# TYCA-PNW 2025 Conference: Short Program

## Registration and Accommodations

[Please register for the conference here.](https://www.cognitoforms.com/TYCAPNW1/ConferenceRegistrationForm)

### Conference rates

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|  | Early Bird (through Oct. 1) | After Oct. 1 |
| Full Time Faculty | $110 | $125 |
| Adjunct/Contingent Faculty | $60 | $75 |
| Graduate Students | $60 | $75 |

### Hotels

Best Western Premier Pasco Inn & Suites

2811 N 20th Ave, Pasco, WA, 99301

(509) 543-7722

[Use this link to secure the $169.00 conference rate by September 20.](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.48129.html?groupId=M84GX7Z0__;!!JJ24D2opsfo73w!ERVzZrH75_ct8QiU2FXkkFmrGi76LCyvfAuXNbJxyVmThZPH_YzEbHY3IvB0kV1XiPFKgRCnta8WQ5-j6kLeYH4DmzA$) After this date, select the “government rate” option.

Courtyard by Marriott Pasco

2101 W Argent Rd, Pasco WA, 99301

(509) 545-4011

[State employees can select the "government rate" option.](https://www.guestreservations.com/courtyard-by-marriott-pasco-tri-cities-airport/booking?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=964114281&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=964114281&gbraid=0AAAAADiMQMbWmCZUlAmF8GmAnf7SWKQE0&gclid=Cj0KCQjwzt_FBhCEARIsAJGFWVnQ4WrzMEu0EsiAu7U26Pfdbu7NAUiFwVDNgSMun2xfQiOLk22M5rwaAs-jEALw_wcB)

### Location and Parking

Columbia Basin College, SWL Building

2600 N 20th Ave

Pasco, WA 99301

Directions: The SWL Building is easily accessed from Argent Rd or Saraceno Way from Argent Rd.

Parking: Parking is free in designated student areas. (see the map on the last page)

## Conference Schedule At-A-Glance

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| **Time** | **Event** | **Location** |
| Friday, Oct. 17 | | |
| 1:30-4:00 pm | Registration | 2600 N 20th Ave (take Argent Rd or Saraceno Way entrance)  SWL Building foyer |
| 2:00-4:00 pm | Interactive workshop | SWL Building 117 |
| 4:30-6:30 pm | Wine social | TBD |
| Saturday, Oct. 18 | | |
| 7:30-8:30 am | Registration | SWL Building foyer  2600 N 20th Ave (take Argent Rd or Saraceno Way entrance) |
| 8:00 am-4:00 pm | Continental breakfast, coffee and other beverages, and afternoon snacks available all day | SWL Building 117  2600 N 20th Ave (take Argent Rd or Saraceno Way entrance) |
| 8:30-9:45 am | Opening Session/Keynote | SWL Building 121 |
| 10:00-10:50 am | A Sessions | SWL Building | |
| 11:00-11:50 am | B Sessions | SWL | |
| 12:00-1:15 pm | Lunch | Thornton Courtyard, T Building | |
| 1:30-2:20 pm | C Sessions | SWL | |
| 2:30-3:20 pm | D Sessions | SWL | |
| 3:30-4:20 pm | E Sessions | SWL | |

## Friday’s Interactive Workshop

**Using Multimodal Assignments to Support Constructivist Media Literacy**  
How can we help students move beyond consuming media to critically analyzing and creating it? This session explores practical strategies for designing multimodal assignments—podcasts, infographics, digital stories—that foster constructivist media literacy in English courses. Participants will engage in hands-on activities, examine adaptable assignment prompts, and leave with tools and resources to scaffold multimodal projects that promote deeper rhetorical awareness and critical thinking.

Sarah North, MLIS, Ed.S, M.S., Director for Library Services

Donny Anderson, M.S., M.Ed., Instructional Designer

Katie Bullock, M.A., Instructional Designer

## Saturday’s Keynote

**Compassionate Dispositions, Compassionate Practices: Community College Student Perspectives on What Makes Someone an Effective Literacy Teacher**

This keynote address will present findings from a qualitative study of community college student perspectives on what makes someone an effective literacy teacher. Christie co-designed and co-conducted this study with a team of students from Salt Lake Community College who have participated in the college’s transfer bridge partnership with the University of Utah’s Department of Writing and Rhetoric Studies. In early 2025, the team interviewed 30 current SLCC students from a wide range of language backgrounds, identities, communities, and degree programs. This address will discuss two key interrelated themes from these interviews: compassionate teaching dispositions and compassionate practices. Drawing on interview findings and reflections from study co-researchers, Christie will share how the Department of Writing and Rhetoric Studies is using these findings to reimagine graduate education for future community college literacy faculty. She will invite conversation about how these findings might contribute to work in TYCA Pacific Northwest.

Christie Toth, PhD

Associate Professor and Coordinator of Transfer Initiatives and Community College Partnerships in the Department of Writing and Rhetoric Studies

University of Utah

# CBC Pasco Campus Map

A map of a city

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SWL Building for conference registration, snacks, keynote, and sessions

Parking options

T Building includes Thornton Courtyard (lunch location)

For a full map of campus, follow this link: <https://www.columbiabasin.edu/_documents/maps/pasco-campus-map.pdf>