



Carolinas Writing Program Administrators

Call for Proposals

Carolinas WPA Annual Meeting in the Middle

Friday, February 12, 2016

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

UNC Charlotte Center City Building
320 E. 9th Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

<http://centercity.uncc.edu/>

Theme: “Working Out Of Bounds: Successes and Failures in WPA Work”

*Proposal deadline: Friday, January 29, 2016

Carolinas Writing Program Administrators is accepting proposals for its Tenth Annual Spring Conference, Meeting in the Middle.

Writing program administrators and writing teachers work within many different kinds of boundaries. We may experience boundaries between departments, curricula, programs, or colleagues; our aspirations for our programs may seem financially out of bounds; even individually negotiated boundaries between personal and professional life form part of WPA work. So what happens when we work out of bounds? Whether deliberately or accidentally, the act of crossing any perceived border has ramifications.

This conference invites exploration of what happens when we cross boundaries in this line of work. What striking successes have you experienced as a result of taking action that is “out of bounds”? What instructive failures?

We hope this call will inspire creative interpretation of the theme in ways that broaden all of our understanding.

Conference Format—A featured presentation on the history of CWPA will be followed by small breakout groups of related topics presented in roundtable fashion. Presenters should plan 15 minutes to speak, followed by ample time for attendees’ discussion of the issues raised.

Proposals – We invite proposals from individuals or groups from schools across the Carolinas. Each proposal should be **no more than 500 words** and should contain the following:

- A presentation title
- A brief description of the pertinent issue, topic, or situation.

- Proposed questions you have for roundtable attendees and/or other plans for how you will engage participants in the discussion.
- A sentence or two about how a conversation on this issue, topic, or situation will benefit you and others at CWPA.

Provide the names and contact information (email, phone, professional affiliation) for each person associated with your proposal. Submit it via email to **Tracy Ann Morse** (morset@ecu.edu) and **Collie Fulford** (cfulfor1@ncu.edu) by 8am, Friday, January 29, 2016.

Accepted proposals will be included on the conference schedule as formal presentations. We hope this will open up travel funding for all participants. **NOTE: You do not need to present to attend the conference, but if presenting will help you secure funding, we hope you will consider submitting a proposal either individually or with colleagues.**

Questions or Comments? – Contact Tracy Ann Morse at morset@ecu.edu.

Registration

The registration price of \$40.00 includes lunch and the opportunity to bring a guest for free. **The registration deadline is Thursday, February 5, 2015.**

To increase Carolinas WPA visibility, we encourage you to “Bring a Friend for Free,” but you must register your friend when you register yourself.

Parking

Download parking information: [Meeting in the Middle Parking](#)
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