Consortium of Doctoral Programs in Rhetoric and Composition
Agenda for Wednesday, March 18, 2015
Conference on College Composition and Communication
Convention Center, Tampa CC, Room 16, First Floor

1:30 – 1:45 Welcome and Introductions

• Visit from Linda Adler-Kassner re 2016 CCCC?

1:45 – 3:30 Program: Panel Presentation and Breakout Session

• Benjamin Miller, CUNY Graduate Center
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• Carrie Leverenz, Texas Christian University
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3:45 – 5:00 Business Meeting

• Brief reports
  o Website and Listserv Migration: Kris Blair/Craig Olsen
  o Treasury Updates: Kris Blair
  o Visibility Project Liaison: Louise Phelps
  o Archival Planning: Janice Lauer

• Assistant Chair Nominations/Elections Process: In odd-numbered years, elections take place after CCCC for the position of Assistant Chair

• Other Executive Committee Vacancies for 2015
• Future Assessment Initiatives
• Theme for 2016 Consortium Meeting and CCCC Panel
• New Business/Other Agenda Items
Subject: Reminder: Doctoral Consortium Meeting/Session at CCCC
From: Kristine Lisa Blair <kblair@BGSU.EDU>
Date: 3/10/15, 12:02 PM
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On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Consortium of Doctoral Programs in Rhetoric and Composition, I invite you to attend our annual session and business meeting at the CCCCs. Below is information about our fabulous lineup of speakers, and the agenda for the meeting is attached.

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Thanks so much. We look forward to seeing you at these sessions.

Best,
Kris

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Dear CDPRC Executive Committee Members:

First, let me say Happy New Year to all, and welcome to our two new At-large members, Jim Ridolfo from the University of Kentucky and Kate Vieira from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. I'd also like to formally introduce Craig Olsen, who serves as our Graduate Student representative this year; I have enjoyed working with Craig, a doctoral candidate at BGSU, on the migration of both the Consortium listserv and the website.

I am writing with an update about our plans for the March Consortium meeting. Our speakers are set, including committee members Carrie Leverenz and Jim Ridolfo, and a blurb about the focus and format for the session, as well as our sponsored session on the conference program, is at the end of this message. I plan to begin circulating this blurb to lists and other social media, and in the next few weeks I will be working with both Carrie and Amy Kimmie Hea to further develop the agenda for our business meeting and facilitate dialogue/discussion after the presentation portion of the meeting. If you have any specific agenda items you would like to see highlighted, please do let me know. Specific agenda issues will include the need to find replacement members for several positions, to discuss the role of the new weblog, http://cccdocторalconsortium.org, to promote interaction and involvement in the Consortium, and other ongoing concerns about archiving and preserving our history. I will send that agenda several weeks before the meeting. Soon, Amy, in her role as Associate Chair, will begin to plan our Executive Committee lunch from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. on March 18, and will be in touch with location details and requests for RSVPs.

In the meantime, here's the blurb, and I look forward to working with you this year!

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Mon, 8 Sep 2014 15:14:54

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Here is some important information about your new subscription, which we recommend that you preserve for future reference. Having this information available will make it easier to recognize all the lists to which you are subscribed and in case you want to unsubscribe or temporary disable mail delivery.

* The name of the list: CDPRC-CCC

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* To contact the list owner: CDPRC-CCC-request@LISTS.BGSU.EDU

* To send commands to the LISTSERV server: LISTSERV@LISTS.BGSU.EDU

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https://lists.bgsu.edu/scripts/wa.exe?SUBED1=CDPRC-CCC.

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You can also tell LISTSERV how you want it to confirm the receipt of messages that you send to the list. To send yourself a copy of your own messages, send a SET CDPRC-CCC REPRO command.

Alternatively, to have LISTSERV send you a short acknowledgement instead of the entire message, send a SET CDPRC-CCC ACK NOREPRO command. Finally, you can turn off acknowledgements completely with the SET CDPRC-CCC NOACK NOREPRO command.

