**North Texas Writing Center Association Spring 2024 Conference**

April 19 | 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

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Theme | Writing Centers: Past, Present and Future

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**Call for Papers: *Overcoming Barriers: Celebrating Innovation in the Writing Center***

Writing centers across North Texas share a similar mission: to provide individualized instruction centered on collaboration, to serve social justice through teaching, outreach, and recruitment, and to advocate for principles of writing and teaching consistent with research and best practices. However, the ability of a center to serve this mission is often complicated by external factors such as budgets, equipment, and space. Despite these challenges, however, writing center directors and tutors demonstrate remarkable creativity and innovation in overcoming these barriers.

We invite submissions of papers that explore the unique challenges and innovative practices of writing centers, such as:

* **The Real Work of the Writing Center:** What are the day-to-day challenges and triumphs of running a writing center? How do writing center professionals navigate the complexities of their roles?
* **Technology Integration:** How can writing centers embrace technology, rather than remain fearful of it? How can AI be incorporated into tutoring sessions or tutor training?
* **Community Engagement, Equity, and Inclusion:** How can writing centers collaborate with local communities or organizations outside their institution? How can we ensure that writing centers ensure equitable access to writing support for all students, including those from marginalized communities?
* **The Role of A Tutor:** Writing Center tutors come from a variety of disciplines, backgrounds, and educational milestones. What are some of the unique challenges that tutors face, and how can we overcome them?
* **Overcoming Barriers to Success:** How do writing centers address challenges such as limited resources, space constraints, and institutional pressures? What strategies have been successful in overcoming these barriers?

We welcome submissions from writing center professionals, scholars, and students. Presentations may take the form of traditional paper presentations, panel discussions, workshops, or interactive sessions. We encourage innovative and creative approaches to the presentation format.

**Submission Process**

We are pleased to announce the NTWCA Spring 2024 Conference for writing center tutors and administrators. We also welcome other stakeholders in writing instruction and practice. Although we encourage you to submit a proposal, you do not have to submit to attend. Lunch is included with your registration.

We are accepting proposals for 15-minute conference presentations. Our conference aims to build scholarship in the field, promote effective practice, and build community among writing center practitioners in North Texas.

1. Email your proposal (250 words) to stacigentry@my.unt.edu no later than **midnight CST Sunday, March 31.**
2. Usethe subject line “NTWCA Conference Proposal + Proposal Title.”

**NOTE** | We will notify you of the status of your proposal via the email address you provide by Friday, April 5.

1. Confirm your acceptance by officially registering for the NTWCA conference by Friday, April 12.

All accepted proposals will be considered for the Mary Nell Kivikko Excellent in Scholarship Award.

**The Mary Nell Kivikko Excellence in Scholarship Award**

The Mary Nell Kivikko Excellence in Scholarship Award is designed to recognize outstanding scholarship in writing center theory and practice. The winner of the Mary Nell Kivikko Excellence in Scholarship Award will be chosen from submitted proposals.

In addition to the Kivikko award, all writing center directors may nominate one of their tutors for the Outstanding Tutor Award.

**Outstanding Tutor Award**

The Outstanding Tutor Award is designed to recognize professional staff who not only demonstrate excellent tutoring skills, but also make significant contributions to their writing center. The award is open to part-time or full-time consultants, as well as graduate or undergraduate peer tutors at a writing center in the NTWCA region.

1. Email a letter of nomination to stacigentry@my.unt.edu.
2. Include the following information in the letter:
* Name, institution, address, telephone, and email address of the consultant and/or tutor
* Details regarding tutoring abilities and contributions to the center. **​​**

We hope that you will be able to attend the NTWCA Spring 2024 conference this April. An email regarding registration will be arriving in your inbox soon. If you have any questions regarding the event, awards, or submission process, please send an email to kathryn.raign@unt.edu or stacigentry@my.unt.edu.