Program at a Glance

8:00  Registration
8:30  Introduction
8:45  “Influence and Inspiration: Legacies of Love” Keynote Address by Ekua Holmes
9:45  Book Browsing, Conversation with Colleagues
10:15 “The Power of Images: Translating History” Panel discussion with Don Brown, R. Gregory Christie, and Laura Freeman – moderated by Dr. Mary Ann Cappiello, Lesley University
11:30 Lunch
12:30 Concurrent Sessions:
A. Exploring the Power of Imagery in the Classroom with Facing History and Ourselves Dr. Elizabeth Carroll, Facing History and Ourselves
B. More Than Words: The Roles and Responsibilities of Images in Nonfiction Picture Books Dr. Mary Ann Cappiello and Dr. Erika Thulin Dawes, Lesley University
C. Picture This: Making History Come Alive Through Creating and Writing to Images Maggie Matson, Watertown Public Schools and Dr. Beth Olshansky, University of New Hampshire Picturing Writing/Image-Making
1:30 Break
1:45 Meet the Illustrators:
D. Don Brown
E. R. Gregory Christie
F. Laura Freeman
2:45 Raffle, Conclusion

History can be abstract, complicated, and illusive for elementary and middle school students. Graphic non-fiction, picture books, and books that include historical photographs and other images can make history more accessible and compelling to learners of all ages. How can educators use accurate, well-researched illustrations and images to get students excited about history, stimulate their historical imagination, and challenge them to think critically about the past?

This year’s conference will explore how illustrations and images help children better understand historical and contemporary events. Participants will discover how pictures can help learners, young and old, build a more inclusive understanding of history. Workshop sessions will provide strategies for using visual literacy skills to navigate the ever-expanding world of images. Join award-winning authors and illustrators, and innovative educators to investigate how illustrations can deepen children’s understanding and interest in history.