

Bring it! Activating the Writing Center for Tutors
The 3rd Annual Northeast Ohio Writing Centers Association Conference
9:00-4:30 PM
October 10, 2009
The College of Wooster

Writing centers are communities made up of staff, students, and faculty. Each plays a role in what that writing center is and becomes, almost every day. And, it is no secret that writing centers have been depending heavily on Peer Writing Tutors since . . . well, since forever. Because Peer Writing Tutors make up such a substantial portion of writing centers and writing center organizations (especially NEOWCA, which is focused on the voices of Tutors), they are also prime movers in the work, character, constructs, and collaborations of writing centers. This year's conference theme celebrates the voices of writing centers' largest constituency, the Peer Writing Tutor. This year's conference will also be a showcase for programs, efforts, practices, and experiences that Tutors have found engaging and meaningful in their writing centers.

We invite proposals for sessions focusing on what you or your colleagues have brought to the writing center for the Tutors. We will accept proposals for:

- 15-minute individual presentations (1 person)
- 45-minute panels or roundtables (3 people)
- 90-minute workshops (no more than 4 people)

These sessions should be interactive, not papers read to the audience. Potential topics include (but are not limited to):

- Community building
- Writing center underlife (For more information on underlife, see Brooke, Robert. "Underlife and Writing Instruction." *On Writing Research: The Braddock Essays, 1975-1998*. Ed. Lisa Ede. New York: Bedford St. Martin's, 1999. 229-241).
- Training
- Outreach
- Supporting colleagues
- Social and professional persona
- Technology
- Diversity
- Making change

Please use the attached proposal form (to be attached). The deadline for proposals is midnight, September 10, 2009. Please send the proposal with the subject line "NEOWCA Proposal," include the text of the proposal in the message, and attach a Word file version of the proposal as well. Anyone proposing or participating in a proposed session must register for the conference.

Proposals should be sent to:

writing_center@wooster.edu

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Conference Proposal Form
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Name¹: _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____ Zip code: _____

Telephone: _____ Home institution: _____

Your position is (check all that are appropriate):

Undergraduate Tutor Graduate Student Tutor Adjunct/Visiting/Part-time Faculty Professional Staff Faculty

Writing Program Administrator Writing Center Director Other (please specify) _____

All conference communications will be conducted via email and with the primary contact person listed above.

Multiple proposals are welcomed.

1. What kind of session are you proposing:

15-min. individual presentation 45-min. panel/roundtable (3-4 presenters) 90-min. workshop (6 presenters max)

2. Session Title: _____

3. 50-word abstract for the program:

4. 250 session description (be sure to show audience engagement):

5. Please list the names, type of position, and email addresses for all other presentation collaborators not named above:

A. Name: _____ Type of position: _____
Email: _____

B. Name: _____ Type of position: _____
Email: _____

C. Name: _____ Type of position: _____
Email: _____

D. Name: _____ Type of position: _____
Email: _____

E. Name: _____ Type of position: _____
Email: _____

You will be the contact person for your proposal. If others are included in your proposal, please keep them informed of conference activities and deadlines.

6. Technology: Each classroom is equipped with a Pixie Pro system and screen that allows for projection from the Internet, a class computer (PC and Mac), a DVD player, a CD player, and a VHS tape player. In some rooms, a document camera is also available. It is recommended that any presentations you wish to display electronically during your session be brought to the conference on a thumb/flash drive or CD/DVD. It is also advisable to email your presentation to yourself, just in case.

For your presentation, please check below all of the technologies you will want for your session

I/we will need no technology equipment.

I/we would prefer to use a Mac.

I/we would prefer to use a PC.

I/we plan to use Internet access.

I/we plan to use the computer available in the classroom.

I/we plan to use the DVD player.

I/we plan to use the CD player

I/we plan to use the VHS tape player.

I/we plan to use the document camera.

Our presentation will use an MS Office application.

Our presentation will be made using a non-MS Office application. Please specify below what software and version you would like to use in the box below (we will do our best to accommodate your request, but no guarantees):

At the conference, if you have forgotten to request something or have changed your presentation format, we will do our best to accommodate you but there is no guarantee that we will be able to supply you with what you need. Always have a back up prepared (handouts), if the technology does not work! We recommend making 15 – 20 copies.

Send this completed form via email by 9/10/09. The proposal should be pasted into the message as well as attached (as a MS Word or .pdf document). Send the proposal to:

writing_center@wooster.edu

Questions? Problems? Contact Bill Macauley, Director of Writing @ The College of Wooster
wmacauley@wooster.edu or 330-263-2372