

To: Members of the Mississippi Writing Center Community

From: DEPT of WRITING and RHETORIC
UNIV of MS Writing Centers [redacted]
BOARD of the MS Writing Center Assoc.

Subject: Call for Proposals

MSWCA-TutorCon Annual Conference
April 17-18, 2020
Tupelo, MS

The year 2020 feels like a milestone -- the end of the decade and the beginning of a new era. We can see signs of immense progress and plenty of dreams we've yet to realize. We're further in time than Marty McFly ever went, but we're still waiting on those hoverboards. A human mission to Mars is planned within the next ten years, yet no one's figured out how to make the lines at the Lee County DMV move faster. [redacted]

And, why is it still not possible for me to summon a realistic hologram of Elvis Presley to sing at my karaoke parties?!

[redacted] Our conference theme this year, "2020 Vision," challenges members of the Mississippi writing center community to simultaneously reflect on our history and craft a vision for the future. If "hindsight is 2020," what have we learned? What mistakes have we made? What still puzzles us? What do we wish we could change? What about our past informs or should inform our plans for the future? What are you looking forward to? What are our aspirations for our work in our institutions, state, and region? How should we innovate? What tools or practices should we invent? Where will we be in 2030? 2050?

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MSWCA 2020 Conference Chair

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Proposals can explore the theme widely and cover various topics such as:

-Our History
  -Writing Center Scholarship
  -Education in Mississippi
-Writing Centers as Change Agents
-Tutor Development and Training
-The Mission of Writing Centers
-Community Engagement
-Specialized Student Populations
-Campus and Faculty Collaborations
-Technology and Digital Composing
-Online Resources and Services
-The Rise of Automation
-Writing Center Spaces
-Writing Centers in Space!

Ways to Participate

-Individual Presentations
-Panel Presentations
-Workshops/Activity Based Sessions
-Ignite Sessions
-Roundtable Presentations
-Poster Presentations

Submission Guidelines

750 words - panels
500 words - interactive sessions
250 words - all other sessions

Please submit online by March 6, 2020

KEYNOTE

This year, we are excited to welcome **Dr. Lori Salem** (Temple University), Director of the Student Success Center, Assistant Vice Provost, and author of the award winning article "Decisions... Decisions: Who Chooses to Use the Writing Center?" *(Writing Center Journal)*.

MSWCA

is an affiliate of the Southeastern Writing Centers Association. Formed in 2001 , we promote writing centers and the study of composition, rhetoric, and multiliteracy in both academic and nonacademic communities in the state of Mississippi.

MORE INFO

To submit your proposal, find more information, and register for the conference, visit our website: **http://mswritingcenters.org**

Questions?

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TUTORCON

started as a way for tutors at the University of Mississippi to build community and share ideas about their work. The event has grown to include tutors from other schools. By staging TutorCon alongside MSWCA, we aim for a conference where administrators, tutors, and students are able to explore important issues together.

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Conference Location

Tupelo, MS is known for being the birthplace of Elvis Presley. His childhood home and the nearby museum trace his early life and music. The University of Mississippi's Division of Outreach maintains a regional campus in Tupelo. Other attractions include a vibrant food and music culture, Buffalo Park and Zoo, and the Tupelo National Battlefield.

Hotel

Hilton Garden Inn - Tupelo Fairpark; Group Rate - $109/night; Code - MSWCA

The hotel is in the heart of historic downtown Tupelo and is a quick walk to great restaurants, shops, and venues.