



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harry Denny and Trixie Smith Awarded IWCA Outstanding Service Award

Professor Harry Denny of the Department of the Department of English and the Director of the Writing Center at Purdue University, and Professor Trixie Smith, of the Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures and the Director of the Writing Center at Michigan State University, were recently honored at the International Writing Centers Association Conference (IWCA) in Cincinnati, Ohio, by being awarded the IWCA Muriel Harris Outstanding Service Award (MHOSA) for 2025. The award recognizes outstanding service that has benefited the writing center community in significant and broad-based ways. Candidates are appraised on their record of service and accomplishment. Particular attention is given to collegial support of the nominations. This award represents the pinnacle of achievement in the international writing center community, since service is integral to any writing center's mission and function, and writing center personnel strive to build collaborative and productive relationships both within and outside their institutions. The award has been given sixteen times since its inception in 1984.

Both Professor Smith's and Professor Denny's nominating materials persuaded the selection committee to give them this award. Nomination materials showed the career-long commitment they have made and demonstrated to the writing center community, through such work as taking leadership roles in writing center professional organizations, mentoring students and tutors, along with scholarship focusing on writing center theory and practice, queer studies, identity, and history.

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

February 26-28, 2026: Southeastern Writing Center Association Conference

Location: University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama

Theme: Leading from the Center

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