

Texas College English Association (TCEA) Call for Papers

in conjunction with the annual sessions of the Conference of College Teachers of English
to be held in Corpus Christi, Texas, hosted by Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

February 26–27, 2027

(Executive Committee meeting on Feb. 25)

The Ayes (and Eyes) of Texas

The current climate of Texas higher education is fraught with fear and frustration, and many professionals in and beyond our English disciplines are facing difficult decisions about whether to resist, refuse, subvert, ignore, comply, or even anticipate surveillance and restrictions of their work, lives, and bodies. As we simultaneously, and perhaps collectively, struggle with this ever-shifting landscape, the theme for the 2027 Texas College English Association (TCEA) meeting invites scholars to consider “The Ayes (and Eyes) of Texas” in creative works and studies of literature, film, rhetoric, writing studies, and related fields. This theme arises from dynamics between governing and regulatory bodies, higher education institutions, their faculty and staff, and the students and communities we serve, but contributors are encouraged to submit works that engage with any of the following themes: approval, consent, compliance, and surveillance.

Reading/Presentation Time: 15 minutes maximum (about 8 pages). Scholarly submissions (never previously presented or published) may be complete papers or abstracts of 250 words. Poetry, fiction, or creative nonfiction must be complete when submitted.

Blind review process: Submissions will be judged by the TCEA Board through a blind review process. All abstracts, papers, creative pieces, and panel proposals MUST be submitted with two cover pages: one cover page with the title, presenters name(s), academic affiliation (or “Independent Scholar”), mailing address, telephone, and email address; and a second cover page with only the title of the presentation. The actual abstract, paper, creative writing, or panel proposal must be titled but bear NO writer identification on any of its pages.

Prizes and publication: One presentation will receive a cash prize and be selected for publication in *CCTE Studies*. Presenters must pay TCEA dues and register before the conference. CCTE officers and councilors are welcome to submit a proposal to TCEA.

To submit a paper or panel proposal, please follow the link: https://cctetx.com/?page_id=29.

The deadline for proposals is Nov. 15, 2026.

For more information about the conference, please visit www.cctetx.com. *Complete submissions must be sent by February 12, 2027, to be considered for the TCEA award.*

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