

## The Newsletter of the



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Cheryl Carithers, Editor

Greetings, everyone! We started the semester in the cold, dark days of January after the excitement from the turning of the year had passed. We will finish in the bright, hot days of May that feel like summer. Somewhere in between, spring produces signs of renewal: plants sprout new growth and Texas highways light up with blossoms. There is certain freshness in our lives as we look forward to languid summer days. Like the seasons, our semesters have distinct personalities formed by student populations. Fall traditionally brings an underlying seriousness as students face the rigors of academia. But spring, ah, spring! Like the budding world around them, students' minds oft wander from research and paper writing to their futures. Writing centers and the professionals within respond to the demands of the season, too.

It may be easier to consult with serious-thinking, fall-semester students, but we remain dedicated to the task of tutoring those sun-seeking, spring-semester students and returning their focus to the work at hand. We may cajole a little more. We may encourage a little more. We may hear a little more personal information. We may even play a little more as we gently guide writers through

the concerns of a tutoring session. We also remain dedicated to our own academic interests, and we celebrate the scholastic pursuits of writing center professionals among us.

This spring, Carolyn Hoy, a peer writing consultant at Dallas Baptist University, is the winner of the Mary Nell Kivikko Excellence in Scholarship Award. She will be our keynote speaker. Also sharing their research are Elizabeth Brownlow, Texas Woman's University, and Caitlin Perry, Dallas Baptist University. Their topics are diverse and interesting. We will also honor Carrie Hamilton, recipient of the Outstanding Tutor Award. And finally, we will toast the retirement and cross-country move of Betty Correll, a long-time NTWCA member.

Congratulations to all of these individuals who represent their institutions and our organization so well! Let's spring into this celebratory conference with renewed vigor and an eye toward some summer fun.

Your soon-to-be Past President,  
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## ***North Texas Writing Center Association***

Spring 2014 Conference

Hosted by  
Dallas Baptist University  
Dallas, Texas  
April 11, 2014

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### **Program Schedule**

- 11:15 am - 11:45 am    Arrival and Registration  
John G. Mahler Student Center, Great Hall, Dallas Baptist University
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm    Lunch
- 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm    Business Meeting, Including Election of Officers
- 1:00 pm - 1:15 pm    ***Outstanding Tutor Award***  
Carrie Hamilton, Dallas Baptist University
- Tribute and Toast to Betty Correll***
- 1:15 pm - 1:30 pm    Break
- 1:30 pm-2:00 pm    ***Winner of the Mary Nell Kivikko Excellence in Scholarship Award***  
  
                                 “Room for Rest and Reform” by Carolyn Hoy, Dallas Baptist University
- 2:00 pm-2:30 pm    ***Tutor Presentations***  
  
                                 “Bang for Your Buck: Maximizing the Writing Center Budget” by Elizabeth Brownlow, Texas Woman’s University  
  
                                 “Cultural Appreciation in the Writing Center: Building a Framework for Understanding” by Caitlin Perry, Dallas Baptist University
- 2:30 pm-3:00 pm    DBU University Writing Center Tour

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### **Parking**

Please park in lot 4A or 11. The link below will take you to the DBU Parking Regulations page maintained by Security. Scroll to the bottom of the page to see/print a map of the campus with all lots labeled. Handicapped parking is also available near John G. Mahler Student Center (the building with the clock tower and large fountain out front). Lot 4A is located closest to the Mahler, and lot 11 is located across the parking lot and is separated by a red-brick road. You’ll still be facing the Mahler from this lot, and the walk is very short.

[http://www3.dbu.edu/security/parking\\_permit.asp](http://www3.dbu.edu/security/parking_permit.asp)

## ***Mary Nell Kivikko Award Winner***



**Carolyn Hoy** has been a consultant in the Dallas Baptist University Writing Center for two years and will graduate with her B.A. in English and a minor in Communication this August. She enjoys tutoring because it helps her share her love of writing with her peers, and it also helps her fine-tune her own skills by seeing where they struggle and have questions.

Carolyn's love of writing began at a young age, when she wrote stories about the horses she could only dream about in her suburban southern Californian town. Now, she has her own horse, and he is the inspiration behind much of her creative writing – because he is the horse version of *Marley*! She also writes articles for *Nvate*, a lifestyle magazine, and participates in Alpha Sigma Omega Leadership and Honor Society and Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society. Carolyn had an essay published in the *Dallas Baptist University Writers' Handbook* when she was a freshman, and she won the DOXA competition for Nonfiction in Spring 2013.

