

*MCVIRA Dinner Meeting*

October 9, 2008

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Mr. Anthony's

Cost: \$19.00

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*Fostering Thoughtful Literacy*

October 24, 2008

Quaker Square Inn at the University of Akron

Speakers: Linda Hoyt and Adwoa Badoe

Register online: [www.uakron.edu/studentlife/confac](http://www.uakron.edu/studentlife/confac)

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*OCTELA Spring Conference*

*Building Bridges: Connecting Ideas and Methods*

March 27-28, 2009

Columbus Crowne Plaza North

Authors: Alex Flinn, Angela Johnson and

David Wiesner plus numerous breakout Sessions

Info: <http://www.octela.org>

*YSU English Festival*

April 1, 2, 3, 2009

Guest Author: Graham Salisbury

Houck Lecturer: Jim Blasingame

Info: <http://www.ysuenglishfestival.org>

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**WROTE**

*Annual Meeting*

**Literature, Civil  
Rights and Sojourn  
to the Past**

*Featuring*

**Chris Crowe**

*Author of Mississippi Trial,  
1955 and Getting away with  
Murder: The True Story of the  
Emmett Till Case and  
Thurgood Marshall*

**Penny Wells**

*and Youngstown City School  
student participants in  
Sojourn to the Past*

Western  
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*Saturday,  
October 11, 2008*

*Chestnut Room  
Kilcawley  
Center*

*Youngstown State  
University*

*8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.*



## Serving Morning Beverage Break

Full luncheon buffet :

Chicken Francaise, Vegetable Lasagna, various salads, herb roasted redskins, fresh seasonal vegetables, rolls, butter, coffee and tea

Cost: \$25.00(\$16.00 for students), includes morning beverage break, buffet lunch and program. Books will be for sale at discounted prices.

### Tentative Schedule

8:00 a.m.—8:30 a.m.—Registration, beverage break, and BOOKS!

8:30 a.m.— 9:30 a.m.—Chris Crowe

9:30 a.m.—9:45 a.m.—Break and Books

9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m.—Penny Wells and Youngstown City Schools Sojourn to the Past Participants

10:45 a.m.—11:00 a.m.—Break and Books

11 a.m.— 11:30 a.m.—lunch buffet service

11:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Chris Crowe

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS at discount prices!—during registration, breaks and after lunch; **cash or checks only**; **Thanks to Mahoning Valley Distributing Agency**; **YSU English Festival books will be available**

**LPDC Certificate for 4 contact hours.**

## About Chris Crowe

**Chris Crowe** was born in Danville, Illinois and lived in many places during his school years. He graduated from McClintock High School in Tempe Arizona.

Chris graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in English and taught high school English. He eventually earned a doctorate in English Education from Arizona State University and taught in several places before accepting his present post in the English Department at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

He is the distinguished author of *Mississippi Trial, 1955*, *Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case*, *Presenting Mildred Taylor* and *More Than a Game: Sports Literature for Young Adults* and most recently, *Thurgood Marshall*.

## About Penny Wells and Sojourn to the Past

**Penny Wells** has recently retired from Youngstown City Schools after teaching Social Studies at both Princeton and Volney Rogers Junior High School for 38 years. She was Youngstown City Schools Teacher of the Year for 2001 and a YMCA Woman of the Year in 2002. In January, 2008, she received the Martin Luther King Strength to Love Award for being a Dream Maker for Area Youth. Along with a local historian, she is working with students to research the Underground Railroad in Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

She has led and continues to lead groups of Youngstown City School students through the Sojourn to the Past experience. Students embark on a ten day journey through Civil Rights sites in the South and return with a sense of history and the desire to make a difference.

## Reservations

**Cost: \$25.00**

**Students: \$16.00**

**Registration Deadline:  
October 4, 2008**



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