Report from the Field

Working Wikipedia: A Year of Meaningful Collaboration

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Collaboration is essential for successful academic and professional work, but presents conceptual and logistical challenges. Our interdisciplinary group, "The Working Wikipedia Collaborative," formed in 2015 with the goal of facilitating an all-day workshop at the annual Conference on College Composition and Communication. Achieving that milestone, our productivity flourished, with eighteen workshops and presentations given in 2016 alone. Thus, our work studying Wikipedia's collaborative writing project became its own case study in collaboration. Here we trace how our success connects to Wikipedia's collaborative model and offer strategies readers can adapt—for professional or classroom use—to think critically about building collaborations across logistical and conceptual divides.

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