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YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM THE BEST!**



Michigan Association
of Community and
Adult Education

The MACAE Board is honored to welcome Art Ellison, Administrator-Bureau of Adult Education, New Hampshire Department of Education as guest speaker at **MACAE Topic Friday, February 9th from 9:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m. at the MACAE office 826 Municipal Way, Lansing 48917.**

Art grew up in a small Vermont town. He received a B.A. from Earlham College, a MAT from Northwestern University and a Ed.D in adult and community education from the University of Massachusetts. He has worked as a road construction laborer, high school social studies teacher, community organizer, and since 1980 as the New Hampshire State Director of Adult Education.

He is very proud of his work as one of the founders, executive producer and actor with the Northern New England Literacy Theater which performed for twenty years throughout the United States and Canada In addition he has served as director/actor with several teenage improvisational theater groups that used interactive theater to educate young people around issues such as teenage sexuality, relationship violence, and drug/alcohol abuse.

Over the years he has served on the Board of Directors and been associated with the Highlander Center in New Market, Tennessee the legendary adult education program known for its work in training union organizers, civil rights workers, and local community activists throughout the southern United States.

Art's political work includes extensive participation in a number of NH Presidential Primary, Congressional, Gubernatorial and state legislative campaigns. He received the Political Action Award from SEIU Local 1984 for his political work over the years and the Literacy Leadership Award from the National Coalition for Literacy for his work in restoring \$363 million in federal funding for adult education programs in 2005.

As the long time Policy Chair for the National Council of State Directors of Adult Education, Art has coordinated their efforts in Washington, DC. He helped to create and now manages the National Single Point of Contact Network which was established by the Council to build support for adult education funding and policy at the national level. Art has testified before various committees of the US Congress on the need for additional resources for adult education.

In addition to his national work Art has a long history of managing advocacy campaigns for adult education funding and legislation on the state level. He also provides training on the Politics of Adult Education for state level adult education advocates throughout the country.

As the New Hampshire State Adult Education Director Art works with the executive and legislative branches of government while administering the statewide network of adult education services for 7,000 students annually.

Most of his spare time is spent working on political campaigns, playing basketball and spending time with his children and grandchildren. His favorite quote and guidance for life comes from the great labor organizer, Mother Jones, "Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living".

Topic Friday is Free for MACAE Members, **SPACE IS LIMITED. Please register by filling out the form and emailing it to: macaeoffice@gmail.com by February 2nd. Non members cost is \$25. **Due to limited capacity, we are not able to accommodate those who have not registered for this event.****

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