

February 23, 2012 #wcchat

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In this week's chat we discuss workshops. What kinds of workshops are most successful for you?


“ So what kind of workshops are most successful for you? #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center



“ We do not really do workshops. The closest thing is workshops for our own tutors during staff meeting. #wcchat

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UWMWritingCenter



“ Lately we've been doing in-class workshops for sciences/social science/etc. These are popular, good for visibility. #wcchat

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Lee Ann




“ @UWMWritingCtr That's the kind I've done primarily as well. I did one for students last semester to very low attendance. #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center



“ @UWMWritingCtr what kind of workshops do you do? We do professional development, but not really a workshop structure. #wcchat

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Lee Ann



“ We focus on what tutors have questions about. In the past we have done personal statements. Next week we are doing grant writing. #wcchat

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UWMWritingCenter



“ @laglowzenski What's the attendance like for your all-college workshops? #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center



“ We offer both in-class, customized and general in-lab workshops. We've had to cut back in-class because of so many requests. #wcchat

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Tammy Conard-Salvo



“ @UWMWritingCtr You'll have to share info. about the grant writing workshop during next week's chat. That's going to be the topic. #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center



“ @tcsalvo So what kind of workshops do most professors request and what are your most popular in-lab workshops? #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center



“ Our most popular in-lab workshops are doing research, citation, and dissertation writing. #wcchat

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Tammy Conard-Salvo



“ As the director, I'm the only admin. in the WC so I have no time to plan & conduct wkshps. Do any of you assign this work 2 tutors? #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center




“ Popular in-class workshops include writing process, citation styles, and those about specific genres taught in the class. #wcchat

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Tammy Conard-Salvo



“ Did you start doing workshops on your own or to comply with a request or mandate from your university's upper administration?
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Lamar Writing Center



“ @LamarWC At Madison Area Technical College's Writing Center, many of our writing workshops are led by our professional tutors.
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Kurt Bouman




“ @LamarWC We've been moving toward interactivity. Class size affects this. We our materials online & invite students to tutorials.
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Tammy Conard-Salvo



“ We do in-class or in-center Avoiding Plagiarism workshops. In-class most successful b/c prof is there to chime in. #wcchat

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RollinsSource



“ Our workshops are often gateways to writing consultations.
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Tammy Conard-Salvo



“ Maybe we'll be doing them in all 1st-yr. seminars in fall (35); must get writing tutors to present most of them #wcchat

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RollinsSource



“ We collaborate with our College's Foundation office to develop and present workshops on writing scholarship apps--always popular! #wcchat

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Kurt Bouman




“ @rhetorikurt All of our tutors are students but I may have a grad. student or two who would be willing. #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center




“ @RollinsSource My university will have offer its first freshman seminar in the fall. That's a perfect targeted audience. #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center




“ Most of our workshops are developed by both undergrad and graduate tutors. #wcchat

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Tammy Conard-Salvo



“ @LamarWC @rhetorikurt Our tutors are undergrad but some are really good at presenting; training them now in prep for next fall #wcchat

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RollinsSource



“ We've found workshops to be win-win-win-win: good for the WC, the students, their instructors, and our tutors. Been great 4 us! #wcchat

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Kurt Bouman



“ @LamarWC #wcchat We're debating between those and the composition courses; only 50% freshmen in comp in fall and some never (exempt)

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RollinsSource




“ How many of you develop custom/one-off workshops in response to requests from individual instructors? #wcchat

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Kurt Bouman




“ I really want to give my tutors this opportunity but w/ just 9-10 tutors in a semester, not enough staff to cover tutoring and wks. #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center




“ My Working w/ Sources, Avoiding Plagiarism workshop is in a Prezi, so I can add or take away info easily (w/ the path). #wcchat

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RollinsSource



“ @rhetorikurt We've done custom, one-off workshops but are doing less now. We've even presented to staff groups. #wcchat

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Tammy Conard-Salvo




“ @rhetorikurt I've done 2 for a comp sci prof.--a special group he works w/ in the summers. Planning 2 make it interactive this sum. #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center



“ The issue about wkshops on the listserv concerned wc purpose. The thread was titled "How did this become our job?" Comments? #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center



“ @RollinsSource Is Prezi hard to learn? I looked at it and it looks complicated! #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center




“ @LamarWC @laglowzenski #wcchat I find that without an interactive part, ppl fall asleep. paraphrase & find probs w/ 5 attempts is a hit

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RollinsSource



“ Using our tutor-led in-house prof dev wkshps as pilots for wider population wkshps. Still developing and learning. #Wcchat

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gwwritingcenter




“ @LamarWC In my third semester of using it, I've gotten better. I learned it on my own and now can't imagine using PPT. #wcchat

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RollinsSource



“ @gwwritingcenter #wcchat Great idea. What our folks need to help others might be good for the others to learn/practice, too.

