Letter from the Book Review Editors

While it is daunting to follow Edward M. White as the book review editor, we take comfort that a grand tradition is now in place of elegant, comprehensive reviews especially prepared for WPAs. In following that tradition, we have identified twenty-two categories of reviews (also available on the website http://www.wpacouncil.org/info-for-authors) that are of foundational interest to our field:

Administration of Writing Programs
Assessment of Writing and Writing Programs
Basic Writing Language and Identity in Pedagogy
Disability Studies
English Language Learning Public Policy and Writing Studies
First Year Writing
Graduate Education as Preparation for Writing Program Administration
Historical Studies
International Issues in Writing
Multidisciplinary Scholarship

Professional and Institutional Issues
Professional and Technical Writing
Writing in Digital Environments
Research Methods in Writing Studies
Special Topics in Writing Program Administration
Theory of Writing Studies
Writing across the Curriculum and Writing in the Disciplines
Writing beyond the Academy
Writing Centers
Writing Transfer across Contexts

We plan to feature reviews under four genres: single book reviews in which individual volumes are featured; multi-book reviews in which volumes are reviewed under a common thematic framework; policy reviews featuring federal, state, and non-profit educational initiatives; and research report reviews targeting current work of substantial investigative impact.

At the present time, we want to build a new list of specialist reviewers. Our invited reviewers will be those who are working on an articulated program of research in Rhetoric and Composition/Writing Studies. Whether at early, middle, or senior levels of their careers, the specialists we seek are dedicated to the longitudinal pursuit of research identified in the twenty-two review categories.
If you are interested in helping us broaden our list of reviewers and perspectives for candidate volumes, please contact us at bookreviews@wpa-council.org.

We look forward to serving as your editors.

Sincerely yours,

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