



CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND WORKSHOPS

Old Dominion University's **37th Annual Spring Conference on the Teaching of Writing** March 21-22, 2016

Empowering Writers: Building upon
Literacies, Languages, and Lives in the Writing Classroom

Keynote: Michelle Fowler-Amato, PhD

The year's conference focuses on student literacy. Michelle Fowler-Amato, PhD an educator with seventeen years of experience in the public school system as a teacher, literacy coach, and a staff developer; she is now an assistant professor of English and English Education at Old Dominion University. This year's conference, entitled "Empowering Writers: Expanding Student Literacy, Language, and Lives," will draw on Fowler-Amato's considerable research in adolescent literacy and the teaching of writers. As always, it is our goal to form connections between secondary and post-secondary writing instruction.

We strongly encourage experienced teachers at the secondary level, as well as instructors for two and four-year institutions, to submit proposals for panel workshops, hands-on workshops, and practical "strategy-oriented" teaching sessions that focus on topics relevant to middle, high school, and college-level instruction. We are especially interested in proposals that address secondary level writing instruction, college writing instruction, and attempts to bridge the gap between secondary and college-level writing. We invite you to submit a 150-word proposal related to this year's theme. Some possible approaches to the topic might include:

- *How Disciplinary Standards Shape What Counts as "Good Writing"*
- *Building upon Students' Cultural Experiences*
- *Bridging the Gap between Social Writing and Scholarly Writing*
- *Overcoming the Language/Culture Barrier*
- *Assessment of Multidisciplinary Writing*
- *Multidisciplinary and Use of Creative Writing to inspire or inform other Genres*
- *Innovative Classroom-ready lessons or exceptional student projects*
- *Strategies to promote Transference*
- *Archiving to capture Student Development (Learning Process)*

Conference Format

This year's conference will be hosted from the main campus, located at 4901 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23529 in the Webb Center. Registration, keynote address, and lunches will take place in the Hampton/Newport News Rooms, and breakout sessions will occur in the River Rooms. Lunch will be offered on both days as well as coffee and water.

Submission Guidelines

The Teaching of Writing Conference solicits proposals for interactive **workshops**, **panel presentations**, **roundtables**, and **paper presentations**, which connect with the conference's theme. Submissions will be selected based on their merit, innovation, readability, and relevance. Please note the following formats for the different session types:

Workshops will be limited to 75 minutes and should provide a hands-on approach to some topic or assignment. Workshops can have as many facilitators as is necessary to adequately carry out the proposed activities. Workshop sessions of 45 minutes are also an option.

Presentation panels or roundtables are limited to 75 minutes. There is no limit on the number of presenters in a given panel, but please realize that the time limit remains the same regardless of the number of speakers, so time should be allocated accordingly.

Individual paper presentations are limited to 20 minutes; individual presenters will be put on panels with presenters discussing similar topics, and presentations will be followed by a brief question-and-answer period from the audience.

Participants should note the following details:

- **The deadline for submissions for proposals is February 1, 2016.**
- **Notification of Acceptance will go out by February 20, 2016.**
- Please include the following information in the body of the email:
 - Primary presenter's name(s)
 - School/organization
 - Mailing address
 - Preferred email address
 - Title of session/paper
 - Type of session and time constraints, including whether attendees should have devices, such as iPads, laptops, etc.
 - Information on additional presenters
- Please e-mail proposals as .doc, .docx, or .rtf attachments with workshop description or paper proposal (150 words maximum) to oduspringwritingconference@gmail.com with the subject line "ODU Conference Proposal." To access the website, Google "ODU Annual Spring Conference" or paste in <https://sites.google.com/a/odu.edu/odu-annual-spring-conference-site/> to your browser. You can also find us on Facebook. Presenters are required to register and pay the conference registration fee. Attending the two-day conference is suggested rather than required, unless the presenter wishes to receive Continuing Education Units credits (CEU).

Questions and comments may be emailed to oduspringwritingconference@gmail.com