

Gulf Coast Conference on the Teaching of Writing



June 30 – July 3, 2025



Perdido Beach Resort
Orange Beach, Alabama



Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Dr. Dee Bennett, Monica Anderson Young & SHORT the Squirrel

Dr. Dee Bennett and Monica Anderson Young are described as creative and passionate individuals with a knack for storytelling and innovation, as well as dynamic thinkers and problem-solvers. The duo are the creators of the Alabama-based nonprofit reading initiative SHORT the Squirrel. SHORT the Squirrel is now Alabama's official literacy mascot.



Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Barry Lane

For the last 25 years, Barry Lane has worked in schools with teachers on professional development in writing and reading in all 50 states and many countries around the world, including Canada, Romania, France, England, Germany, Holland, and India.

Some of his most popular books include *After THE END: Teaching and Learning Creative Revisions*, *Revisers Toolbox*, and *But How Do We Teach Writing*.

His workshops teach teachers how to create classes of lifelong writers and readers.



Thursday, July 3, 2025

Andy Schoenborn

Andy Schoenborn is an award-winning author and high school English teacher in Michigan at Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. His main objective is teaching and facilitating literacy using progressive methods that focus on student-critical thinking, digital collaboration, and multimedia means. As the Vice President for the Michigan Council of Teachers of English, he regularly meets with leaders across the state to promote literacy in Michigan.

Reviewers of his latest book, *Creating Confident Writers*, co-authored with Dr. Troy Hicks, remarked, "The authors provide a broad perspective on what it means to be a young writer and how to teach them."

Conference Schedule

Monday, June 30, 2025

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Registration

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

7:30 AM– 1:00 PM Registration/Exhibits

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Keynote Address—Dr. Dee Bennett, Monica Anderson Young & SHORT the Squirrel

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Break

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM Concurrent Sessions

11:30 AM– 1:00 PM Luncheon

1:00 PM– 3:00 PM Writing Workshop— Dr. Dee Bennett, Monica Anderson Young & SHORT the Squirrel

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM Registration/Exhibits

8:30 AM– 9:45 AM Keynote—Barry Lane

9:45 AM– 10:15 AM Alabama Region Scholastic Art and Awards Ceremony

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Break

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM Concurrent Sessions

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM Box Lunch

1:00 - 3:00 PM Writing Workshop—Barry Lane

Thursday, July 3, 2025

8:00 AM. – 11:30 AM Registration/Exhibits

8:30 AM– 10:00 AM Keynote Address—Andy Schoenborn

10:00 AM–10:30 AM Break

10:30 AM–12:30 PM Writing Workshop – Andy Schoenborn



Conference Lodging:
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Online reservations:
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For more information about the conference, go to
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Registration Form

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Mail registration with fees to
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\$265 Early Bird Registration by May 10, 2025
\$290 Regular Registration by June 10, 2025
\$325 Registration after June 10, 2025
*Call 334-670-3494 to pay via credit card or use the
link below to register online.

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Writing Payment Form - Formstack](#)

(Registration includes: Keynotes, Writing Workshops,
Concurrent Sessions, morning breaks, Tuesday Luncheon
and Wednesday Lunch.)

Early Bird Registration Deadline:
May 10, 2025

No refunds after:
May 24, 2025

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