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RollinsSource




“ I want to ease in to large workshops by offering guided revision and editing sessions in our center for a limited # of Ss. #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center




“ @LamarWC ooh, prez! I'm in love with it, probably to a fault. Pretty easy to learn, but drawbacks include no italics/bold /underline #wcchat

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Lee Ann



“ @LamarWC How our job? Same 4 us as Rollins, marketing our strengths. And allowed us to extend WC svcs beyond our small space. #wcchat

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Kurt Bouman



“ RT @tcsalvo: Most of our workshops are developed by both undergrad and graduate tutors. #wcchat

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Professional Writing



“ @RollinsSource how do you get around the lack of italics? I end up writing a separate doc/uploading it as image. #wcchat

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Lee Ann




“ @RollinsSource Workshops about email etiquette, PowerPoint, and even proofreading are very popular. #wcchat

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Tammy Conard-Salvo



“ @RollinsSource Keeping focus on f2f is the argument that the director who started the convo cited. Seems like wkshops would + f2f. #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center



“ Hey Purdue, I thought you had at one point something like "canned" workshops that staff could step into & deliver on demand. Yes? #wcchat

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Kurt Bouman



“ @LamarWC all college attendance never more than 20, more like 10-15 #wcchat

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Lee Ann



“ @laglowzenski Okay. The one I did last semester had 11 so I guess, relatively speaking, attendance wasn't as low as I thought. #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center




“ @rhetorikurt Yes, we do still have the "canned" workshops on our OWL. We let anyone use them & tutors may customize or not. #wcchat

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Tammy Conard-Salvo



“ @tcsalvo those seem like a great way to "get around" common requests from faculty for APA, research, etc. presentations #wcchat

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Lee Ann



“ @LamarWC I figure, if it's not required and they don't "earn" anything to attend, any participation is great. #wcchat

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Lee Ann



“ Want to get this in before people start signing off. Next week: grants & the wc. Then idea exchange & group tutoring. Tied topics. #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center




“ We offered some wkshps via distance (Cisco's Telepresence) to branch/regional campuses, but attendance never beat *1*! #wcchat

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Kurt Bouman



“ @laglowzenski #wcchat Prezi w/out italics hmmm... I have word docs and have cut and pasted from internet and docs. didn't notice b4...

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RollinsSource



“ @laglowzenski So true! #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center



“ @laglowzenski Sometimes. We really have to convince faculty that they're qualified to deliver workshops. They lack confidence too. #wcchat

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Tammy Conard-Salvo



“ @laglowzenski We do pass a roster, and we report the #s internally and also notify participants' instructors, if the stds ask us to. #wcchat

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Kurt Bouman



“ @RollinsSource mine wipes any pasted italics out, but I'm working w/ the free edu version. Maybe different in other versions? #wcchat

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Lee Ann



“ @tcsalvo @laglowzenski a highly seasoned writing prof loved having us present on working w/ sources. She could have, but wanted WC #wcchat

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RollinsSource



“ @tcsalvo Never thought of that. We tend to frame it as lack of desire to present, but yes, it can be lack of confidence too. #wcchat

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Lee Ann



“ Twitter fail: the "numbers" symbol is a hashtag, d'oh! #wcchat

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Kurt Bouman




“ @rhetorikurt same here. No food policy in our WC though, so no snacks. Snacks are always a draw :) #wcchat

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Lee Ann



“ @laglowzenski #wcchat Mine's the freebie Prezi. One font is italic-like but it's bigger, if I remember right.

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RollinsSource



“ What do you do if you suspect a wkshop request is a request to teach what the prof. should teach but doesn't want to? #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center




“ @LamarWC We had that problem with our own English instructors and stopped delivering any workshops by request. #wcchat

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Tammy Conard-Salvo



“ @LamarWC grin and bear it. :) This happens rarely; when it does, I figure it's worse for our rep to cause a fuss. #wcchat

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Lee Ann




“ @rhetorikurt @laglowzenski "certificate" for Plagiarism for Honor Council mandated (part of "punishment") or for xtra credit #wcchat

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RollinsSource



“ @LamarWC #tcsalvo I sort of can't blame them. I'd want the WC to come in to do the dreaded citation talk, too. :) #wcchat

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Lee Ann



“ @tcsalvo I figured that would be a temptation of some faculty! #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center



“ @laglowzenski I can understand that. Hopefully the problem doesn't grow for you :) #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center



“ #wcchat g-bye all! Gotta go! Next week~

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RollinsSource




“ @laglowzenski @LamarWC doing it for comp profs is marketing for the WC's f2f. Earlier in the term when we're not as busy? #wcchat

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RollinsSource




“ Thanks and looking forward to next week's #wcchat

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Tammy Conard-Salvo



“ @RollinsSource That sounds like a good plan. My main request from comp. profs is a quick overview of our services. #wcchat

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Lamar Writing Center



“ @RollinsSource Makes sense. That's when we do our class visits. Maybe offering a 3-week period where profs can take advantage? #wcchat

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Lee Ann



“ @RollinsSource whoo boy, do we need to talk abt writing center mission and outer entities' ideas of our job.... #Wcchat

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gwwritingcenter



“ @LamarWC In a unionized setting, a WC might need to parse the wording to prevent "WORKSHOPS" from being characterized as "TEACHING". #wcchat

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Kurt Bouman