After graduation, Carolyn wants to work in corporate communications somewhere, hopefully with Southwest Airlines, where she worked as a Customer Relations Communications intern in Fall 2013.

## ***Outstanding Tutor Award Winner***

**Carrie Hamilton** has been a writing consultant in the Dallas Baptist University Writing Center since 2006. She has enjoyed helping students overcome their fears and challenges in writing over the years, and she has been able to find common ground with students, as she herself has dealt with the pressures of schoolwork. In 2009, Carrie earned a Bachelor's Degree in English, and in 2013, she completed a Master's Degree in Applied Linguistics. Her work in the University Writing Center contributed to her love of language and cultures, and she plans to use her experiences and education to work with linguistics in a cross-cultural setting.



## ***Presenters***



**Elizabeth Brownlow** received her BA in English from Tarleton State University and is currently pursuing an MA in English at Texas Woman's University. To promote and celebrate cultural diversity, she studies images and representations in folk culture and literature of those with mental abnormalities. She is a graduate assistant for the Write Site, TWU's writing center, specializing in tutoring distance education students.

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**Caitlin Perry** has worked as a consultant in DBU's Writing Center since the fall of 2012 and has held the position of Senior Consultant since January of 2014. She has enjoyed providing care and assistance to students with writing needs, as well as being challenged to continually reevaluate the quality of her own writing. In addition to maintaining a good academic standing, Caitlin has been rewarded for her creative writing endeavors, most recently winning first place in poetry at the 2013 DOXA literary contest. Caitlin is currently enrolled in an accelerated degree program at DBU, which allows her to work towards completing a Bachelor's degree in Communications Theory with a minor in English and a Master's degree in Communication Studies.



## *Betty Correll to Retire*

As the director of the Collin Writing Center at the Central Park Campus (CPS), **Betty Correll** has created a long-standing legacy. In her twenty-five years at Collin College, Betty Correll has made her mark not only on the culture of the college but also on the minds and hearts of the students she served and the tutors she supervised. When Betty retires at the end of the summer, we at the CPC Writing Center will miss her and the thoughtfulness and grace with which she approached her directorship and how she influenced all with whom she came in contact.



Before working at Collin, Betty completed her MA at Nebraska University and went on to work on her PhD. While working on her PhD, she met her husband, Jake, a military recruiter. After moving several times—even once to Hawaii—Betty finally settled in Princeton, Texas. Betty began her tenure at Collin in 1989 as an associate faculty member teaching composition classes at the Spring Creek Campus. She was encouraged to tutor at the SCC Writing Center and later at the CPC Writing Center. While still teaching, she was asked to be director of the CPC Writing Center. At the time, the CPC Writing Center was small, consisting of only a handful of tutors and operating out of what was basically a closet in the old CPC Library. Over the years, Betty has been a vocal proponent of the writing center and has been instrumental in its transition into a visible presence on campus in the new Center for Academic Assistance.

Both inside and outside of the office, Betty Correll has always been committed to creating a sense of community among the writing center staff. Betty Mayeur, a colleague and director of the Preston Ridge Campus Writing Center, fondly remembers the parties that Betty Correll hosted for the writing center staff. Always an avid beekeeper, Betty would make her own mead and put together “mead-tastings” as well as garden and masquerade parties. Everyone at the writing center also looks forward to the pencil-shaped spice cookies, jars of honey, and festive mugs that Betty gives as gifts around the holidays. Betty Correll has always believed her position as director is not only one of supervision but also of camaraderie among fellow teachers and tutors.

Upon her retirement, Betty plans to move to Burke, Virginia, to be close to her son Jacob and his family. The April 2014 NTWCA meeting will be the last one Betty attends. We at the CPC Writing Center are honored to have worked with Betty and to have called her a friend. The CPC Writing Center will continue to be successful far into the future but not without the commitment and congeniality of its former director, Betty Correll.



## *News from the Region*

**Ms. Erin Russell** was selected as one of the winners of the TWU Student Employees of the Year. Ms. Russell has worked in the Write Site, TWU's writing center, since January of 2012.

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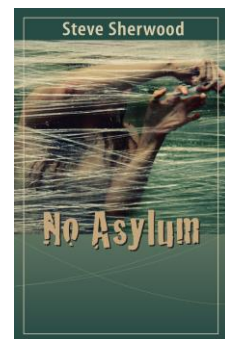
The **University Writing Center at Tarleton** will be occupying a new space beginning in the summer of 2014. The Writing Center will be housed in part of a multi-million dollar addition, which has been under construction since the spring of 2013. The new space will feature state of the art technology, two conference rooms, several individual tutorial spaces, as well as a number of group tutorial areas. The Writing Center will also have access to an outdoor learning space, which is wired to the university network and will have televisions and other technology to promote student and faculty use. An open house for the Writing Center and the new addition will be held early in the fall 2014 semester.

