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WPA-GO NEWS

THE COUNCIL OF WRITING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS
GRADUATE ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER



Welcome to #CWPA2018

In collaboration with the Council of Writing Program Administrators (CWPA), the graduate organization (WPA-GO) is excited to announce several events, workshops, and opportunities to network and socialize. We hope this letter serves as one of your guides to the conference and to Sacramento, CA. This year, we were especially focused on continuing conversations from Knoxville's conference around accessible and inclusive conferences, graduate programs, and professional organizations. All of our events are open to everyone, graduate students and those who support the graduate community in various ways. We hope you (or your graduate students) will consider being part of our organization by emailing wpago1@gmail.com. Thanks for your support!



SOUVENIR WATERBOTTLE FOR GRAD STUDENTS

WITH THE PRICE OF REGISTRATION
VISIT THE WPA-GO DISPLAY TABLE

The WPA-GO Makerspace Returns!

THURS SANTA BARBARA ROOM
FRI & SAT GOLDEN STATE A/B

The Scholarly Makerspace is located primarily in the two-sectioned Golden State A/B Room. There will be grad student focus for all the sessions in A. In the other half of the space, "B," the room will be available throughout the day (including during recess) for shared conversations, research, etc. Look for WPA-GO's signs! This is open to ALL conference attendees, of course, but the purpose is to be there to interact with grad students.

Thursday Workshop

HOSTED BY ANISHA DESAI, AORTA
2-4PM SANTA BARBARA ROOM

"Holding Space: Strategies for Anti-oppressive Facilitation." WPA-GO is pleased to partner with the Anti-Oppression Resource and Training Alliance (AORTA) in providing a workshop on how to make collaborative, consensus-making processes more inclusive and democratic. Whether or not you act as facilitator at meetings you attend, building your facilitation skills will help you make your meetings, or classroom discussions, better, more inclusive, and more fully democratic! Workshop participants will explore strategies for facilitation that center the needs of Black, Brown & Indigenous people, disabled people, LGBTQ+ folks, survivors & more. We'll examine how various approaches & activities can build solidarity and safety in group settings.

This workshop is conducted by Anisha Desai. Anisha has worked in organizations dedicated to movement support, educational equity and leadership development for two decades. She spent the past seven years as Director of the New Leaders Initiative and Brower Youth Awards at Earth Island Institute in Berkeley, where she identified, honored and coached emerging youth environmental movement leaders. She shaped a long-standing program into one that was relevant, accessible and responsive to a new generation of activists committed to advancing creative and inclusive organizational models.



Thursday Townhall

HOSTED BY WPA-GO MEMBERS
430-530PM SANTA BARBARA ROOM

What is the purpose of a professional organization? What does WPA-GO and CWPA do exactly? Join current WPA-GO officers and CWPA Executive Board members to find out! This interactive Q&A session is perfect if you are thinking about joining WPA-GO in 2018-2019, or simply if you want more information. Like all events, this is open to faculty, though we will be focusing specifically on the needs and experiences of graduate students.

Friday WPA-GO Social

COIN-OP, 908 K STREET, SACRAMENTO
PHONE: (916) 661-6983

After dinner, make your way to WPA-GO's Annual CWPA Social for beverages and arcade games. All graduate students will receive one drink ticket with their conference badge. This is a great way for faculty and graduate students to socialize.

THIS IS WHAT I

Might do!

(AT CWPA, AT LEAST)

FROM 7/26 TO 7/29

THURSDAY

Workshop, Holding Space: Anti-Oppressive Facilitation (see p.2)
2-4pm, Santa Barbara
WPA-GO Open Townhall Meeting (see p.2)
430-530pm, Santa Barbara

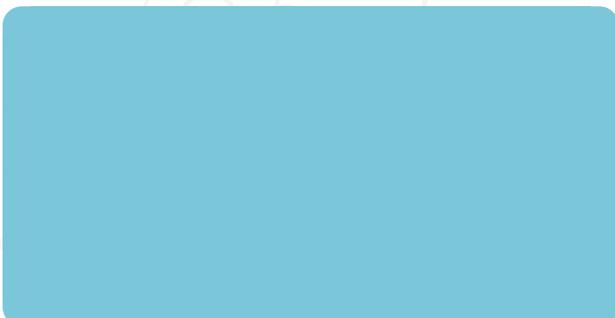
FRIDAY

Makerspace Open All Day, Golden State A/B
Breakfast/ Mentor Meetings, 630-745am, Regency ABC
Attend Sessions A through F! (Green Dot means grad focus)
Dine Around Dinners in Sacramento restaurants
WPA-GO Social, 830pm @Coin-op Game Room (see p.2)

SATURDAY

Makerspace Open All Day, Golden State A/B
Attend Sessions G through K! (Green Dot means grad focus)

SUNDAY



Goals:

- Visit WPA-GO Table (Waterbottle for grads!)
- Visit WPA-GO Makerspace (Golden State A/B)
- Check out WPA-GO Events (Workshop, Townhall, Social)

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What a great year!

WPA-GO Travel Awards

EACH YEAR WPA-GO IS ABLE TO OFFER CWPA TRAVEL AWARDS TO SEVERAL GRADUATE STUDENTS. PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO FIRST TIME ATTENDEES AND THOSE WHOSE RESEARCH IS EQUITY-DRIVEN. CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S WINNERS: JESSICA ULMER, LEAH HEILIG, ANNICA COX, MADELINE CROZIER.



WPA-GO Outstanding Service Awards

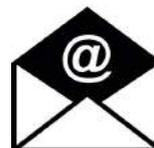
EACH YEAR WPA-GO WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THOSE GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND IN THEIR DUTIES AS COMMITTEE CHAIRS. PLEASE CONGRATULATE (AND THANK!) 2017-2018 WINNERS, MORGAN HANSON AND AMY CICCHINO. (MORGAN & AMY PICTURED RIGHT)

WPA-GO Leadership

WPA-GO HOLDS ELECTIONS EVERY SPRING FOR GRADUATE COMMITTEE (GC) MEMBERS. (GC MEMBERS @ CS 2018 PICTURED LEFT).

THE 2018-2019 GC MEMBERS WILL BE CLARE RUSSELL (CHAIR), MANDY MACKLIN (IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR), AMANDA PRESSWOOD (INCOMING VICE CHAIR), ASHANKA KUMARI, KELLY ANN MORELAND, SARA LOVETT, AMY CICCHINO, CAROLINE KING.

THANKS TO RETIRING GC MEMBERS VIRGINIA SCHWARZ (PAST CHAIR), KRISTEN RUCCIO, SARAH SNYDER, MORGAN HANSON, SHERRI CRAIG, JAQ DAVIS (MASTER'S REPRESENTATIVE)



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