



Fall Newsletter

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From the President

Welcome NTWCA Friends,

Hello! Hola! Ciao! Namaste! Salaam! Ni Hao! So many ways to say "Hello" to you all! Greetings...

Communication changes almost hourly these days. Just witness the number of new applications that come out each day. Millennials are using these innovations extensively. There are apps that allow students to create music videos and slideshows. I recently learned of an app called "Osmosis" that was created by two medical students who use it as a study tool for medical students using cognitive techniques. The app analyzes the students' course materials and schedules then generates recommendations and quizzes to prepare them for clinical practice, board exams and tests. As

educators, we must embrace the changes we are seeing and use these tools as well to adapt to our students.

Communication and writing go together like peanut butter and jelly or Donnie and Marie; we need to have one to have the other. The communication highway is important no matter how you get to it, whether it's by writing, spoken-word, non-verbal cues or the more advanced uses of blogs, social media or apps. Encouraging those communication outlets is what we do as educators in the writing field: inspire students to become better writers through any outlet that proves the best for them.

As you look through our conference guide today, I hope you find our topics helpful and take away some learn-

ing experiences to use at your campus writing or learning centers.

On behalf of the North Texas Writing Center Association board, I hope you enjoy our conference today and networking with fellow colleagues. I do hope that your experience here today will pique your interest in joining our great association, and I look forward to seeing you in the spring. New board elections will be held for those that are interested in becoming more involved.

Thank you and have a great conference!

Holly Stone, President,
NTWCA

Program Schedule

North Texas Writing Centers Association

Fall 2017 Conference
October 27, 2017

Hosted by:
Dallas Baptist University
Dallas, TX 75211

10:00—10:30 a.m.	Arrival and Registration
10:30—11:00 a.m.	Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Business Meeting
11:00—Noon	Keynote Speaker: Anita Scott, Renown Spoken Word Poet
12:00—1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15—2:00 p.m.	Breakout Session One: Leigh Gettman-Allen Nonverbal Communication: Silence in Place of Words Savanna Mertz & Karoline Ott Blogging: Casual Words, Practice What You Preach
2:00—2:45 p.m.	Breakout Session Two: Lindsay Huffman Social Media: Words in 140 Characters or Less Molly Taylor Coming Back to School: Words Across Generations
2:45—3:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Writing Center Tour

We want to know what you're doing in your center! What is working? What changes have you made?

Send updates for the newsletter anytime throughout the year, so they don't get lost in the bustle of the semester.

Updates can be sent via email to:

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Presenters



Poetry has always been a second language for Anita Scott. She has performed at local slam poetry and spoken word events. Now, the door is opening for her poetry in small groups and on stages around the United States where she has already shared the same mic with Micah Bournes

and Amena Brown Owen. She travels to Chicago yearly to perform at Deeply Rooted, a women's worship event in November. Her poems "Mary Go Round" and "Tears for the Motherland" clearly ex-

press Anita's heart for justice for gender reconciliation and racial reconciliation. People who have seen her perform all attest to the same thing: she is unforgettable. In 2003, Anita graduated from Dallas Baptist University with a BA in English (an excuse to continually read and write). She currently attends and will graduate from Southern Methodist University in May 2018 with a Master of Education in Educational Leadership with a specialization in Urban School Leadership. Anita is also a part of community, a passionate team of people who go into impoverished areas (locally and overseas) to assess needs, provide help and hope in the form of food, medical supplies, clothing, education, hugs, laughs, gender and racial reconciliation, scholarships, job-training and to the best of our humanity, all the other "one another's" that will lead to self-sustainable change.

—Anita Scott

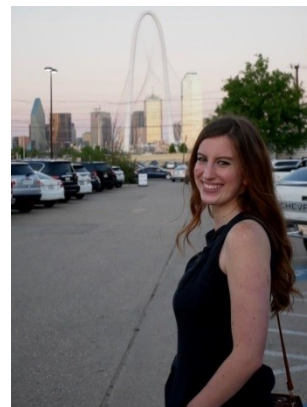
Savanna Mertz and **Karoline Ott** are accomplished students and staff members at Dallas Baptist University Writing Center (UWC). Savanna, the Student Coordinator, has a Bachelor of Arts in Intercultural Studies and Business and is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in International Studies.



Karoline is the Senior Writing Consultant, and she is in her third undergraduate year as a Public Relations major with a minor in Spanish. Both ladies have worked in the UWC for over two years, and each has been promoted multiple times to advance to their current positions. These young women assist in office supervision and training in addition to standard consulting tasks; they are Kā Riley's "two right hands," as she likes to say.

