Re-directing the Winds of Change: Transformative Possibilities in Cross-Curricular Literacy Projects

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Questions at the Heart of WAC/WID Initiatives

- When is change needed?
- Who or what should change as a result of Cross-Curricular Literacy (CCL) efforts?
- How should change be initiated and worked toward?
- Who should decide the purpose(s) of change and evaluate the outcomes?

Views of Change throughout Stages of the WAC Movement

	Stage 1:	Stage 2:	Stage 3:
	Missionary	Anthropological	Critical
Time Period	1970's -	Late 1980's -	Mid 1990's -
	Late 1980's	Early 1990's	Mid 2000's
View of Change	Writing specialist changes disciplinary faculty, curriculum, and pedagogy	Writing specialist 1) more persuasively changes disciplinary faculty or 2) changes goals/behaviors to accommodate disciplinary needs	Writing specialist 1) changes faculty into critical pedagogues or 2) works only with faculty who already have critical aims

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Pedagogical View of Change

- Change can be small-scale and incremental.
- Change is multi-directional.
- Meaningful change can be invisible, tenuous, and chaotic.
- Change results from collaboratively created knowledge.

• Change should be collaboratively defined and interrogated.



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