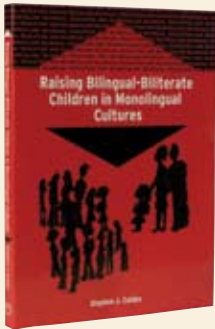


RAISING BILINGUAL-BILITERATE CHILDREN IN MONOLINGUAL CULTURES



Stephen J. Caldas
Praeger Publishers

Dr. Stephen Caldas, a professor of educational foundations and leadership at UL Lafayette, knows about this book's subject firsthand.

His longitudinal case study chronicles the experience of his own children's development as they were reared in his French and English bilingual and biliterate family. The book follows the three children from birth through adolescence, in their Louisiana and Quebec homes, but focuses mainly on how they learn both languages during adolescence.

Min Zhou, professor and founding chair of Asian American studies at the University of California at Los Angeles, states that "Caldas weaves rich personal experiences with nuanced theoretical insight and rigorous analysis to examine the relationship between bilingual proficiency and academic achievement." Zhou describes the book as a "beautifully written work."

Roy Lyster, an associate professor at McGill University in Montreal, says *Raising Bilingual-Biliterate Children in Monolingual Cultures* "succinctly illustrates how evolving bilingual identities fluctuate as they interact to varying degrees with age, geographical setting, and peer versus parental influences."

Caldas has published two books about school desegregation and edited a third. He is a recipient of the 2004 Distinguished Professor Award presented by the UL Lafayette Foundation.

WIDE AWAKE IN THE PELICAN STATE: STORIES BY CONTEMPORARY LOUISIANA WRITERS



Ann Brewster Dobie
Louisiana State University Press

This collection features works by 21 writers who have lived all – or part – of their lives in Louisiana.

The framework of shared residency promotes Louisiana's reputation as a place that's fertile ground for authors with tales to tell.

Contributors include three Pulitzer Prize winners, Shirley Ann Grau, Robert Olen Butler and Richard Ford; Ernest Gaines, UL Lafayette's longtime writer in residence and author of *A Lesson Before Dying*; and James Lee Burke, creator of a series of mysteries based on the fictional character Dave Robichaux. Gaines also wrote the book's foreword.

"Although the stories in *Wide Awake in the Pelican State* could be said to emanate from a shared cultural tradition, they are, in fact, marked by their diversity," collector and editor Dr. Ann Brewster Dobie states in the book's preface.

The writers, she continues, "speak with many voices created by gender, race, education, religion, and travel – sometimes making it difficult to identify their intersections, always making the subsuming culture richer and more complex."

Dobie is a professor emerita of English at UL Lafayette.

She was director of the National Writing Project of Acadiana for 13 years and now coordinates the Louisiana Writing Project.

Dobie has edited two other anthologies.

INTERCONNECT NOISE OPTIMIZATION IN NANOMETER TECHNOLOGIES



Dr. Magdy Bayoumi,
Mohamed Elgamel
Springer Business

This monograph is a helpful tool for computer scientists who face new challenges caused by the ever-shrinking size of transistors.

For the layman, the scale is a bit mind boggling. Dr. Magdy Bayoumi and Dr. Mohamed Elgamel note that the feature size of a transistor went from 130 nanometers in 2001 to 70 nanometers in 2005. Within the next five years, it will shrink by almost half again.

To put that in perspective, the width of a human hair is about 80,000 nanometers.

Smaller, more complex computer chips require new design tools and methods. "There are not many design tools that address all these issues in an integrated and comprehensive approach. Moreover, there are only very few books that address the new design challenges in sub-micron (nano) technologies," the authors state in the book's preface.

Interconnect Noise Optimization in Nanometer Technologies helps fill that gap.

Bayoumi is director of UL Lafayette's Center for Advanced Computer Studies and head of the university's Computer Science Department. He's also the Edmiston Professor of Computer Engineering and the Lamson Professor of Computer Science.

Elgamel is a research faculty member at CACS.