

A SAMPLE OF SPEAKERS FOR THE 2011 NSRA CONFERENCE

Patricia A. Edwards



Patricia A. Edwards, a professor of teacher education in the College of Education at Michigan State University, was elected as an officer of the International Reading Association in 2008 and will become president in 2010. Edwards served as a member of the IRA Board of Directors from 1998-2001 and served from December 2006 to December 2007 as the first African American President of the National Reading Conference (NRC). NRC is the world's premier reading research organization.

In addition to serving on a number of IRA committees, she has been an active IRA member and involved with state organizations in Louisiana and Michigan since 1979. She received the Elva Knight Research Award and the Michigan Reading Association Celebrate Literacy Award.

Edwards is the author of two nationally acclaimed family literacy programs: *Parents as Partners in Reading: A Family Literacy Training Program* and *Talking Your Way to Literacy: A Program to Help Nonreading Parents Prepare Their Children for Reading*. She was coeditor of the assessment column for *The Reading Teacher*

(2007-2009), and served on the editorial boards for *The Reading Teacher* and *Michigan Reading Journal*.

Janette Klingner



Janette Klingner is professor of education specializing in bilingual special education. She was a bilingual special education teacher for ten years before earning a PhD in reading and learning disabilities from the University of Miami. To date she has authored or co-authored more than 80 articles, books, and book chapters, and presented at numerous national and international conferences.

Research foci include the disproportionate representation of culturally and linguistically diverse students in special education, reading comprehension strategy instruction for culturally and linguistically diverse students, and enhancing the sustainability of culturally responsive and evidence-based practices through professional development. Teaching interests are in the areas of learning disabilities, bilingual special education, bilingual education, teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL), multicultural education, and literacy.

She is a member of several professional organizations in special education, bilingual education/TESOL, and literacy, and presents frequently at national and international conferences. She is the past Co-Editor of the *Review of Educational Research*, an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Learning Disabilities*, and on the editorial boards of 9 other journals. In 2004 she was honored with AERA's Early Career Award.