DR. NEDRA REYNOLDS VISIT

The English Department's Program in Composition and Rhetoric, in affiliation with a number of other departments, programs, and institutions on campus, will be bringing the pre-eminent scholar in the U.S. on place-based composing, Nedra Reynolds (of the University of Rhode Island), to UH Mānoa for a series of events to be held during the week of October 27-31, 2008.

Professor Reynolds' book, *Geographies of Writing: Inhabiting Places and Encountering Difference*, addresses problems of our experience of space in the context of higher education, arguing that theories of writing and rhetoric must engage the metaphorical implications of place without ignoring materiality. Her book makes three closely related contributions: one theoretical, to reimagine composing as spatial, material, and visual; one political, to understand the sociospatial construction of difference; and one pedagogical, to teach writing as a set of spatial practices.

**Schedule of Events**

**Monday, October 27:** Open Workshop with Participants in English 605: Theory and Practice of Composition. *Kuykendall 410, 6:30-9:00 p.m. Buffet to precede at 5:30.*

   Students will present syllabi developed during the semester that leverage place-based theories of composition, with commentary by other course participants, course instructor, Dr. Jim Henry, and Dr. Reynolds. (To help us plan food and space please rsvp: jmhenry@hawaii.edu)

**Tuesday, October 28:** Advanced Seminar for Faculty and Graduate Students, Sponsored by UH Mānoa's Student Chapter of the Rhetoric Society of America. *Kuykendall 409, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Reception to follow.*

   This master seminar, intended for graduate students and faculty interested in pursuing the theory and practice of place-based composition, will focus on selected readings. Those interested in attending should contact the RSA chapter president, Jolivette Mecenas (mecenas@hawaii.edu).

**Wednesday, October 29:** Workshop co-sponsored by the Center for Teaching Excellence on using portfolios to teach. *Kuykendall 106, 11:30 a.m-1:00 p.m.*

   This workshop will be based on her book *Portfolio Teaching: A Guide for Instructors*. Those interested in attending should contact the Director for the Center for Teaching Excellence, Kathleen Kane (kok@hawaii.edu) to reserve a place and to assure their free copy of her book, provided to workshop participants by her publisher.

**Thursday, October 30:** Department of English Colloquium Presentation. *Kuykendall 410, 3:00-4:30. Reception to precede.*

   Formal presentation: Geographies of Writing: Inhabiting Places and Encountering Difference.

   *The public and our colleagues at sibling institutions are warmly invited to attend these events!*