



## CALL for PROPOSALS

for a virtual conference sponsored by the Southeastern Writing Center Association and hosted by Nova Southeastern University, Thursday, February 10 - Saturday, February 12, 2022

### Present Tense, Future Perfect: Shaping Purposeful Writing Center Practices

The 2022 Southeastern Writing Center Association conference will bring together students, faculty, staff, and writing professionals from both academic and nonacademic communities to discuss the questions and concerns we have about the work we do. Given the many ways the landscape of writing center work has changed since the beginning of the pandemic, this conference asks participants to purposefully reflect and consider what we've been doing and where we go from here.

As we shape the writing centers of the future, we need to both reflect on the past and understand the present using the theories, methods, and data available to us. We need to ask the right questions, interrogate our assumptions, and consider a range of perspectives and experiences that shape approaches to writing, teaching, and working within educational ecologies. And we need to think and act purposefully, aware of the limitations and possibilities that accompany writing center work.

In order to explore the past, present, and futures of writing centers, we invite synchronous and asynchronous online presentations (panel and individual), workshops, and roundtables that investigate, comment on, or provide guidance on any aspect of writing center practice, including the following areas:

- Working safely and training effectively within online, hybrid, and f2f modalities
- Maintaining staff and client well-being (coping with stress, isolation, burnout, etc.)
- Promoting and enhancing inclusion, diversity, and equity
- Understanding student writing needs, linguistic backgrounds, and attitudes
- Building staff, community, and university connections
- Advocating for and overcoming resistance to change
- Improving awareness, outreach, and marketing
- Helping staff leverage WC work for personal growth and professional advancement
- Confronting institutionalized/systemic prejudice (racism, [hetero]sexism, ageism, etc.)
- Supporting research, innovation, and professional development
- Valuing and stabilizing WC labor (through recognition, raises, promotion, tenure, etc.)
- Leveraging technology, expertise, and resources

The above categories of inquiry are meant to help generate potential ideas, not limit them, so please feel free to [propose session topics](#) that are relevant to your experiences as we plan for the futures of our centers.

## We welcome proposals in the following formats:

### Synchronous Sessions

**Individual Presentation:** 15-minute virtual presentation/talk with one or two speakers. Individual presentations will be placed in a synchronous panel based on the topic.

**Panel Presentation:** 60-minute synchronous session with three or more speakers/facilitators.

**Workshop:** 60-minute synchronous, interactive sessions.

**Roundtable:** 60-minute synchronous facilitated discussion around a specific topic.

### Asynchronous Sessions (with synchronous discussion during conference):

**Pre-Recorded Presentation with live discussion:** Individuals or groups can submit digital presentations that will be submitted early and made available to conference participants a week before the conference happens. These presentations will be connected to a live 30-minute discussion session during the conference during which conference participants will be invited to come and talk with the presentation creators. Length and format of the recording will be determined by the author and the genre (though a 15-minute limit might make sense for some pre-recorded presentations), and we encourage proposers to be creative and send any questions they have to [swca.conference@gmail.com](mailto:swca.conference@gmail.com).

Pre-recorded presentations can be submitted in a number of formats, including:

- Slide presentation with embedded voiceover (Ignite-style presentations, etc.)
- Image, video or audio file (poster, infographic, documentary, podcast, etc.)
- Interactive digital media (web site, Twine game, Thinglink gallery, etc.)

The [proposal submission form](#) asks for the following information:

- Presenter(s) Name(s) and Affiliation(s)
- Contact information for all presenters (email)
- Institution Type
- Type of presentation
- Presentation Title
- 50-100 word abstract (will be used on the conference website)
- 250-500 word proposal



**[Submit your conference proposal](#) by December 1, 2021.**

Additional conference details will be available at  
<https://southeasternwritingcenter.wildapricot.org/conference>

Please submit questions about the conference to  
[swca.conference@gmail.com](mailto:swca.conference@gmail.com)