

**Carolinas WPA Meeting in the Middle**  
**Friday, February 22**  
**UNC Charlotte: Center City (RM: 905-906)**  
**Charlotte, NC**  
**9:30am-3:00pm**

**Theme:     Advocacy in Composition Studies**

**Invited Speaker**

Amanda Wray  
UNC Asheville

Dr. Wray teaches courses in “History of the English Language and the Teaching of Writing” (linguistics and writing pedagogy for teaching licensure students earning a literature or creative writing degree), “Foundations of Academic Writing” (first year writing), “Professional Writing,” creative nonfiction workshops, as well as social activism rhetorics and literature. In all the courses she teaches, students can expect to talk and think critically about intersecting structures of oppression including racism, homophobia, sexism, and classism.

**Conference Agenda**

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| 9:30 am:  | Meet and Greet (coffee and pastry)  |
| 10:00 am: | Welcome/Announcements   |
| 10:15am:  | <b>Dr. Amanda Wray Featured Presentation (Advocacy in Composition)</b>  |
| 11:30 am  | Marsha Lee Baker, Western Carolina University<br>“Advocacy in Public Policy about Guns in Schools”  |
| 12:00 pm: | In-house Luncheon   |
| 1:00 pm:  | Wendy Sharer, Michelle Eble, and Tracy Morse, East Carolina University<br>Advocating for Local Change: Improving Writing and Writing Instruction          |
| 2:00 pm:  | Jan Rieman, Tonya Wertz-Orbaugh, Debarati Dutta, and Beth Caruso,<br>UNC Charlotte<br>“The Advocacy Role that WPAs play in Preserving Intellectual Rigor” |
| 3:00 pm:  | Closing remarks/Announcements   |