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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:

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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:

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The NCTE Assembly for the Teaching of English Grammar invites proposals for its Eighth Annual Conference July 18 and 19, 1997 at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA. Featured speakers include Connie Weaver, author of Teaching Grammar in Context; Rei Noguchi, author of Grammar and the Teaching of Writing; Bill McCleary, editor of Composition Chronicle; Martha Kolln, President of ATEG and author of Rhetorical Grammar; Ed Vavra, editor of Syntax in the Schools; and Art Whimbey, author of Analyze, Organize, Write and BluePrint for Educational Change.

Conference pre-registration paid by June 1, 1997 is $65, $75 after June 1. On-site registration is $85. Proposals are due June 1, 1997. For more information, contact Ed Vavra, DIF 112, Pennsylvania College of Technology, One College Ave., Williamsport, PA 17701 (717-326-3761 x7736; FAX 717-327-4503; EVAVRA@PCT.EDU).


Essays are sought that investigate mental imagery in contexts that impinge on the teaching of writing and reading. In our literate Western culture, where language functions as the most visible tool of cultural negotiation and legitimation, mental imagery in all its sensory richness is marginalized, its role in the creation of culture and consciousness neglected. The goal of this collection is to redress that imbalance across composition studies. We urge submitters to focus their essays on the intersection of theory and teaching.

Submit three copies of a 3,000-5,000-word essay (15-20 pages, including bibliography) in MLA format by June 30, 1997 to:

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We invite abstracts for a proposed collection focusing on aspects and
prospects of research in Writing Program Administration: what it is, who does it, how it is done, what are its purposes, how is it similar to or different from other research in rhetoric and composition studies. Possible areas of focus include, but are not limited to: 1) ethical, political, and methodological issues for research situated in writing programs; 2) distinctive characteristics of research in specific kinds of writing programs, e.g., writing centers, WAC programs, professional writing programs, first-year composition programs; 3) definitions or descriptions of a specific type of research in writing program administration, e.g., action research, group inquiry, historical work; 4) ways in which WPA research informs other academic contexts and professional communities.

Please send 500-word abstracts and brief descriptions of the author's work in writing program administration, including institutional contexts, by July 1, 1997. Drafts of selected papers will be due November 1, 1997. Send abstracts to Shirley K. Rose and Irwin Weiser, Department of English, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1356. Address inquiries or questions to either Shirley Rose (765-494-3742; roses@purdue.edu) or Irwin Weiser (765-496-2205; iweiser@purdue.edu).

Conferences

The National Writing Centers Association, in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Writing Center Association, will hold its Third National Conference September 17-20, 1997 at the Olympia Park Hotel in Park City, Utah. The goal of this conference will be to provide a setting where all of us who work in any type of writing center can exchange and develop goals, ideas, and information.

Park City is a year-round resort community, featuring restaurants, outdoor activities, shopping, and scenery. In addition to regular rooms at the Olympia Park Hotel, guests may reserve small condominium units. For additional conference information, visit the BYU Writing Center Web site: http://English.byu.edu/writing.ct./index.html.

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Olympia Park Hotel
P.O. Box 4439
1895 Sidewinder Dr.
Park City, UT 84060
801-649-2900
Reservations: 800-234-9003
Single and double occupancy: $59/night
(100 small condominium units available on first-come basis)

For more information about the conference, contact:

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The Midwest Writing Centers Association Fall Conference will be held November 7 and 8 in Kansas City, MO. The conference theme is “Haunted by Our Choices: Ethics in the Writing Center,” and the keynote speaker will be Michael Pemberton, Director of the Writers’ Workshop at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Pemberton writes a column on writing center ethics in the Writing Lab Newsletter and is editing a book on ethics in writing instruction. His keynote address is entitled “Toe the Party Line or Subvert from Within? Politics, Language, and Writing Centers.”

The 1997 MWCA Conference is co-hosted by the University of Missouri-Kansas City and the University of Kansas. For more information, contact Shireen Carroll, Dept. of English, Davidson College, P.O. Box 1719, Davidson, NC 28036 (704-892-2012; FAX 704-892-2005; shcarroll@davidson.edu).

The 25th Wyoming Conference on English, “Really Useful Knowledge’: Reading, Writing, and Resistance,” will be held at the University of Wyoming June 17-20, 1997. Invited speakers include:
Joseph Harris, Associate Professor English and Director of Composition at the University of Pittsburgh. He is the author *A Teaching Subject: Composition Since 1966* (Prentice Hall, 1997) and *Media Journal: Reading and Writing about Popular Culture* (Allyn & Bacon, 1995). Harris also edits *College Composition and Communication*.

Sara R. Horowitz, Associate Professor of English and Director of the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Delaware. She is author of *Voicing the Void: Muteness and Memory in Holocaust Fiction* (SUNY Press, 1997) and is fiction editor of *Jewish American Women: A Bio-Critical Sourcebook* (Greenwood Press, 1994). Horowitz also serves as co-editor of *Kerem*, a journal of creative explorations in Judaism.


For more information, contact Kathy Evertz at 307-766-6486 or kevertz@uwyo.edu. Conference information and updates may be accessed at http://www.uwyo.edu/a&s/engl (click on 1997 Wyoming Conference on English).

The third annual conference of NCTE’s *Assembly for Expanded Perspectives on Learning*, “Mind, Body, Spirit: Teachers Making Connections,” will be held June 26-29, 1997 at Estes Park Center in Estes Park, Colorado. Featured presenters will be Jane Tompkins and Gay Hendricks.

The program will also include small group discussions and participatory sessions involving meditation, guided imagery, body wisdom, the role of emotions in teaching and learning, and other topics. The conference fee includes registration, all meals, and lodging in a magnificent Rocky Mountain setting: $329 (single occupancy), $399 (double occupancy), or $499 (multiple occupancy). For a registration form and further information, contact Regina Foehr, AEPL Chair, English Dept., Illinois State University, Normal IL 61790-4240 (309-829-1493, FAX 309-662-6984, rpfoehr@rs6000.cmp.ilstu.edu).
Outstanding Service Award

Every three years NWCA recognizes one of our own with an outstanding service award. 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), and Lady Falls Brown (1994).

Nominations should be accompanied by a description of the individual’s contributions, and by an explanation as to 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 1997 NWCA meeting in Park City, Utah.

Please send your nominations by June 16 to Joan Mullin.

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Computer List

Writing center personnel with Internet access may be interested in a list devoted to discussion of writing center practice and theory. WCENTER is for anyone interested in writing centers.

To subscribe to WCENTER, send a message to: listproc@listserv.ttu.edu Leave the subject line blank. In the message window, type a two-line message: subscribe wccenter <your name> set wccenter mail ack

NWCA Web Site

For information about the National Writing Centers Association, visit the NWCA Web site at: http://www2.colgate.edu/diw/NWCA.html
Back Issues

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