

## People of Color Caucus Statement

Dear CWPA Members,

During the CWPA conference in Normal, I proposed the formation of a CWPA People of Color Caucus (CWPA POCC) to the executive board. The board voted unanimously to endorse the POCC and gave it their full support.

The CWPA POCC will focus on the efforts and concerns of scholars of color working with fundamentally different and disparate experiences of people of color in academia. To increase diverse representation among academics, graduate students, teaching assistants, writing directors, and lecturers, people of color should be mentored into academia and see a precedent for their right to be a scholar—to see their work valued and to be in conversations with vetted tenured faculty.

The People of Color Caucus will be a vital component to an ongoing conversation on inclusion and mentorship of scholars of color in CWPA. The CWPA POCC will actively work to increase representation of people of color into CWPA and into academia at all levels. The CWPA POCC will also function as one avenue for CWPA to advocate for scholars of color against marginalizing environments.

If you are interested in joining the CWPA POCC, please contact me at [ggarciad@unm.edu](mailto:ggarciad@unm.edu)

Best,  
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