

ECWCA 2024



Call for Proposals:

Leaping Ahead: Embracing the Gift of Time in Writing Centers

Hosted by:
Wright State University & Sinclair Community College

Leap years, with their extra day, are embedded in cultural traditions, creating an aura of excitement, novelty, and even superstition. This Leap Year offers us a unique opportunity to reflect on our history, goals, practices, and values within the Writing Center community.

During this conference, we will delve into the following themes:

Reflection and Development: Time changes all things, and Writing Center practices have evolved in recent years, challenging and reinforcing traditional theory, research, and pedagogy. We will examine the impact of online tutoring, inclusive practices, evidence-based methods, and flexibility on our centers.

Prioritizing the Work: Using time wisely is crucial in the ever-changing landscape of Writing Centers. We will explore how technology has helped us optimize our time for communication, scheduling, collaboration, and more. Additionally, we will focus on finding time to prioritize institutional and political change, giving voice to diverse perspectives.

Quality Time: Just as leap years remind us to cherish our relationships, we will discuss how Writing Centers offer space for building supportive relationships that foster learning and student development.

Seizing Opportunities: Leap years serve as a reminder to embrace the unexpected and make the most of the time available. We will discuss how Writing Centers can seize opportunities, whether through innovative programming, fostering collaborations, or exploring new avenues for support and development.

As part of our reflection, we must also consider the limits of time and how they impact our work. How can we optimize our time spent with writers, tutors, or in prep work to provide the most support?

Let's come together and make the most of this extraordinary gift of time.

Visit wright.edu/event/ecwca-2024 to submit a proposal.

The deadline for proposals for the 2024 ECWCA Conference is December 18, 2023.

We invite you to consider how time has impacted the writing center at your institution in the following ways:

1. What opportunities do new technologies like generative AI or online tutoring platforms offer to help us save time - as students, tutors, and administrators?
2. What are those "time zappers" that suck away your time? Do you have any special tricks for avoiding or managing them?
3. As administrators, we're often asked to split our time between tasks - teaching, supervising, research, etc. How do you decide how to prioritize or what tools help you make this happen?

4. What evidence-based methods help ensure that tutoring time is time well spent? How can these methods save time for student writers? How can time out of sessions best support writing tutors?
5. How do tutors prepare for sessions? What habits, rituals, or strategies help us get 'in the zone'?
6. Time flies when you're having fun! What ways has your writing center worked to foster community (and have fun!) at your institution?
7. In what ways can we or should we be challenging social, cultural, or linguistic traditions in the Writing Center?
8. How do you prioritize inclusive practices such as Universal Design for Learning Principles in your work?
9. What Innovative programming have you undertaken by seizing an opportunity or collaborating with campus and community partners?
10. Writing Centers are constantly adapting to the needs of their campus community. How do you remain flexible as tutors, faculty, or administrators year to year?

We welcome a range of presentation types including roundtable conversations, individual or group presentations, panel presentations, posters, participatory workshops, or other presentation forms. Because we do not privilege Standard Written English, we recognize, honor, and value multiple Englishes in proposals. Proposals from people whose voices have historically been left out from academic spaces and conversations are especially welcome.

The deadline for proposal abstracts (250 words) is December 18, 2023. For questions or concerns, reach out to Jill Tussing, Wright State University, at jill.tussing@wright.edu or Eugene Oswald, Sinclair Community College, at eugene.oswald@sinclair.edu.

Deadlines:

- All proposals should be submitted electronically by 11:59 PM on December 18, 2023
- Notification of acceptance by early January
- Travel grant applications due January 5
- Tutor Award nominations due January 5
- Early bird registration ends February 2
- Regular registration ends February 16

Registration Fees:*: *The fees shown here are early-bird rates; fees increase \$15 per category after February 2, 2024.*

- College Administrators - \$120
- College Consultants - \$70
- HS Administrators - \$60
- HS Consultants - \$40
- Parents, chaperones, partners of presenters - \$40

*All registration levels include a required \$10 ECWCA membership fee.

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The East Central Writing Centers Association and Wright State University look forward to “taking the leap” with you February 29 - March 2, 2024!