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**Dr. Brian Fehler** will be leaving Tarleton to join Texas Woman's University as an associate professor in the fall of 2014. Dr. Fehler, whose specialty is the History of Rhetoric, has been at Tarleton since 2005 and is a vital part of the TSU English department. His scholarship includes book publications and a number of conference presentations. He has directed graduate research, including several theses, and has been active in MLA, CCCC, and NCTE, as well as other professional organizations.

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**Dr. Steve Sherwood** of TCU has two books coming out this year: the novel *No Asylum*, which the Texas Review Press will release in fall 2014, and *Field Guide: Essays and Stories*, which the Angelina River Press will release in April 2014. Sherwood also won the Texas College English Association award for his essay "Texas Doomers: A Trilogy." He is the current president of South Central Writing Centers Association, an at-large member of the International Writing Centers Association executive board and chair of IWCA's scholarship award committee for 2014.



Every spring, Dallas Baptist University holds the DOXA Literary Festival, which encourages students in their creative writing. Within this event, there are three categories of competition: Poetry, Non-Fiction, and Fiction. This year, **Caitlin Perry**, who is the Senior Writing Consultant in the UWC, took first place in Poetry and third place in Non-Fiction with her memoir piece, "Jonesville." In the Fiction category, **Carolyn Hoy**, also a consultant in the UWC, earned third place with her story, "His Dinner," and she took first place in the Non-Fiction classification with "Best Friends Forever."

### ***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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

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**CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTH TEXAS WRITING CENTERS ASSOCIATION**  
(REVISED SPRING 2007)

- I. 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.
- II. Membership in the NTWCA includes directors and staff of writing centers and persons interested in writing centers. Membership can be multiple-campus institutions (\$25 per campus), single-campus institutions (\$50), or individual (\$10). Institutional memberships include writing center staff and tutors at the institution.
- III. NTWCA assesses dues annually at the fall meeting. Memberships run from September through August. Monies collected are used for communication, publication, and conference expenses.
- IV. The right to vote and to hold office extends to all individual and institutional members.
- V. The following elected officers serve a two-year term and may be elected for multiple, two-year terms:
  - a. President: The president chairs all meetings, facilitates the operations of the association, and serves as co-chair of the Membership Committee.
  - b. Vice-President: The vice-president functions as program chair and assumes the duties of the president in the president's absence.
  - c. Newsletter Editor: The newsletter editor gathers information, edits articles, publishes the newsletter, and handles mailings.
  - d. Secretary: The secretary takes minutes at meetings and reports at executive board meetings and conferences.
  - e. Treasurer: The treasurer collects dues, records memberships, reports finances and memberships at meetings, and serves as co-chair of the Membership Committee.
  - f. Immediate Past President: The immediate past president serves as an advisor and assists other officers in discharging their duties.
- VI. The president appoints the following officers for two-year terms:
  - a. Web Spinner: The web spinner maintains the NTWCA website page.
  - b. Archivist: The archivist serves as custodian of the organization's records.
- VII. The Membership Committee is co- chaired by the president and treasurer and consists of three volunteers from the organization membership. The membership committee promotes involvement by serving as the NTWCA's outreach liaisons, contacting potential members at colleges, universities, and secondary schools in the area, and conducting an annual membership drive.
- VIII. The Executive Board, consisting of the six elected officers and two appointees, meets at least twice per calendar year to plan meetings and conferences. When officers and



appointees are selected at the spring meeting, they immediately assume their duties and plan the schedule of events for the following year.

- IX. If an officer resigns, the Executive Board will appoint an interim officer to serve out the officer's term. If the resigning officer's term has more than one year remaining, the association will elect a new officer at the next regular meeting to serve out the remainder of the term.
- X. The NTWCA sponsors two conferences per calendar year.
- XI. This constitution may be amended or replaced by a majority vote of the executive board and membership at any business meeting.

***Spring 2014 Officer Nominees***

President: Jennifer Phillips-Denny, Texas Woman's University

Vice-President: Holly Stone, Collin College, Central Park Campus

Secretary: Paulina Romero, University of North Texas at Dallas

Treasurer: Elizabeth Parrish, Tarrant County College, Northeast Campus

Newsletter Editor: Daniel Heffner, UT Dallas