

Composition in the 21st Century

October 5-7, 2001

Miami University, Oxford Ohio

Conference Program, Schedule and Structure

The conference starts at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 5, 2001 (although there's an opening reception Thursday night). It concludes at noon on Sunday, October 7. The program features a plenary address by Peter Elbow, forums with WPA presidents and editors, and--the heart of the conference--sessions which focus on a question central to our discipline. Each three-hour session consists of two thirty-minute talks by invited speakers followed by an hour of small-group table discussion and then a concluding hour of group reports and at-large discussion. All conferees will be invited to take part in the conversation. To become a discussion leader, please mark the registration form.

Program

Friday, October 5

I. WPA Presidents' Forum

II. Plenary Session

Peter Elbow, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

III. Concurrent Sessions

A. "What do we mean by composition studies--past, present, future?"

Susan Miller, Utah
Lynn Z. Bloom, Connecticut

B. "What do/should we teach when we teach composition?"

Wendy Bishop, Florida State
Kurt Spellmeyer, Rutgers

Saturday, October 6

IV. Concurrent Sessions

A. "Where will composition be taught and who will teach it?"

Art Young, Clemson
Mark Reynolds, Jefferson Davis Community College

B. "What theories, philosophies will undergird our research paradigms?
And what will those paradigms be?"

Gesa Kirsch, Wayne State
Todd Taylor, North Carolina-Chapel Hill

V. Concurrent Sessions

A. "How will new technologies change composition studies?"

Cynthia Selfe, Michigan Tech
Lester Faigley, Texas

B. "In what languages will our students read and write, and what will
they write about?"

Min-Zhan Lu, Drake
Gary Olson, South Florida

VI. WPA Editors' Forum

Sunday, October 7

VIII. Concluding Session

"What political and social issues have shaped composition studies in the past and will shape this field in the future?"

Keith Gilyard, Penn State
Harriet Malinowitz, Long Island

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