With an unparalleled passion for American history

and the musical *Hamilton*, **Savanna** (to the left) is a well-rounded force in the realms of culture and history. She is also a former student writer for CollegeXpress and currently blogs for Worth More Ministries. **Karoline** (to the right) spends her free time reading classic literature, writing, and occasionally creating silly BuzzFeed quizzes. She wrote for the popular millennial blog forum TheOdysseyOnline for six months before she became the editor-in-chief for the DBU Odyssey chapter; she edited all submissions and managed social media sharing for an additional six months. As consultants with diverse interests and private writing passions of their own, Savanna and Karoline are the ideal candidates to detail how the DBU Writing Center cultivates creative writing abilities within its staff for a greater purpose beyond the UWC.





Leigh Gettman-Allen is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Dallas Baptist University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and a Masters graduate of Regent University with a Master of Arts in Intercultural, Interper-

sonal, and International Communication. She is currently a member of the Lambda Pi Eta National Communication Honor Society. Having received training from the Multicultural Institute in Washington, DC, Leigh has spoken to over 200,000 individuals regarding her programs on cultural diversity as an international communication consultant. Along with continuing her speaking career, Leigh works as an Adjunct Professor of Communication at Dallas Baptist University where she has instructed

classes of all course levels over the past 14 years. In 2013, she created and wrote *Voice and Articulation*, an original communication course for DBU's award-winning, online education department. Just last year, Leigh co-authored the book *Modern Images of America: Oak Cliff* (released by Arcadia Publishing, 2016). In 1998, Leigh led The President's Initiative on Race in Dallas, Texas. She is also a recipient of The Bridge into the 21st Century's national "Rising Star Award." An accomplished moderator and emcee, Leigh has hosted hundreds of political, charitable and social events; in addition, she is currently featured along with 75 civic and community leaders, such as former first lady of Texas Anita Perry, former Texas Governor Ann Richards, and U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison in the book *Texas Women*. In 2013, she was featured with 150 other Dallas notables such as Bishop T.D. Jakes, Dr. Tony Evans and rock 'n roll icon Stevie Ray Vaughan, in the book *Legendary Locals of Oak Cliff*. Leigh resides in Dallas with her husband Billy, goldendoodle Betsy Ann, and 2 "kiddies," Kate and Leo.

Lindsay Huffman, a Colorado native, is currently employed by her alma mater, Dallas Baptist University. She graduated with her Bachelor in Communications in 2011 and her Masters of Communication in 2014. Lindsay is an all-around social media expert; as the Director of Social Media and part-time professor of communications, she lives and breathes social media. Not only does Lindsay teach students the most up-to-date practices in the ever-changing field of communications, but she is also the creator of DBU's first-ever social media and crisis communication courses, which are taken by hundreds of students each year. Lindsay is a highly-requested speaker all across the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, and she lends much of her free time to sharing her experience with the community. Among the events and organizations she has spoken for are the Colleyville Chamber of Commerce, Premier Designs, the Social Media Breakfast of Dallas, and oth-

ers. Outside of the social media world, Lindsay volunteers her time to DBU's Greek Life. She is a sponsor for Delta Theta, a sorority that prides itself in empowering young women to become servant leaders and promoting awareness of women's cancer and support of its victims. Lindsay lives with her husband Zack and their dogs, Dallas and Irving, in Roanoke.





Molly Taylor is an accomplished instructor and administrator with decades of expertise. She currently oversees the academic at-risk program at Dallas Baptist University while serving as a liaison for new undergrad transfer students. With an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Ouachita Baptist University and a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Texas at Arlington, Molly is tremendously qualified in her field, not just because of her education, but also from her years of community involvement and service. In 1994, DBU wisely hired Molly to work with the College of Adult Edu-

cation, now known as the College of Professional Studies. While in this department, she served as the Director of Advising, Director of Weekend College, and Director of the Health Care Administration Program, respectively. In 1999, Molly began teaching as an adjunct professor for DBU's Professional Studies courses. She first taught the now defunct 3303 portfolio class where students obtained credit for their life-long learning and work experience. A few years later she picked up the 3301 course, which is a required comprehensive course laying the foundation for DBU's adult program and includes topics such as worldviews, critical thinking, and the philosophy of Christian higher education. Molly continues to teach the portfolio class, even as she also works full-time with other students. Molly and her husband Scott have two sons, Hudson – who will graduate in December from Texas Tech, and Josh – a Varsity baseball player who is a junior in high school. They reside in Dallas with their 12-year old, female Golden Retriever named Sammy.

