

# 2010 ABE Summer Institute

August 18-20, 2010

St. Cloud Civic Center



## Taking Action: Preparing Adults for Minnesota's Future

### Presenters

#### Jeniffer Herrera-Andújar



Jeniffer Herrera-Andújar, an adult learner from New York City, earned her GED in 2003. She then transitioned to Lehman College of the City University of New York (CUNY) and in 2008 earned her BA in Sociology with a minor in Psychology. She worked for the NYC Mayor's Office of Adult Education (MOAE) as the Adult Learner Leadership Coordinator where she assisted the MOAE and CUNY Office of Academic Affairs in establishing and planning an adult learner leadership network.

Jeniffer is now part of the FUTURE NOW team at Bronx Community College. She is the Leadership Coordinator for IMPACT (Improving My Progress At College Today), a student-led organization that provides leadership and support to GED graduates and college students.

#### Dr. Barry Shaffer

Dr. Barry Shaffer is the State Director of Adult Basic Education (ABE) with the Minnesota Department of Education. He manages a staff of Adult Basic Education specialists and a statewide ABE budget of over \$42 million. Last year ABE programs in Minnesota served 75,000 adults. Barry has worked in adult education since 1991 and has been with the Minnesota Department of Education since 1978. Under his leadership the Minnesota ABE program has grown in participation and in state funding by over 400%. On a personal note, Barry has diverse talents—he has been a grocery store clerk, a civil rights worker in Alabama, a U.S. Army draftee, a softball coach and player, a fishing guide in the MN/Canada Boundary Waters, a successful competitive bass angler, and an unsuccessful applicant to the CBS Survivor TV show.



### Summer Institute Schedule

#### Wednesday, August 18, 2010

11:00 am Registration  
12:00 pm Luncheon  
12:30 - 12:45 pm Welcome  
12:45 - 1:45 pm Keynote - Jeniffer Herrera-Andújar  
1:45 - 2:15 pm Break  
2:15 - 3:45 pm Concurrent Session #1 (or part 1 of 3-hour session)  
3:45 - 4:00 pm Break  
4:00 - 5:30 pm Concurrent Session #2 (or part 2 of 3-hour session)  
6:00 - 8:00 pm ABE Reads Book Club  
8:00 pm *The Latehomecomer* by Kao Kalia Yang Games

#### Thursday, August 19, 2010

8:00 am - 2:00 pm Vendor Fair  
7:30 - 8:30 am Full Breakfast Buffet  
8:30 - 10:15 am Literacy Action Network Meeting  
Minnesota ABE Update - Dr. Barry Shaffer  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm Concurrent Session #3  
12:00 - 2:00 pm Buffet Luncheon  
12:30 - 2:00 pm Poster Session  
2:15 - 3:45 pm Concurrent Session #4  
4:00 - 5:00 pm Regional Meetings  
5:00 - 6:00 pm Happy Hour  
6:00 - 7:30 pm Awards Banquet  
8:00 pm Karaoke

#### Friday, August 20, 2010

7:30 - 8:30 am Full Breakfast Buffet  
8:30 - 10:00 am Concurrent Session #5 (or part 1 of 3-hour session)  
10:15 - 11:45 am Concurrent Session #6 (or part 2 of 3-hour session)

### ABE Reads Book Club

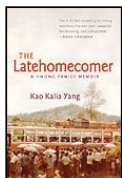
#### 3rd Annual ABE Reads Book Club

#### at ABE Summer Institute

Wednesday, August 18

6:00 pm

Green Mill Restaurant, Kelly Inn, St. Cloud



#### *The Latehomecomer*

A Hmong Family Memoir

by Kao Kalia Yang

Born in a Hmong Refugee Camp in Thailand, Kao Kalia Yang tells a powerful story about both a family and culture, struggling to survive. When she was six years old, Yang's family immigrated to Minnesota, and she evocatively captures the challenges of adapting to a new place and a new language. Through her words, the dreams, wisdom, and traditions passed down from her grandmother and shared by an entire community have finally found a voice.

Come and share your thoughts with other ABE practitioners in an evening of stimulating discussion!  
Interested in being a discussion leader?  
Contact: [laurie.elsen@district196.org](mailto:laurie.elsen@district196.org)

### Special Tour of MCF - St. Cloud

#### Back by Popular Demand!

The MN Correctional Facility in St. Cloud is providing a special opportunity to tour the on-site ABE program within the prison. MCF-St. Cloud was the recipient of the 2008 Pegasus Award for program excellence. As a special event, the ABE program will host a tour of the facility and the ABE program for Summer Institute participants. Group number is limited to 20. You must indicate your interest in this tour when registering. Additional information will be sent to you and your place in the tour will be confirmed.

Background checks will need to be completed on all tour participants.

Tour will be Wednesday, August 18th 9:00 to 11:00 am.  
Approved tour participants will need to meet at the DOC site.

### Literacy Action Network Poster Session

Share one of your best Adult Basic Education ideas (marketing, teaching, celebrating, etc.) with your colleagues. Design a poster to display your ideas and create handouts to distribute to others so your great idea can be duplicated in programs throughout Minnesota. Poster session presenters will be asked to staff their posters after lunch on Thursday. Additional CEUs are available for those who develop a poster for the poster session.

