



Capital Ideas

The 2015 CWCA Conference

Please join us for our third annual Canadian Writing Centres Conference which will be held at the University of Ottawa on Friday, May 29th, 2015 in Ottawa, Ontario. The conference immediately precedes the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences Annual Conference (CHSS). We welcome writing centre administrators, writing instructors and tutors to join us for a day of discussions about writing centre practice, theory, and research.

Ottawa, as our capital city, has much in common with our profession as writing centres personnel. Ottawa struggles to revision an identity based on two solitudes, just as we often struggle to make connections between faculty and writing services. Writing Centres are at the intersection of languages, teaching, and learning, where we meet the challenges of putting theories and research into practice. We need to constantly problematize inclusive practices, respect diversity, engage with the wider academic community and promote a culture of self-reflection and critical thinking.

Ideas connect us to the world and reconnect us to our lives and our professional practice, and theories and research can reconfirm what we do, or can provide us with fresh perspectives. We invite you to present a paper, conduct a workshop, or suggest a panel or roundtable on one of the following “capital ideas”:

- The politics of location and funding in the Writing Centre
- Perceptions of the Writing Centre in the community: Debunking myths.
- Inclusive practices in the Writing Centre: Focusing on indigenous populations and bilingualism.
- Opportunities for self-reflection in the Writing Centre.
- The theory and practice of tutor training for the Writing Centre.
- Technology and the Writing Centre.
- Facilitating collaborative practices between Faculty and the Writing Centre.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Proposals are invited from tutors, instructors, administrators and others interested in the teaching of writing. Proposals should in some way address the theme of writing without borders and/or one of the suggested topic areas. We welcome your proposal for one of three formats:

- Ⓢ 30-minute papers
 - Please plan for a 15-20 minute presentation to allow for discussion
- Ⓢ 60-minute workshops
 - Workshops should be interactive and appeal to a wide audience
- Ⓢ 60-minute panel discussions
 - Please submit your discussion topic along with names of presenters. If you are keen to discuss a topic but do not know others interested in leading a discussion on it, please let us know. We may be able to group people with similar topics.

To submit a proposal, please send the name of the proposed session, the session format, the name(s) and affiliation(s) of the presenter(s) and a 250-word proposal. Please specify any AV or room requirements. Please send proposals and inquiries to Vice Chair Lucie Moussu at moussu@ualberta.ca . Proposals are due midnight PST on December 31st , 2014. Proposers will be notified of the status of their proposal by February 2nd 2015.