



New Jersey Writing Alliance

Building bridges between secondary schools and colleges.

Call for Conference Presentations

17th Annual New Jersey Writing Alliance Conference

Theme: Writing Across Boundaries

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at Brookdale Community College

Keynote Speaker: Brian Mooney, educator, scholar, and author

Mooney's innovative writing pedagogy recently attracted the attention of Grammy-award winning rapper Kendrick Lamar. He is the author of the upcoming Breakbeat Pedagogy:

Hip-Hop and Spoken Word Beyond The Classroom Walls

The annual NJWA conference focuses on the pedagogical, institutional, and economic issues that we face as teachers of high school and college writing, and presents a unique opportunity for dialogue and collaboration. This year's conference will consider ways to question and transcend boundaries; topics include but are not limited to the boundaries that exist between high school and college, between disciplines, between students from differing backgrounds and with different levels of preparedness, and between the classroom and the media-saturated world of the student.

Presentations and workshops related to the theme are encouraged, but we invite proposals on any topic related to the teaching of writing. Formats may include 30- or 60-minute presentations and 60-minute workshops/panels. The conference format is dialogue intensive—all sessions should either actively engage attendees or allow time for discussion, and hands-on workshops with resources are strongly encouraged. First-time presenters are warmly welcomed, as are inter-institutional presenters.

Proposed topics can include, but are not limited to:

- Writing Across the Disciplines
- Considering the Connection between Reading and Writing
- Helping Students with Learning Differences Succeed as Writers
- Working with International Students
- Working with ESL Students
- Expanding AP Techniques to All Students
- Navigating Information Overload
- Using New Media in the Writing Classroom
- Helping Students from All Backgrounds Overcome Barriers to Becoming Successful Writers
- Models of Successful Articulation between High School and College or Middle School and High School
- Making Developmental Writing College-Level Writing

Proposal deadline has been extended to December 31, 2015.

Please include the following in your proposal:

- ✦ Abstract of approximately 250 words
- ✦ A clear, 2-3-sentence description of the scope of your session to share with attendees
- ✦ Name, institution, position, phone number, e-mail & school address for each presenter
- ✦ For groups: indicate contact person
- ✦ Type of session: 60-minute workshop, 30-minute or 60-minute presentation
- ✦ Specific audio-visual and technical requests

How to Submit:

Submit your proposal through the form on NJWA's web site:
<http://njwritingalliance.weebly.com/>

Questions regarding submissions? Email
Jessica Hausmann, jhausmann@georgian.edu.

Note: If your proposal is accepted, you must register for the conference by March 1, 2016 in order to present.