



MSWCA'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE DAY

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021
LIVE ONLINE ZOOM SESSIONS**

What a ride we've been on this past year! 2020 challenged us in ways we didn't expect, and 2021 surely has a few surprises of its own. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have all had to adapt and grow as writing center consultants, administrators, and professionals -- often in isolation. The Board of the Mississippi Writing Center Association and the University of Mississippi Writing Centers invite you to take a break from that isolation and join us for a professional development and resource sharing day, *Hindsight is 2020*, on Friday, March 12, 2021.

What have we learned from this crazy year? What insights, strategies, tools, and resources can we share? How can we support one another as we navigate new contexts for writing center work?

Since we had to cancel our 2020 in person conference and cannot (at this time) safely hold our 2021 conference, we offer this alternate program as a way for us to connect as a community and learn alongside each other. This event will be held online through a combination of synchronous sessions for live participation and asynchronous resources/materials accessible for review at your convenience on our website. *Hindsight is 2020* will include sessions and resources geared toward both writing center administrators and student-consultants.

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2020/2021 MSWCA Event Chair
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WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Join Live Sessions

These sessions (hosted on Zoom) will be led by a moderator/speaker (or groups of moderators) on a preplanned topic (see schedule below). Each session will follow the same format. The moderator(s) will introduce the topic and briefly share lessons learned and resources based on their own experiences. Then, participants will be invited to join breakout sessions and tackle discussion questions/prompts to produce/share ideas of their own. Finally, the moderator will end the session with a full group discussion where participants share their small group insights and a repository of collective ideas and resources will be recorded and shared. Our website will host individual links to join these topical sessions.

Submit a Writing Center Life Hack (by March 8)

A portion of our programming and resource sharing will be offered asynchronously online in the form of short multimedia presentations or resources that we are calling Writing Center Life Hacks. Life hacks are those quick, small tips or tricks for how to approach or carry out a task that may seem simple... but, once you learn them, make your life SO MUCH EASIER. What have you or your team learned over this last year that's changed your way of thinking about or doing writing center work?

Guidelines

- Develop your submission in whatever way makes sense to you, but please be sure to explain your WC hack, demonstrate the hack, and link your audience to resources to help them implement your hack.
- You might show how to use a tool or technology, prepare for or manage a task, a routine that has helped you successfully work from home, a mini review of some kind of research idea, an "a-ha!" moment you had -- the possibilities are endless and we invite you to be creative.
- We welcome group, partner, or individual submissions.

Formats

- Videos (both audio/visual components) – 5 minutes or less; provide .mp4 file and a script file (.docx) for subtitling
- Podcast (audio only; recording) – 5 minutes or less; provide .mp3 file and script file (.docx) for accessibility
- Visual/graphic (handout/document) – 2 page maximum for content; provide .PNG .PDF and/or .docx file(s)

REGISTRATION

You can register for live sessions and find payment information on our website. The registration fee for this event also covers a one year membership to MSWCA.

www.mswritingcenters.org

Professionals - \$20
Students - Free

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LIVE ONLINE SESSION SCHEDULE

9am

Welcome

Rachel E. Johnson, Event Chair (University of Mississippi)
Lingshan Song, MSWCA Chair (Mississippi College)

9:15am - 9:45am

Concurrent Sessions - Let's connect! Reflections on 2020

Administrators

Liz Egan, Milsaps College

Tutors/Students

UM Writing Center Staff

10am - 11:15am

Joint Session - Working with Students Online: Asynchronous Sessions

Rachel E. Johnson, University of Mississippi

11:30am - 12:45pm

Joint Session - Working with Students Online: Synchronous Sessions

Liz Egan, Milsaps College

1pm - 2:15pm

Concurrent Sessions - Staying Connected While Apart

Administrators

Staff Development and Training
Presenter TBD

Tutors/Students

Team Building and Collaboration
Jessica Herron, University of Mississippi

2:30pm - 3:45pm

Concurrent Sessions - Adapting and Growing

Marketing and Communications

Branding and Promoting your Center
Kayleigh Few, Mississippi State University

Outreach and Events

Hosting Online Workshops
Josh Green, Northwest Community College

4pm - 5:15pm

Concurrent Sessions - New Territory

Creating Custom Resources

Publishing Online Learning Guides
Tatiana Glushko, Jackson State University

Navigating Health Guidelines

Hybrid Writing Centers
Lingshan Song, Mississippi College

Farewell

On Demand

Learn how to access resources shared during the event on our website!