If you are interested in participating in this session, please request additional information on the online registration form. Details are posted on the Literacy Action Network website: [http://www.literacyminnesota.org/Summer\\_Institute.html](http://www.literacyminnesota.org/Summer_Institute.html)

### St. Cloud Civic Center Information

The **St. Cloud Civic Center** is conveniently located at 10 4th Avenue South in downtown St. Cloud just minutes off Highway 23. Please check the Civic Center website for directions: [www.ci.stcloud.mn.us/CivicCenter](http://www.ci.stcloud.mn.us/CivicCenter).

Rooms have been reserved at the **Best Western Kelly Inn** (320-253-0606 - identify the conference as 'Community Education') at a conference rate of \$71 a night for a double room. It is connected to the Civic Center and is within walking distance of downtown St. Cloud theaters and nightlife. Check the Best Western Kelly Inn website for more information: [www.bestwesternstcloud.com](http://www.bestwesternstcloud.com). An emergency contact number at the Civic Center during the conference is 320-255-7272.

To avoid additional charges, please take note that there is parking included with room reservations at the Kelly Inn in marked spaces. The Civic Center spaces are also available for a \$5 fee per exit.

### Vendor Fair

Representatives from numerous publishing companies and organizations will display their latest adult education materials.

Thursday, August 19

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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## 2010 ABE Summer Institute Registration Information

Register online: [www.mn-mcea.org](http://www.mn-mcea.org)

Become a Member

Registration is online only. Please go to [www.mn-mcea.org](http://www.mn-mcea.org) for full registration material. Payment is made through check or PO sent to: **MCEA, 13750 Lake Blvd., Lindstrom, MN 55045**. No telephone registrations will be accepted. Register one participant at a time. Registrations will not be processed without payment. This is a self-sustaining conference. The registration fees help defray the costs for the conference materials, meals, and refreshments. We reserve the right to close registration early if capacity is reached. Preference will be given to individuals registering for the full conference.

Cancellations will not be accepted after July 30, 2010. No refunds of the registration fee will be granted after the July 30th deadline. A downloadable program describing all concurrent sessions will be available on the MCEA website - [www.mn-mcea.org](http://www.mn-mcea.org) and on the Literacy Action Network website - [www.literacyminnesota.org](http://www.literacyminnesota.org) in July.

### 2010 ABE Summer Institute Fees

	Member*	Non-Member
Full Conference	\$170.00	\$195.00
Wed-Thurs only	\$130.00	\$155.00
Thurs-Fri only	\$130.00	\$155.00
One day only Wed Thurs Fri	\$85.00	\$110.00

\* Members of Literacy Action Network (Literacy Minnesota) and/or MCEA - please present card at registration. You are responsible for making your own lodging arrangements.

Registration after July 30, 2010 will incur a \$20.00 late fee.

**Literacy Action Network Awards Banquet is Thursday, August 19, 6:00 pm**

You will have a choice of Roasted Turkey Breast Dinner or Wild Mushroom Penne.

**You will also have the option to participate in the MN Correctional Facility Tour**

Tour will be Wednesday, August 18th 9:00 to 11:00 am. Approved tour participants will need to meet at the DOC site.

**Who is invited:** Minnesota Adult Basic Education practitioners, managers, and community education directors, and partners.

**Lodging & Facilities:** Participants are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. All sessions will be held at the St. Cloud Civic Center and Kelly Inn. Rooms have been reserved at the **Best Western Kelly Inn** (320-253-0606 - identify the conference as "Community Education") at a conference rate of \$71 a night for a double room. An emergency contact number at the Civic Center during the conference is 320-255-7272.

**Continuing Education Units:** 14 CEU's will be available for teachers and for administrators. Additional CEUs are available for those who develop a poster for the poster session.

**Attire:** The conference atmosphere is informal and casual clothing is in order. The St. Cloud Civic Center and Kelly Inn are connected by covered walkway. The downtown shopping district is just a few blocks away from the Civic Center.



Literacy Action Network, formerly known as Literacy Minnesota, is a statewide organization of Adult Basic Education practitioners, advocating for adult learners of all ages and ability levels. Through proactive legislative advocacy and other means, Literacy Action Network helps to develop, improve, and expand quality literacy programs throughout the entire state.

Literacy Action Network also provides quality support and information to teachers, non-teaching staff, volunteers, and other practitioners of Adult Basic Education services. Four hundred ABE managers, teachers, staff, volunteers, and students join Literacy Minnesota annually. Through an active governance board, Literacy Action Network serves, responds to, and values a wide variety of constituent and stakeholder needs.

Visit the Literacy Action Network website for membership and other adult literacy information: [www.literacyminnesota.org](http://www.literacyminnesota.org)



MCEA (Minnesota Community Education Association) is the statewide membership organization of community educators. We are 1,400 members strong, having started in 1974. MCEA has members from all parts of Minnesota, including community education directors, staff, program coordinators, teachers, advisory council members, and community members. We offer our members services in the areas of legislative lobbying and research, community education resources, professional development, job postings, legal services, quarterly newsletter, and awards. MCEA strives to make community education a viable, useful, and integral part of the many communities in Minnesota.

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