Call for Proposals: TYCA-SW 2019 Conference

2019 Call for Proposals – Reinvigorating the Public Sphere

The skills we develop in our students remain essential for their success and their ability to shape the public arenas of career and life. As we build stronger thinkers, readers, and writers, we inspire change and growth in the world around us, even as our discipline is challenged, and American colleges are brought under duress.

As professionals, as scholars, we seek to understand the challenges we face, and craft best practices to reach our students and serve our institutions. How can we collaborate with our colleagues in other departments to meet the needs of our students? How can we inspire students to write about and contribute to their communities?

We invite proposals to address how our professionalism, our pedagogy, and our classrooms demonstrate the need for English Studies and the need for two-year colleges, and convene to share how our discipline serves as a catalyst to reinvigorate the public sphere(s) within our campuses and communities. We invite colleagues from across disciplines to participate in a discussion of WAC/WID programs.

Proposals might address (but are not limited to):

- Using literature to reflect and understand our community, society and public concerns.
- Moving creative writing as a vehicle from the classroom to the wider campus and community.
- Responding to effects on classes, college, and communities and economic and political stressors in our students' lives.
- Validating marginalized students' responses to core classes and how best to incorporate students' lives in the writing class.
- Including academic theory -- feminism, gender studies, socio-economic studies, critical race theory, and more -- in writing instruction.

Collaborating with interdepartmental writing assignments, instruction, and assessment for student success.

We look forward to reviewing your proposal as we anticipate this year's conference.

Submit the following information with your proposal:

1. Program title
2. Program description (up to 75 words)
3. Abstract (250-500 words)
4. Presenter(s) name, title, and institutional affiliation
5. Presenter(s) biography (up to 75 words)
6. Additional technology needs (note that all meeting rooms at Lone Star College-Montgomery include PCs (Windows) with overhead projectors, with sound. Each rostrum includes dongles to use Macs. Several meeting rooms will have 20-25 PCs for participants and a temporary username and password will be provide for the conference to access Wifi and Internet.)