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Note: This bibliography complements and completes the 20-year bibliography that Albert DeCiccio and Joan Mullin ran in WCJ issue 20.2 (2000, 39-72). Thanks to the Writing Centers Research Project, a complete searchable database of the entire bibliography, 1980-2005, is available online at

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About the Author

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