

## WinkWorld January 2009

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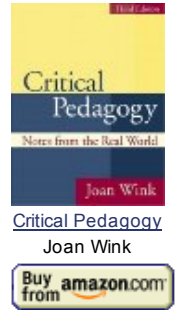
In this issue of WinkWorld, I will highlight:

Teaching/Learning: ForumForEducation, LMRI, IJFLT, TESOL 2009, CTD4, Quality Counts  
FVR (Free Voluntary Reading)

FmF (Featuring my Friends), Olfelia Garcia's new book  
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### The Forum for Education and Democracy's National Petition Campaign

January 6, 2009

[info@forumforeducation.org](mailto:info@forumforeducation.org)

[www.willwereally.com](http://www.willwereally.com)

I encourage you to read, share, learn.

**UC LMRI Newsletter** is now moving to an online-only version.

[www.lmri.ucsb.edu](http://www.lmri.ucsb.edu)

Just good free reading.

**The International Journal of Foreign Language Teaching, V 4, N. #2, Fall 2008.**

[www.ijflt.com](http://www.ijflt.com)



[Teaching Passionately](#)  
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### TESOL 2009, Denver, March 26-29, 2009

I am honored to present with Annela Teemant, Thomas Upton, Ulla Conner from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, (UIPUI), Aija Pocock from IUPUI-Columbus, and Nancy Giraldo, from UT.

**Do We Really Prepare ESL Specialists for K-12 Classrooms?**

3/26/2009, 10 a.m., #3140465

Colorado Convention Center

**Education Week, Quality Counts** Want to see the future? It's here today.

Portraits of a Population

[www.edweek.org/ew/qc/2009/17profiles.h28.html](http://www.edweek.org/ew/qc/2009/17profiles.h28.html)

**Exemplary Programs in Indian Education (EPIEs) Catching the Dream,**

[www.catchingthedream.org/](http://www.catchingthedream.org/)

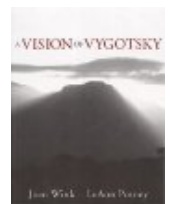
[CTD4DeanChavers@aol.com](mailto:CTD4DeanChavers@aol.com), Dean Chavers, Ph. D.

Fourteenth Annual Exemplary Institute, April 23-24, 2009, Albuquerque

Some of these programs have reduced dropout rates from 60% to below 5%, increased

graduation rates from 40% to 90%, and now send 80% to 100% of their Native students off to college each fall. Click here for a list of these programs:

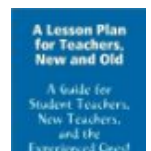
[www.joanwink.com/newletter/2009/exemplaryprograms-0109.pdf](http://www.joanwink.com/newletter/2009/exemplaryprograms-0109.pdf)



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## FVR (Free Voluntary Reading)

### Books: Teaching/Learning

*A Lesson Plan for Teachers (New and Old!): A Guide for Student Teachers, New Teachers, and the Experienced Ones*

by Michele Luck

[Click Here to Purchase](#)

**Books: Pleasure Reading** Most recently, I have been smitten with Ann Patchett; I have not read all of her work--yet. However, I highly recommend:

*Run*

[Click Here to Purchase](#)

*Truth and Beauty* (non-fiction)

[Click Here to Purchase](#)

**FmF (Featuring my Friends):** Each month I try to feature one new book which is a ~must read~ for those of us who love teaching/learning.

*Bilingual Education in the 21st Century: A Global Perspective*

by Ofelia Garcia

It was one of my great joys to finally meet Ofelia in 2008, and I am very happy to highlight her new book of November 2008. This book offers a broad and deep perspective on bilingualism: methods, programs, philosophies, and assumptions.

Garcia's new book also brought me back into contact with a colleague, J. Andrés Ramirez, with whom I have not shared ideas with in a long time. What a pleasure to hear again from him, and I'm happy to share his thoughts on Dr. Garcia's book.

Andrés wrote:

*One of the things that surprised me the most about this book is how Dr. Garcia integrates the critical literacy a la Freire with the critical literacy a la Australian genre-based movement (Halliday), which is being picked up mostly in the US by Mary Schleppegrell, Cecilia Colombi (Spanish) among others (i.e, Fang in the language of science). I have always thought that Freire gave us a great motto with the "Reading the World and Reading the*

*Word" but if he were alive today, he'd be very happy with the addition of Systemic Functional Linguistics and genre-theory to it. He himself said that he didn't want to be replicated but re-invented. Dr. Garcia follows Pauline Gibbons closely and through Gibbon's influence she brings Halliday, the New London Group, Derewianka, and Alan Luke directly and less directly the sociological principles of language access associated with Basil Bernstein and in the US context, Lisa Delpit.*

