

Forum on Plain English

September 26, 2008
Room A-300

8:30-9:00 *Registration and Coffee*

9:00-10:15 **Session 1: History and Current Status of Plain English Regulations**
Presentation, Discussion, Question/Answer
Session Leader: Deborah Bosley

10:15-10:30 *Break*

10:30-12:00 **Session 2: Principles of Plain English**
Presentation, Small Group Activities
Session Leader: William DuBay

12:00-1:00pm *Lunch*

1:00-2:30pm **Session 3: Limitations, Challenges, Ethical Implications of Plain English**
Presentation, Panel Discussion, Question/Answer
Session Leader: Lee Johns

*Panel Participants: Deborah Bosley, William DuBay, Michelle Moosally,
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2:30-3:00pm *Closing Remarks and Evaluations*

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Keynote Speakers



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Board member of the Center for Plain Language

- Recipient of the Association for Professional Communication Consultant's Annual Award for Excellence in Writing for Clients for her work with TIAA-CREF.
- Author of three books and more than two dozen articles on issues related to clear communication
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- Author of *Smart Language: Readers, Readability, and the Grading of Text* (BookSurge 2007) and *Unlocking Language: The Classic Readability Studies* (BookSurge 2007)

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