

University of Connecticut

Monday, May 21st, 2007
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Rome Ballroom
University of Connecticut
Storrs, CT

CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP CONFERENCE

The second annual Closing the Achievement Gap conference will feature locally and nationally renowned speakers presenting research and best practices for closing the achievement gap. School personnel from around the state and region are invited to take advantage of this excellent professional development opportunity.

The conference registration fee is \$100.00 and includes a catered lunch, parking and conference materials.

8:00am	Registration
8:30am	Welcome & Overview
8:45am	Alfred Tatum
10:00am	Breakout Sessions A
11:15am	Breakout Session B
12:15pm	Lunch
1:15pm	Breakout Sessions C
2:30pm	Susan Eaton
3:30pm	Book Signing

For registration information and a list of break out sessions contact Christina Peretti
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Opening Keynote Speaker



Alfred W. Tatum, Ph.D.

Alfred W. Tatum teaches in the Department of Literacy Education at Northern Illinois University. Currently, he serves on the National Advisory Reading Committee of the National Assessment of Educational Progress. He provides professional development support to schools across the nation interested in addressing the literacy needs of students characterized as vulnerable, particularly African American adolescent males.

His book, *Teaching Reading to Black Adolescent Males: Closing the Achievement Gap*, was published by Stenhouse in 2005. It received the James Britton Award from NCTE and was recognized as a CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title of 2005.

Closing Keynote Speaker



Susan Eaton

Susan Eaton, an award winning journalist specializing in education, is the former assistant director of the project on school desegregation at Harvard, where she received a doctorate in education policy. Her work has appeared in the *Nation*, the *Hartford Current*, and the *Boston Globe Sunday Magazine*.

Ms. Eaton's book *The Children in Room EA*, which recounts her experiences at Simpson-Waverly Elementary School in Hartford, CT is due out in January, 2007.