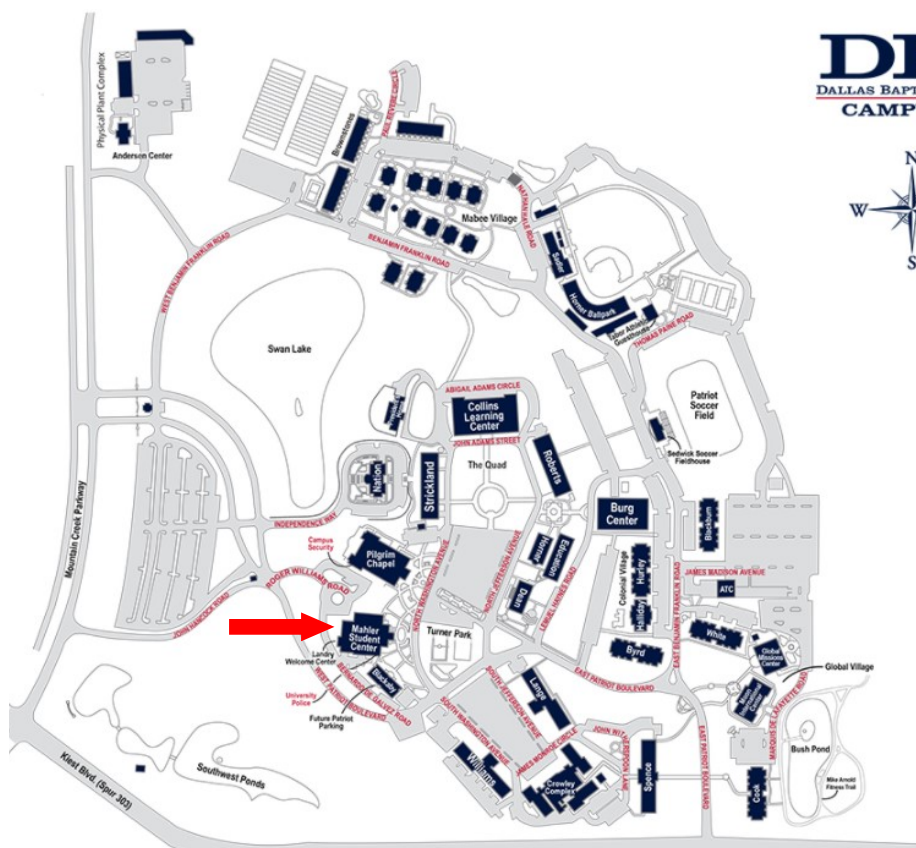
Campus Map

Dallas Baptist University

Great Hall in Mahler Student Center
(Next to Chapel)

3000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Campus Map: <http://www3.dbu.edu/campusmap/>



News From the Region

Austin College

On Friday, October 13, Austin College dedicated the new Scarbrough Center for Writing, in honor of Lemuel Scarbrough, Jr., a 1958 graduate of the college. Mr. Scarbrough's legacy gift has allowed Austin College to move forward with its commitment to enhancing written communication as a cornerstone

of the liberal arts. The Scarbrough Center for Writing is housed in the Abell Library Center, and directed by Dr. Lisha Daniels Storey, who recently completed graduate work at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Dr. Storey looks forward to welcoming the first cohort of peer writing mentors in Spring 2018, and to building a culture of writing at Austin College.

Dallas Baptist University

The Dallas Baptist University Writing Center is proud to announce that our Center and all of our trained consultants have received the Level One certification offered through the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). Inspired by Leslie Johnson's outstanding presentation at the fall 2016

NTWCA conference, we began the process of obtaining International Tutor Training Program Certification at the close of the spring semester. CRLA certification is internationally recognized, and although centers have to renew yearly, tutors can always carry their certifications into their respective careers and claim it on a resume or CV. The DBU Writing Center plans to pursue level two this summer and level three the following summer.

Tarrant County College NW

Tarrant County College NW has been working hard to bolster our workshop offerings and delivery methods. We now offer an average of two workshops every week at scheduled times on a variety of soft skills and academic subjects. The majority of our workshop materials and assessments are also available online for students to access anytime through

blackboard. The third option, which was created to specifically cater to working students, parents, etc. who have limited availability to attend regularly scheduled workshops, is our one-on-one sessions. Students can book a one-on-one workshop at a time that fits their schedule and still get the benefit of working with the workshop facilitator face-to-face. This has been a great option for many of our students.

