hope you are making plans to attend the TexTESOL State Conference in October. We want to keep you alert to different exciting details of the conference, and for those of you coming from out of town, to let you know about other fun things to do while you're in Austin.

*Focusing on the Ability to Learn*  
*Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006*  
*Omni Southpark & Marriott South*  
*Austin, Texas*

Proposals are invited for Papers, Demonstrations, Workshops, & Colloquia.

 **Update: Deadline for Submission has been extended to July 21, 2006**

<http://www.textesol.org/region3/CFP.htm>

*Note : All presenters are required to register for the conference.*

For updates and additional information, visit

<http://www.textesol.org/region3/>

**Interested in volunteering? Please email us at [volunteers@textesol.org](mailto:volunteers@textesol.org)**

For information about the conference venues, visit

Omni Southpark [www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/AustinSouthpark.aspx](http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/AustinSouthpark.aspx)

Marriott South [www.marriott.com/ausap](http://www.marriott.com/ausap)

## **Keynote Speaker: Linda McNeil, Ph.D.**

Dr. McNeil (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin) is the Co-Director of the Center for Education at Rice University and a member of the Rice Education faculty. She is also editor of the Social and Institutional Analysis Section of the *American Educational Research Journal*.

Dr. McNeil is a leading figure in national school reform and the author of *Contradictions of Control: School Structure and School Knowledge* (1986), and *Contradictions of School Reform: The Educational Cost of Standardized Testing* (2000), which discusses the tension between educational excellence and bureaucratic control of schools.

Her research and work in urban school reform center on the policies and organizational factors shaping teaching and learning. She has taught at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education, was a visiting scholar at the Stanford University School of Education, and has been a recipient of a fellowship from the Mellon Foundation. She is the recent vice-president of the Curriculum Studies Division of the American Education Research Association. Her research encompasses curriculum theory, urban schools, school organization and assessment, and educational policy.

## **While in Austin ....**

### **Texas Clay Festival**

Respected potters and sculptors from around Texas display, sell their wares, and demonstrate a variety of techniques. Hands-on activities are available for children. It is set for October 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> at Gruene Historic District. (between Austin and San Antonio). For information, call 830-629-7975 or check

<http://www.texasclayfestival.com>

### **Day of the Dead**

Celebrate El Dia de los Muertos with a colorful procession and traditional Mexican food on October 28<sup>th</sup> at Mexic-Arte Museum at 419 Congress Ave., in Austin. For information call 512-480-9373 or check

<http://www.mexic-artemuseum.org/>

### **Carlos Mencia's "The Punisher Tour"**

If you are a fan of the controversial stand-up comic this is the chance to witness his offensive humor live. See him on October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin's downtown warehouse district. Tickets are \$28, \$35 and \$39. For information contact 512-471-7744 or check <http://www.frankerwincenter.com>