

Carolinas Writing Program Administrators
Second Annual Fall Conference

The Missions of Composition

September 19 - 21, 2005
NC Baptist Assembly
Oak Island, NC
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Conference Theme and Design

The theme for our second annual conference is “The Missions of Composition”—we hope to explore and recognize the many roles that writing plays in the intellectual lives of students and faculty at the college and university level. Joseph Harris, Director of the Duke University Writing Program, will be our keynote speaker and will help us to consider the many missions of writing programs.

Conference Format

Last year, the idea to fully engage the participants in the theme of the conference was extraordinarily successful. People talked, got to know each other, and shared ideas and positions. We will go that way this year—but with a twist in format.

Joe Harris will speak to us on Monday night, providing the focus for our Tuesday sessions. On Tuesday morning, we will meet in small groups to discuss the various missions of our writing programs from an administrator’s perspective. These missions might include:

- faculty development,
- student and program assessment,
- ethical hiring,
- the uses of technology, and
- diversity.

Small groups will meet on Tuesday morning to discuss particular missions and to develop statements about them. On Tuesday afternoon, we will meet as a group to discuss and to debate all the statements. We will have a several hour break on Tuesday afternoon to swim or to walk on the beach, play tennis, or just to sit and rock on the porch.

To be registered for the conference, each participant must submit a 250-word statement on what you think is an important—and perhaps immediate—mission of your writing program.

Because space is limited, the Executive Committee of the Carolinas WPA will select statements that directly relate to issues in the Carolinas. Before the conference, we will group attendees according to the missions they propose in their statements. Please **submit statements by June 15, 2005**, via e-mail to both the co-Chairs of the C-WPA: Meg Morgan at UNC Charlotte (mpmorgan@uncc.edu) and Don Bushman at UNC Wilmington (bushmand@uncw.edu).

Costs

The conference will cost \$165 for a two-person room and \$110 for a dorm-type room. At the NC Baptist Assembly Conference Center, there will be room for approximately 30 people in two-person rooms, and these will be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis. There is a dorm-type room that sleeps 10, and if you do not mind this arrangement, you may sign up for it. The cost includes everything but travel to Fort Caswell: room, food, and materials. It also includes one meal off-site on Tuesday evening.

The **registration deadline** is **July 1, 2005**. There will be **no refunds after July 21**. All requests for refunds must go to the CWPA Secretary-Treasurer, Paula Rosinski (her address is below). Because we are limiting the number of participants, we will maintain a waiting list. To be put on the waiting list, you must submit a statement by June 15 and pay the full registration fee by July 1, which will be returned to you if no openings become available.

Send your check with the registration form to

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