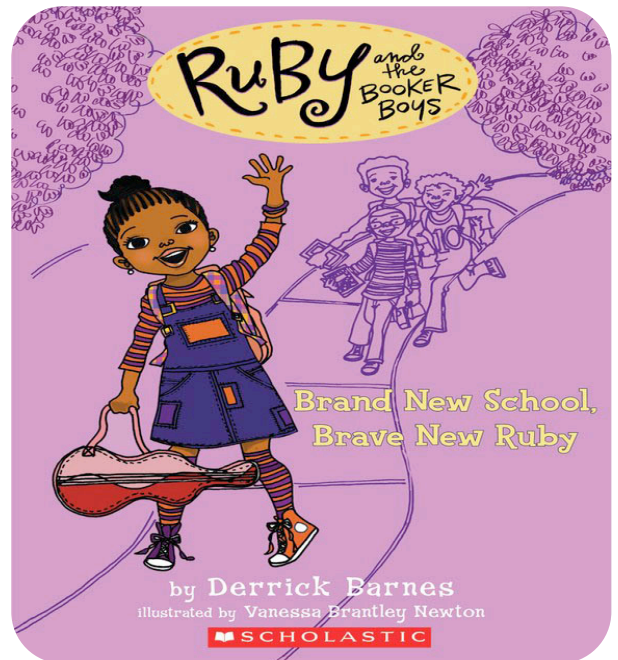


Call for Papers

“Achieving Literacy: No Boundaries, New Heights.”

The Department of Elementary & Early Childhood Education at Jackson State University is now accepting proposals to be presented on Thursday, January 15th and Friday, January 16th during the *2009 2nd Annual Ruth Searcy Literacy Conference* at the Mississippi e-Center. **A special appearance will be made by Mr. Derrick Barnes, author of the series, Ruby and the Booker Boys (a Scholastic® publication).**



The central focus of this year's conference highlights the manifold methods to achieving literacy. **Conference strands** include:

- Narrative and Expository Texts
- Children's Books Across the Curriculum
- The Language Arts
- Young Writers
- Oral Language Development

The conference will include two modes: workshops and seminars in 45-minute sessions.

Submission guidelines for proposals are as follows:

- A one-page typed double-spaced abstract fully explaining the content of the presentation *and* identifying the conference strand;
- At least two main objectives providing the purpose of the presentation; identify the mode selected for presentation;
- **Name, address, phone/fax numbers, email address, and professional affiliation** of the main presenter/contact person *and* any co-presenters that will be listed on the presentation;
- **Short biographical sketch of presenters;**
- Indicate if any audio/video equipment will be needed for presentation.

Proposals may be emailed to tracy.harris@jsums.edu. The **DEADLINE** for all proposal submissions is Friday, October 31, 2008. Proposals received after this date are not

guaranteed a review. Notification of proposal acceptance will begin by October 31, 2008. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

For more information, please contact: Dr. Tracy Harris, Committee Chair at 601.979.1749