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# Announcements

#### Grants

The Council of Writing Program Administrators is proud to announce the winners of the 1991 WPA Research Grants:

Allison Wilson, Jackson State U, for a survey of freshman writing programs at historically Black colleges and universities.

Lisa K. Hanson, Ball State U, for a survey of WPAs' attitudes toward the relationships between teaching, research, and service.

Mary Louise Buley-Meissner and Don Perkins, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, for an analysis of composition teachers' discussions of the scoring of writing-proficiency tests.

Brian Huot, University of Louisville, for a survey of university writing placement practices.

These proposals showed a high level of scholarly merit and originality, and the projects promise to have a significant impact on WPAs, teachers, and students.

The Council of Writing Program Administrators is currently accepting proposals for its 1992 research grants. The Council will award several grants (up to \$1000 each) for research relating specifically to the concerns of WPAs. Proposals should not exceed four single-spaced, typed pages and should describe (1) the research problem and objectives, (2) the procedures for conducting the research (including sample, design, instrumentation, and personnel), (3) a time-line, and (4) a budget. Researchers planning to conduct surveys may include in their proposal the free use of the WPA mailing list. All WPA grant recipients will be asked to submit their research report to the Council's journal, WPA: Writing Program Administration, for possible publication before submitting it to other journals. Please include your name, affiliation, address, and telephone number on your proposal. The deadline for submission is November 1, 1991. Please send the proposal and two copies to Professor Karen Greenberg, Chair, WPA Grant Committee, Department of English, Hunter College, CUNY, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021.

#### Journal Call for Articles

The Journal of Second Language Writing is now accepting article submissions on topics related to the study and teaching of writing in a second language. The editors encourage theoretically grounded reports of research and discussions of central issues in second and foreign language writing and writing instruction at all levels of proficiency. Send submissions or further inquiries to Ilona Leki, Journal of Second Language Writing, Department of English, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-0430 or call (615) 974-7080.

#### Winterowd and Kinneavy Award Winners Announced

The annual W. Ross Winterowd Award for the most outstanding book on composition theory published in 1990 was awarded to Sharon Crowly for *The Methodical Memory: Invention in Current-Traditional Rhetoric.* Honorable mention went to Deborah Brandt for *Literacy as Involvement: the Acts of Writers, Readers, and Texts.* 

The James L. Kinneavy Award for the most outstanding essay in volume 10 of *JAC* was awarded to Joy S. Ritchie for "Confronting the 'Essential' Problem: Reconnecting Feminist Theory and Pedagogy." Richard M. Coe received an honorable mention for "Defining Rhetoric--and Us." The Winterowd and Kinneavy Awards include a cash prize and an attractive framed citation.

These awards were generously endowed by Professor Winterowd and by Professor Kinneavy, Blumberg Centennial Professor at the University of Texas. Both awards were presented at the meeting of the Association of Teachers of Advanced Composition at the Conference of College Composition and Communication in Boston.

### **Call for Papers**

"New Directions in Portfolio Assessment," the Fourth Miami University Conference on the Teaching of Writing, will be held **October 2-4, 1992**, at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Proposals are invited on all topics related to college portfolio assessment, including its impact on secondary education. Proposals that focus on research, theory, pedagogy, or any combination of the three are welcome, as are responses to the work of the keynote speakers--Peter Elbow and Edward M. White. Selected papers will be published by Heinemann-Boynton/Cook as a volume of conference essays. Proposal deadline is April 1, 1991. To receive more information contact Donald A. Daiker, Department of English, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056. (513) 529-7110 or 5221.

## WPA Workshop/Conference

The Council of Writing Program Administrators' Summer Workshop and Conference will be held July 20-25, 1992, in Denver and Breckenridge, Colorado. Sessions will consist of formal presentations and panel discussions, as well as workshops, papers, and informal discussions on topics, such as the interplay between evaluating and rewarding teachers, various means of faculty development, the roles of politics in the classroom, the roles of theory in TA training, and so on. Proposals for WPA concurrent sessions are invited on these and other topics of interest to writing program administrators. For further information, write to Margaret Whitt, Program Chair, WPA Annual Conference, Department of English, University of Denver, Denver, CO 80208. WPA: Writing Program Administration, Volume 15, Numbers 1-2, Fall/Winter 1991 © Council of Writing Program Administrators



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