

**University of New Mexico WAC Civic Literacy Colloquia Series
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The 2008-2010 WAC Civic Literacy Colloquia Series will feature a series of roundtable discussions exploring the role of community literacy programs in promoting deliberative democratic practices across academic, public, and civic spheres.

The UNM Writing Across Communities Initiative advances cross-community dialogue and literacy education across academic, professional, and civic contexts. Literacy is the principal practice of what we do in our every day lives at the university; it is also a deeply held core value of American citizenship and belonging. Civic literacy is the concept around which we fashion our system of self-governance. Deliberative literacy is the one core value around which we in our exponential national diversity can concur. Discursive democracy is not only a way of governing, but a way of learning. We invite faculty, staff, students, and community leaders to join this extended conversation on civic engagement and literacy education at the University of New Mexico.

Fall 2008

2008 Civil Rights Symposium: "Civic Literacy Across Communities: A Public Forum"
September 25-26, 2008. Featured Speaker: Keith Gilyard (Distinguished Professor, Pennsylvania State University).

"Writing Across Communities and Place-Based Learning" October 15, 2008. Featured Speaker: Kent Ryden (Professor American Studies, University of Southern Maine).

Spring 2009

"Latino Youth Write Their Lives" March 2009. Featured Speaker: Sarah Cortez (Poet and Arte Público Editor).

Fall 2009

"DiverseCity and Possibilities of the Community Writing Center." September 25, 2009 Featured Speaker: Tiffany Rousculp (Founder and Director, Salt Lake Community Writing Center).

Spring 2010

"Language Diversity and Writing Across the Curriculum." March 2010.
Featured Speaker: Paul Kei Matsuda (Professor Arizona State University, Editor "Second Language Writing").