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**Mid-Atlantic Writing Center 10th Annual Conference, Largo, Maryland, April 18, 1998.** Contact Dr. Richard Profozich; Writing Department; Prince George's Community College; Largo, MD 20774-2199. (Phone:300-322-0598; e-mail: [rpl@pgstumail.pg.cc.md.us](mailto:rpl@pgstumail.pg.cc.md.us)).

**SAMLA Composition Section 1998: Atlanta, Georgia, November 5-7, 1998—Predictions and Possibilities: The Theory and Practice of Teaching Composition in the Next Century**

As a new century approaches, it is only natural to consider what the future may hold for the theory and practice of teaching composition. In what directions will the field go? Areas of inquiry include (but are not limited to): the future role of writing labs for the teaching of writing, the effect of technology on composition, cultural studies and composition, innovative approaches to writing about literature, the role of grammar in writing instruction, teaching freshman composition, the future of Writing Across the Curriculum programs, and post-process theory. Send completed papers (length: 15-20 minutes) or 150-300 word abstracts by March 1, 1998 to Bonnie Devet; English/Communication; SAMLA; College of Charleston; 66 George Street; Charleston, SC 9424. (Fax: 803-953-3180). Preference will be given to speakers who present, rather than read, their papers, so be sure to describe how the presentation will be made. Please include audio visual needs.

**National Conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing: Plattsburgh State University of New York, Plattsburgh, New York, November 6-8, 1998—Writers as Readers; Readers as Writers**

Proposals of 150-250 words (plus a 50-word description for the program) are due by March 15, 1998. Specify a 50-minute workshop or a 20-minute presentation. Preference given to proposals actively involving the audience and clearly involving peer writing consultants. Send to Twila Yates Papay; Writing Across the Curriculum; campus Box 2655; Rollins College; Winter Park, FL 32789. (E-mail: [tpapay@rollins.edu](mailto:tpapay@rollins.edu); Phone: 407-646-2191; Fax: 407-646-2245). Notification: May 15, 1998 (include e-mail address for response).

**20th Annual Conference for the East Central Writing Centers Association: Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio, May 8-9, 1998—Moving Forward, Looking Back: The Only Way to Get Where We're Going is to Remember Where We've Been**

In keeping with the theme of this year's conference, we encourage proposals exploring historical perspectives on writing and writing centers.



Other possible topics include: technology, ethics, designing and staffing writing centers, research, and ESL. Topics not mentioned above are also welcomed. Deadline for proposals is January 15, 1998. You may propose either a 75-minute session or a 20-minute presentation. Send *three* copies of a 200-word summary of your proposed presentation. Please include: (1) title of presentation; (2) an indication of your target audience; (3) the kind of presentation you plan (demo, workshop, panel discussion, etc.); (4) any audio visual equipment you need; and (5) co-presenters' names as you wish them to appear in the program. Include your name, position, institution, address, and phone number. Submit your proposal to Sherri Zander; Writing Center; Coffelt Hall; Youngstown State University; Youngstown, OH 44555. Proposals sent via e-mail should be directed to: [WrCenter@juno.com](mailto:WrCenter@juno.com). Keynote Speaker: Mary King, Founding Board Member, Coordinator of the Writing Lab and the Basic Writing Course at the University of Akron, co-editor (with Tomas Flynn) of *Dynamics of the Writing Conference: Social and Cognitive Interaction*.

**Northern California Writing Centers Association Sixth Annual Conference: College of Notre Dame, Belmont, California, Friday, March 6, 1998—Writing Centers: Innovators in Education**

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: January 5, 1998. Possible topics include technology, collaboration, diversity, fund raising, critical thinking, distance learning, ESL issues, learning disabilities, innovative programs, and tutor training. Presenters may also facilitate round table discussions. Both teachers and tutors are encouraged to participate. Indicate your preference for an individual presentation (15-20 minutes) or panel or round table participation (60 minutes). A 100-word abstract should state the title of the presentation, a description of the presentation, and a brief statement of underlying theory or philosophy. Also include a 50-word summary which states the title of the presentation, the name and job title of each presenter, and the institution with which the presenter is affiliated. Keynote speaker: Dr. Andrea Lunsford, Distinguished Professor, The Ohio State University, a major name in composition studies who has published over ten books in the field, including *The Saint Martin's Handbook* (co-authored with Robert Connors) and *Singular Texts / Plural Authors* (co-authored with Lisa Ede). Registration Fee: NCWCA Membership and Conference Registration (includes breakfast and lunch): Faculty and Staff-\$25; Tutors and Students-\$10. Registration Deadline: Friday, February 27, 1998. Walk-in registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on March 6, but late registrants will not be guaranteed lunch. Registration fees and/or an abstract and summary of your presentation may be sent to Marc Wolterbeek; MS179; College of Notre Dame; Belmont, CA 94002. E-mail: [Mwolterbeek@cnd.edu](mailto:Mwolterbeek@cnd.edu); Fax: 650-508-3736; Phone: 650-508-3708.

## **Calls for Papers**

The *Writing Lab Newsletter*, a monthly publication for those who work in the tutorial setting of a writing lab, invites manuscripts. Authors are invited to submit articles, book reviews, papers presented at regional conferences, reports of writing lab conferences, articles by tutors, and news of regional groups and/or specific writing labs. Subscriptions to *WLN* are \$15/yr. (\$20 in Canada). Make checks payable to Purdue University. Send newsletter materials and subscription requests to: Professor Muriel Harris, Editor; *Writing Lab Newsletter*; Dept. of English; 1356 Heavilon Hall; Purdue University; West Lafayette, IN 47907.

The *Journal of College Reading and Learning* is a refereed journal published by the College Reading and Learning Association. It provides a forum for current theory, research, practice, and policy related to post-secondary reading improvement and learning assistance. *JCRL* invites submissions on reading, learning assistance, developmental education, and tutorial services. Articles should show the practical application of theory, research, or policy. Writing center practitioners might consider submitting manuscripts on basic writers, tutor training, program evaluation, or center administration. Send submissions and subscription requests to: Jim Bell, Editor; *Journal of College Reading and Learning*; Learning Skills Centre; University of Northern British Columbia; 3333 University Way; Prince George, BC; Canada V2N 4Z9 (Phone: 604-960-6330; Fax: 604-960-6330; E-mail: [jimb@unbc.edu](mailto:jimb@unbc.edu)).

## Outstanding Service Award

Outstanding members of NWCA are recognized with a service award at our national conference. Nominees should be longtime contributors to writing centers, to research and practice, and to our community. Past recipients have been Muriel Harris (1984), Joyce Kinkead (1987), Jeanette Harris (1991), Lady Falls Brown (1994), and Byron Stay (1997).

Nominations should be accompanied by a description of the individual's contributions, and by an explanation of why this person, in particular, should be recognized for his or her contributions. Include in your letter the names of three other people in our community who would support your nomination. The recipient will be announced at the Spring 1999 NWCA meeting in Bloomington, Indiana.

Please send your nominations to Eric H. Hobson by December 1, 1998.

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