Texas Woman's University

The Write site at TWU has moved to the 2nd floor of Blagg-Huey Library! Our new space offers about 400 extra square feet in a more central location for students' convenience. Our new center offers:

- 2 more work stations
- Whiteboard tables
- Onsite supplemental instruction and evening hours
- Workshops
- Embedded librarians

We are excited about hosting the NTWCA in the spring to showcase our new home!

The Write Site at TWU is delighted to welcome Jacklyn Kliman as the new Senior Secretary. In May, Jaclyn graduated with honors from TWU with her BA in English. She was a writing consultant in Write Site for two years before graduating. We are so happy she stayed with us in this new role!

Collin College

The Central Park Campus—McKinney of Collin College has a record number of 5,800 students this fall with an overall total of 31,666 students attending district wide!

The Writing Center welcomed three new employees. Iman Shamseldin, who has

worked in the Collin College ACCESS department, is our new PT administrative assistant; Corbin Gillespie, who is studying education, is our new student assistant. Sarah Boudreau, who earned her BA in Creative Writing from Young Harris College, located in the northeast Georgia mountains, is our new writing consultant. We have also been granted additional staff for the spring semester with our continued growth.

Upcoming Events

College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) Conference https://www.crla.net/	November 1-4, 2017	Pittsburgh, PA
Marine Creek Creative Writing Conference (free with registration) Nw.writingconference@tccd.edu	Nov. 4, 2017	Fort Worth, TX Tarrant County College NW
International Writing Center Association Annual Conference (IWCA) http://writingcenters.org/annual-conference-2/	Nov. 10–13, 2018	Chicago, IL
MLA International Symposium https://www.mla.org/Convention	Jan 4-7, 2018	New York, NY
Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC) http://www.ncte.org/cccc	March 14-17, 2018	Kansas City, MO
National Tutoring Association (NTA) Conference http://www.ntatutor.com/2018-conference.html	April 12-18, 2018	Palm Harbor, FL
Association of Colleges for Tutoring and Learning Assistance (ACTLA) Conference http://actla.info/san-diego-2018/	April 26-28, 2018	San Diego, CA
South Central Modern Languages Association (SCMLA) Annual Conference http://www.southcentralmla.org/conference/	Oct. 11-14, 2018	San Antonio, TX

Invitation to Join the North Texas Writing Centers Association

The North Texas Writing Centers Association serves writing centers of the region as a clearinghouse for exchanging information, as a forum for discussing important writing center issues, and as a means of promoting the professional status of writing center personnel.

Membership in the NTWCA includes directors and staff of writing centers and persons interested in writing centers. Membership can be either institutional (\$50 for a single campus institution, \$25 for each campus in a multiple campus institution) or individual (\$10). Institutional memberships include writing center staff and tutors at the institution.

Name: _____

Individual Membership: _____ Institutional Membership: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Institutional Address: _____

Please indicate your profile:

☐ I am a Writing Center Director.

☐ I am a Writing Center Staff Member (professional consultant, graduate tutor, or undergraduate peer tutor).

☐ I am interested in Writing Centers (past director, faculty member, student ...).

☐ Other: _____

**Please Send Dues To: NTWCA
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Hurst, Texas 76054-3299**

NTWCA FALL CONFERENCE

2017 EVALUATION

Please help us make our next conference the *best* conference by honestly answering the following questions on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being terrible and 5 being outstanding.

1. How well did you enjoy the breakout sessions?

1 2 3 4 5

2. Which breakout session did you find the most informative/enjoyable?

3. How relevant was the conference theme (“Words: a multi-lane highway”) to the work that you do?

1 2 3 4 5

4. How well did the accessibility and accommodations meet your needs?

1 2 3 4 5

5. How did you hear about the NTWCA fall conference?

NTWCA website Facebook Flyer/poster Listserv/email

Other (please specify): _____

6. How many NTWCA Conferences have you attended in the last three years?

This is my first 1 2 3 4 5+

7. Would you have attended if you were charged for lunch?

Yes Maybe No

8. What did you consider when deciding whether to attend the conference? (Circle all that apply.)

Cost Location Conference Content Theme Speakers

9. What comments or suggestions would you like to make?
