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| **NNER and Partnership Grounding**  **Prior to the April 10 meeting, please read**  **the following essays from *Heal Up And Hair Over*,**  **which is included in your board packet.**  ***Avoiding the “Pestilential Influence of Party Animosities”: Civility and Republican Liberty* by Teena Gabrielson (pp.8-9)**  ***What, to the Slave, is the 4th of July?* by Frederick Douglass (pp.13-16)**  ***Fired by Conscience* by Clifford Bullock (pp.26-28)**  ***From Etiquette to Netiquette* by Jenn Koiter (pp.33-35)** |

It is the practice of the governing board to dedicate time at every meeting to ground ourselves in the principles of the Agenda for Education in a Democracy, the ideals that guide the National Network for Educational Renewal (NNER) and the Wyoming School-University Partnership. Board members see the opportunity as a time to step back and slow down, to renew ourselves to meet challenges of the work we do. The April 10, 2014 discussion will be led by Brent Pickett.

**A little about our guest, Brent Pickett**

Brent grew up on a farm outside a small town in Kansas prior to earning his bachelor’s degree in political science from Wichita State University. He then attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in political science. He taught at a state college in Nebraska for several years, then came to the University of Wyoming at Casper, where he serves as associate dean and director. He’s the author of two books and numerous articles, largely focused on contemporary political philosophy. For fun he plays with his daughters, fly fishes, juggles, and reads.