

Announcing the 2016 Mary Nell Kivikko Excellence in Scholarship Award Sponsored by the North Texas Writing Centers Association

The North Texas Writing Centers Association (NTWCA) is now accepting entries for the **2016 Mary Nell Kivikko Excellence in Scholarship Award**. The award is open to all writing center professional staff, graduate tutors, and undergraduate peer tutors in the South Central Writing Centers Association region (Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana). Proposals should focus on the subject area of writing center theory and practice.

The paper based on the winning proposal will be presented as the keynote at the NTWCA Spring Conference to be held **Friday, April 29, 2016** at the Collin College Central Park Campus. The winner of the Mary Nell Kivikko Excellence in Scholarship Award will receive an honorarium from the NTWCA at the time of the presentation.

All other entries will be invited to present a poster.

A **250-word abstract** of the entry should include the presentation title and the name and contact information of the presenter. Please submit entries to Jennifer Phillips-Denny (jphillipsdenny@twu.edu), NTWCA President, by **Friday, April 1, 2016**.*

*Please note: Previous winners are not eligible, complete works may submitted in place of abstracts, collaborations must be declared at the time of submission, and no hard copies accepted. All contestants will be invited to display a poster presentation at the NTWCA Spring Conference.

Previous Winners:

2015:

Elizabeth Brownlow, Texas Woman's University

"Reading to Write: Tutoring Academic English through Reading."

2014:

Carolyn Hoy, Dallas Baptist University

"Room for Rest and Reform"

2013:

Meghan Roe, Texas Christian University

"Multiple Literacies in the Writing Center: Opportunities, Risks, and Rewards"

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Karen Brown, Gabriella Raymond, and Jared Landin, TCC-South

"Becoming a Center: Non-Traditional Relationships in a Community College Writing Center"

2012:

Brianna Casey, Texas Woman's University,

"The Use of Technology, & the Importance of Technology Literacy in Writing Center Theory & Practice"

2011:

Amy Sentementes, Texas Christian University

Bipartisanship in the Writing Center: The Tutoring Philosophy of a Political Science Major"

2009:

Carrie Hamilton, Dallas Baptist University

"We're All in This Together...Write On!"

2008:

John Burkett, Texas Christian University

"Discernment is the Thing: A Key Skill Before Applying Theory in the Writing Center"

2007:

Karen Boozer, Founder and Director, Writing Center, Fairhill School, Dallas, Texas "The Birth of a Writing Center in a Private LD School"

2006: **Dr. Rebecca Day Babcock, Assistant Professor of English at UT-Permian Basin**

"Opening the Conversation between Disability Studies and Writing Centers"

Please pass this information along to interested colleagues at other universities and community colleges.