
NORTH TEXAS WRITING CENTERS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

APRIL TRAFTON

Hello and welcome to the Fall 2020 North Texas Writing Centers Association Virtual Conference! It has been a turbulent year so far, full of surprises, unknowns, difficult decisions, necessary teamwork, and opportunities to show who we are by our actions. We've been pushed to our limits, and still we've found ways.

Even though the whole country seems like it's burning sometimes, both literally and figuratively, we keep on doing what we do in the best way we know how, and that means something. We're here for our students, and we're here for each other.

As the year draws to a close, let's focus on the opportunities that this global situation has created for us, the positive aspects of our lives and our work, and the empathy and support that we can share with each other. No matter what happens, we'll press on. We'll find ways.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. JACKIE HOERMANN-ELLIOTT (TWU)

Dr. Hoermann-Elliott is an advocate for undergraduate and graduate student writers at every level, taking a special interest in supporting those who hope to enter the industries of editing and publishing. Currently, she serves as Director of TWU's First-year Composition Program and as Assistant Professor in the Department of English, Speech, and Foreign Languages.

MARY NELL KIVIKKO FINALIST LISTENING THROUGH THE WRITTEN WORD: TUTORING HARD OF HEARING AND DEAF CLIENTS IN WRITING CENTERS

REGAN CAMPBELL (TWU)

Regan Campbell is a graduate student at Texas Woman's University studying to receive her Masters in Writing and Rhetoric. She is a Graduate Assistant at the TWU Writing Center and member of TWU's English Rhetoric Graduate Organization of the Rhetoric Society of America, TWU's Phi Kappa Phi honor society, and TWU's chapter of The National Society of Leadership and Success. Her professional interests include sonic rhetoric, sound studies, video games, and horror based mediums.

MARY NELL KIVIKKO FINALIST MEETING CHAOS WITH CALM: COREGULATION AND THERAPEUTIC SKILLS IN TUTORING

REBEKAH URBAN (TWU)

Rebekah Urban is pursuing her Master of Arts degree in counseling psychology from Texas Woman's University. She has worked as a writing consultant at the TWU Write Site since Fall 2018.

MARY NELL KIVIKKO AWARD WINNERS (RE)IMAGINING WRITING CENTERS: STRATEGIES FOR MULTIMODAL TUTORING

DANIEL STEFANELLI & DESIREE THORPE (TWU)

Daniel Stefanelli is an M.A. student in Texas Woman's University's Rhetoric and Composition program. They are the graduate program assistant at TWU's Write Site, where they assist with tutor training and writing center pedagogy. Their research interests include digital literacy, critical discourse analysis, and comparative media studies.

Desiree Thorpe is a Doctoral student of Rhetoric at Texas Woman's University (TWU). Her research interests are digital rhetoric, affinity spaces, and creating learning spaces that integrate contributing student pedagogy.

MARY NELL KIVIKKO FINALIST ACCOMMODATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN WRITING CENTERS: COMPARING EASTERN AND WESTERN RHETORIC

SARAH CHO (TWU)

Sarah Cho is currently a PhD candidate in the field of rhetoric at Texas Woman's University. She is also a proud alumna of Wellesley College and Yonsei Graduate School of International Studies.

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