January 28 - 30, 2008
Sheraton Anchorage Hotel

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- Alaska Association for Bilingual Education
- Alaska Native Educators’ Association
- Alaska Dept. of Education & Early Development
- Alaska Native Heritage Center

2008 Featured Languages & Theme
- Spanish: Unamos nuestras manos a favor del exito de nuestros estudiantes
- Yup’ik — Tass’uqulta Elttnauramt Egmiutekaitnun

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About This Conference

The Bilingual Multi-Cultural Education/Equity Conference (BMEEC) provides a unique and important forum to share educational objectives, techniques, projects, and programs... some that are proven and others that are pioneering. The focus of this year’s conference will address five overall themes —

1) Academic Language  
2) Child Language Development and Literacy  
3) Equity and Safe Schools  
4) Inclusive Excellence  
5) Parent Resource Partnerships

For three days, colleagues will have opportunities to network during the reception, luncheons and breaks. You will glean new skills and hear new ideas through pertinent keynote presentations and workshops. You will observe and enjoy culture in action through lively, colorful cultural performances. And, you will help establish the direction of bilingual and multicultural education by attending the membership meetings of the Alaska Native Educators’ Association (ANEL) and Alaska Association for Bilingual Education (AKABE), and via sessions directed at regional and special interest groups.

Who Should Attend
- Classroom Teachers and Educators
- Paraprofessionals
- Bilingual Coordinators / Curriculum and Equity Coordinators
- School Administrators and Counselors
- Students, Parents and Community Members

The theme of the 2008 BMEEC conference is Joining Hands for Student Success. Student Success relies upon the partnership among schools, families and communities. It takes all three. Our conference logo illustrates how we are joined together to work towards student success.

Conference Details

Hotel Special Rate Deadline Jan. 1
As host facility, the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel is offering conference delegates a special room rate of $99 Standard Rooms, $129 Club Level, additional 3rd and 4th person $10 each per night. Reservations must be made by Jan. 1, 2008. Call the hotel at (907) 276-8700 or toll free at 1-800-325-3535, and reference the BMEEC.

Early Conference Check-In Sunday Night
Get a head start on preparing for your conference experience with an early check-in Sunday evening. The BMEEC Registration Desk, located on the second floor of the Sheraton Anchorage, will be open 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27. You’ll be able to pick up your name badge, conference program and other delegate materials.

Academic College Credit
ANS/ED 370 — Issues in Alaska Bilingual and Multicultural Education. This one-credit University of Alaska course meets the multicultural requirement and can be repeated. Register at the conference. Credit cost is $147.

AKABE Annual Membership Meeting
Please join us for the Annual AKABE Membership Meeting on Tuesday, January 29 at 4:30 p.m.

Native Educators’ Membership Meeting
Please join us for the 3rd Annual Alaska Native Educators’ Association Membership Meeting on Monday, January 28.

Reserve Your Space at Meal Functions
For planning purposes, conference organizers need delegates to reserve space at the 2008 BMEEC’s meal functions, including:

- BMEEC Luncheon January 28
- BMEEC Cultural Celebration Reception January 28
- Alaska Association for Bilingual Education (AKABE) Luncheon January 30.

Please mark the check box if you intend to participate in any or all three on your registration form.

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**Keynote Speakers**

**Dr. Robin Scarcella**  
University ESL Program Director / Lecturer  
**Monday General Session Keynote**  
Keynote: Connecting Through Academic Language

Robin Scarcella, PhD, is Director of the ESL Program and Lecturer of the ESL Program / Linguistics Department of the University of California, Irvine. She has written over 20 articles on ESL teaching and L2 acquisition, edited three volumes and written one book. Her articles have appeared in such journals as the TESOL quarterly, Language Learning, Brain and Language and Second Language Research. She has lectured at over 20 universities and institutes including the Center for Applied Linguistics, the Foreign Language Institute, Stanford and University of Hawaii. Dr. Scarcella earned her doctoral degree in Linguistics at the University of Southern California and her master’s in Second Language Acquisition-Education from Stanford University.

**Panigkaq Agatha John-Shields**  
Charter School Principal / Administrator  
**Tuesday General Session Keynote**  
Keynote: TBD

Panigkaq Agatha John-Shields is the Principal/Administrator for the Ayapr Elitnaurvik, a Yup’ik Immersion Charter School based in Bethel. Ms. John-Shields has worked for the Lower Kuskokwim School District for 14 years, serving as a Yup’ik second language teacher in third and fifth grades, and developing course materials. She was born and raised in Nunakauyuq (Toksook Bay). Her eldest daughter was in the pilot group that graduated from Ayapr Elitnaurvik. Her other five children are also enrolled.

**Bryan McKinley Jones Brayboy**  
University Professor of Education  
**Wednesday General Session Keynote**  
Keynote: Indigenous Ways of Knowing & Being: A Classroom Example

Bryan McKinley Jones Brayboy is President’s Professor of Education at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. His scholarship, teaching, and service centers on underrepresented students and faculty in higher education. His research focuses on the strategies used to achieve academic success by American Indian college students, and the cultural, emotional, psychological, political, and financial costs and benefits of this academic success. In 2002, he founded the University of Utah American Indian Teacher Training Program, which aims to prepare indigenous educators to return to their communities and work with Indigenous children.

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**At-a-Glance**

**Agenda**

**Sunday January 27**
- 4:00-8:00pm Early Registration Desk Open

**Monday January 28**
- 7:00a-5:00p Registration
- 8:00a-5:00p Exhibits Open
- 8:30-10:00a Opening Session
- 10:15-11:30a Concurrent Workshops
- 11:45a-1:15p BMEEC Luncheon
- 1:00-1:30p Credit Course Information
- 1:30-2:45p Concurrent Workshops
- 3:00-4:15p Concurrent Workshops
- 4:15-6:30p Cultural Celebration and Reception

**Tuesday January 29**
- 7:00a-5:00p Registration
- 8:00a-5:00p Exhibits Open
- 8:00-9:15a General Session
- 9:30-12:30p Student Field Trip
- 9:30a-10:45p Concurrent Workshops
- 11:00-11:45a Concurrent Workshops
- 12:00-1:00p Special Interest Groups
- 12:00-1:00p Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15-2:30p Concurrent Workshops
- 2:45-4:00p Concurrent Workshops
- 4:15-5:30p AKABE Annual Membership Meeting

**Wednesday January 30**
- 7:00a-9:00p Registration
- 8:00a-5:00p Exhibits Open
- 8:00-9:15a General Session
- 9:30-10:45a Concurrent Workshops
- 11:00a-12:15p Concurrent Workshops
- 12:30-2:00p AKABE Awards Luncheon
- 2:15-3:00p Regional Meetings
- 2:15-3:00p Student Caucus
- 3:15-3:45p Conference Wrap-up Meeting
2008 BMEEC Registration

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**Deadline to be faxed or postmarked:**
- **by 1/4/08**
- **after 1/4/08**

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Registration for meal events after Jan. 25 will be on a space available basis. Opportunities to purchase meal tickets at the conference are limited.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations must be made in writing, no later than **January 11, 2008** and submitted by mail, fax, or email. All cancellations will be charged a $30 processing fee. No refunds will be granted after **January 11, 2008**

Name of Individual or Organization responsible for payment of your conference fees:

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