*I highly recommend this book. I wish I had had it available before for my graduate courses on methods and materials in bilingual education. Part IV Bilingual Education Practices is especially useful as it is specific about language use in the bilingual classroom and brings together wonderful insights from Brisk 2006 and Baker 2006.*

Thank you, Andrés!  
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## Prairie Pedagogy

This winter I notice so many more hawks and golden eagles  
[http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/26/\\_/Golden\\_Eagle.aspx](http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/26/_/Golden_Eagle.aspx)  
than we have had in previous years. We also have wonderful grouse  
[http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/234/\\_/Dusky\\_Grouse.aspx](http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/234/_/Dusky_Grouse.aspx)  
near the house, and we even had a Great Horned Owl  
[http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/7/\\_/Great\\_Horned\\_Owl.aspx](http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/7/_/Great_Horned_Owl.aspx)  
near the house.

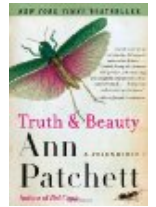
However, for the first time this winter, we have Bald Eagles  
[http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/25/\\_/Bald\\_Eagle.aspx](http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/25/_/Bald_Eagle.aspx)

From our living room, I took the following pictures of the 2 bald eagles in a tree by the corral.  
<http://www.joanwink.com/gifs4/BaldEagle1208.jpg>  
<http://www.joanwink.com/gifs4/BaldEagle1208-2.jpg>

## Family Photos

### 3 Lil' New Mexicans

### The Beautiful Boys of Boise



Truth & Beauty  
Ann Patchett



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## Notes from the Real World

For someone who does not send holiday cards, I certainly enjoy all of the cards/photos which I receive. Thank you so much.

As I reflect back on 2008, I can see that my health has been restored. Another thing I have noticed is that my self-confidence is returning. I suspect that I'm not the only person who found cancer to be a huge blow to self-confidence. Who knew?

As we move into 2009 and the dire economic situation, I find I have more hope than I've had in 3 years. This should sustain me as I face two book contracts both due next December 2009. I plan to write my way through the recession.

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## Notes from the Real World: 4 Winks to Pierre SD, January 13 2009



As many of you know, Dean was elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives. Against all odds (Central Valley fog, South Dakota blizzards, California and New Mexico classes, California and Colorado cancelled flights, & an unexpected trip for Bo to Rapid City, as opposed to Pierre, car rentals, etc.), Dawn, Bo, and I were all able to be with Dean on this special day, as he was sworn into office. No matter what I tell you about this, please remember that I am holding back. This may have been one of the happiest times of my life—simply to be together with our two adult children on this momentous day for Dean.

When I look back on this, I will recall vividly:

*First,*

Dawn, Bo, and I cheering wildly from the balcony of the gorgeous capitol building:

<http://www.state.sd.us/STATE/CAPITOL/CAPITOL/TOUR/>

<http://www.state.ohio.gov/ohio-legislative-floor>

The three of us proudly stood and did the 3-person Wink Wave from the front of the balcony, when Wink first walked onto the legislative floor to take his seat.

*Second,*

Dawn and Bo regaling us with stories of their childhood, which they remember very differently from how we remember it. We laughed until we cried for two glorious nights in a motel room.

Dean and I on the legislative floor before the swearing in ceremony:



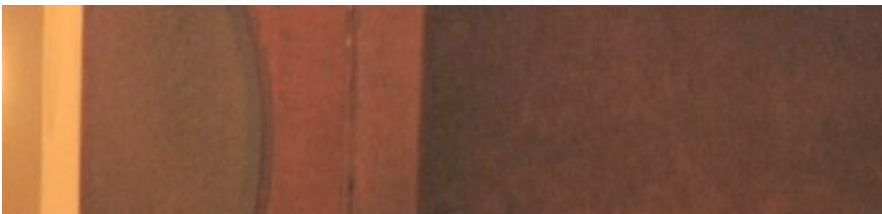
Dean, swearing in:



Our view of the floor from the balcony:



Dean and Bo on the House floor:





Dean and Dawn on the House floor:







In what follows, I am sharing photos of other highlights of the trip.  
Some pictures of the capital:  
It is a spectacular building. I hope you took the tour, which I posted above.







Marble stairs and good people.



Dawn and the statue of Wisdom.



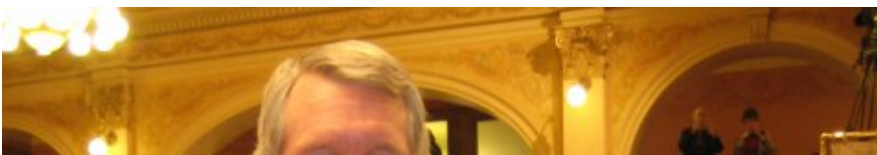
Very cold and snowy.



Outside of the Capital



A very happy day.





Let the dialogue and voting begin.



