

## ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### National Basic Writing Conference

# Critical Issues in Basic Writing: 1992

October 8–10, 1992

University of Maryland at College Park

## Critical Issues in Basic Writing

The Conference on Basic Writing, a special interest group of CCCC, invites participation in the fourth National Basic Writing Conference, cosponsored by the University of Maryland and the National Council of Teachers of English. This national meeting (held in St. Louis in 1985, 1987, and 1989) provides a forum and network for those whose teaching and research focuses on basic writing students.

Moving into the 1990s, we who work with basic writers have more questions than answers: Are our institutions reneging on their commitment to at-risk students? Has the label "basic writing" lost its usefulness as new views of literacy have emerged? Have any programs or pedagogies resulted in widespread success? What issues are we as a profession addressing successfully or failing to address on behalf of our underprepared students?

The 1992 National Basic Writing Conference will feature invited speakers convened in plenary panels to raise and discuss these and other "critical issues" for our field. Everyone attending the conference will have a chance to listen to and comment on the panelists' statements, which will ultimately be published (along with selected conference presentations) in the conference proceedings. We invite you to join us, hear the panelists' contributions, and raise questions of your own. Keynote speaker will be David Bartholomae of the University of Pittsburgh.

The conference will also feature concurrent panels and workshops on a wide range of topics touching on basic writing programs and practice.

## Call for Proposals

Proposals are invited for:

- 20-minute papers (related topics will be organized into concurrent panels by the program committee)
- 75-minute integrated panels, demonstrations, and workshops with one, two, or three speakers (allow time for audience response)

We welcome proposals that address the conference theme of "critical issues" or deal with any area of concern. Possible topics include:

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| Literacy theory and basic writing                                    | Use of computers and other new technologies           |
| Issues of race, class, and gender                                    | Reading-writing connections                           |
| Written language development/<br>acquisition                         | Curricular innovations                                |
| ESL and basic writing  | Insights from research                                |
| How mainstream composition theory<br>treats/applies to basic writers | Approaches to error                                   |
|  | Status of basic writing professionals and<br>programs |

**Deadline for proposals: April 20, 1992.** Send three copies of a 1–2 page description to Carolyn Kirkpatrick, Department of English, York College/CUNY, Jamaica, NY 11451. FAX: 718-262-2027. Phone: 718-262-2470. Include the name, institutional affiliation, best mailing address, and phone number for each participant and indicate whether an overhead projector or other AV support is needed. If proposing an integrated session, please obtain the approval of all participants **before** you submit the proposal.

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### Setting and Accommodations

The conference will be held at the University of Maryland's attractive Conference Center on the College Park campus, approximately 20 minutes from downtown Washington, D.C., by subway, bus, or car. Rooms at the Conference Center are \$60 per night for either single or double accommodations. Housing can also be arranged in convenient, nearby motels.

Participants from out of town may want to come a day early or stay a day late to visit the nation's capital. The local arrangements committee will help plan sightseeing and restaurant expeditions.

For registration information, write to: NCTE Education Services, 1111 Kenyon Road, Urbana, IL 61801.

### An Invitation to Join CBW

The Conference on Basic Writing is a special interest group that meets regularly at the March CCCC Annual Convention. Dues of \$5 for one year, \$9 for two years, and \$12 for three years include membership and a subscription to the CBW Newsletter, published in the fall and spring. All whose research or teaching focuses on basic writing students are invited to participate.

Write to Peter Dow Adams, English Department, Essex Community College, Baltimore County, MD 21237.