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More information on the tools and options available for list subscribers may be found in the official L-Soft online documentation at: http://www.lsoft.com/resources/manuals.asp.
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Dear Doctoral Consortium Program Representatives, Executive Committee Members, and Listserv Participants:

In my role as Chair of the Consortium for next two years, I am writing to update you about the status of, and changes to, our various online communication forums.

1. Website

The Center for Writing Studies at the University of Illinois has graciously hosted the Consortium website for a number of years at:

http://www.cws.illinois.edu/programs/rc_consortium

Because of the frequent changes in Consortium leadership, we are in the process of migrating and eventually updating the website content to a blog-based site (WordPress) that will be managed by current and future Consortium officers and that will allow for more interaction online. Once the migration is complete, we will announce the new site address to the community via email and via our Facebook page (which has about 400 followers and which we will certainly use more heavily this year):

https://www.facebook.com/rcconsortium

2. Listserv

The CWS at Illinois has maintained our listserv as well, and though less active, the listserv has been a space for balloting, sharing annual meeting minutes, and other important announcements. The list has been and will continue to be open for subscription to anyone interested in RC doctoral program issues. However, we are currently migrating the list to Bowling Green State University. In reviewing the existing list membership, we discovered that there are over 150 people subscribed, with some email addresses clearly inactive.

As a result, our current plan is to update and automatically add to the new list on our end all doctoral program representatives and alternates, along with Consortium Executive Committee members, as they are listed on the Consortium membership page:

http://www.cws.illinois.edu/programs/rc_consortium/members.html

We know the info on this page needs to be updated, so here's how you can help us in this process. Please visit the URL above and reconfirm via the attached form that the information we have for your program is correct. In addition, if your program is not listed on the site, please complete the form. If there are changes, you should return your form to Craig Olsen at ctolsen@bgsu.edu, who is serving as our Program Assistant this year.

If you wish to continue to subscribe to the new list, CDPRC-CCC@lists.bgsu.edu, you can:
a) send an email message to the following:
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b) leave the subject line blank

c) Enter the following in the body of the message:
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Finally, the Consortium also has a Gmail account: rcdocconsortium@GMAIL.COM, which we may
use to experiment with a Google Plus circle for the group as well, along with a possible
Twitter account.

I hope this information is helpful; again, we will provide updates as we make progress
and begin to share plans for our annual business meeting and sponsored panel at the 2015
CCCC in Tampa.

A special thanks to the Center for Writing Studies at the University of Illinois for
managing our presence and for helping us make the transition to a new set of spaces. And
thanks to all of you for your patience in the process.

Best,

Kris Blair
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"Live all you can -- it's a mistake not to." Henry James

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I'd like to announce a revamped and expanded SIG that has developed from what was originally aimed at a constituency of retired or retiring faculty. It is now called "Senior, Late-Career, and Retired Professionals in Rhet/Comp/Writing Studies," and will meet Thursday night from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (TSIG 19, Convention Center Tampa CC, Room 9, First Floor.)

The SIG initially focused on the needs of retired and retiring faculty in a period of generational change (for example, arranging discounted conference and membership fees for retirees). However, recognizing that careers in our field may span 40 years or more, both in and outside the academy, the SIG has evolved to address the distinctive needs of a broader band of CCCC members in various stages of a career (very senior through post-retirement) and to connect this group with other generations, to their mutual benefit. The SIG was instrumental in the recent formation of a CCCC Task Force on Cross-Generational Activities.

Building on our successful cross-generational initiative, we hope this year to reboot the SIG to reach an expanded, inclusive constituency of pre- and post-retirement senior professionals (faculty and nonacademics) in rhet/comp/writing studies and develop a structure capable of pursuing practical common goals. We think this growing segment of 4Cs has distinctive needs and things to offer the profession, and we hope members of the group will consider joining the SIG to discuss them. We also invite attendance from other generations who would like to further our cross-generational goals.

At the SIG meeting this year, I will report on the current state of the cross-generational initiative, including a cross-generational dialogue on this year’s program, a pre-convention workshop sponsored by the Task Force, and progress by the Task Force on creating a "scholar’s bank" designed to match members of the SIG with others for the purposes of mentorship, speaking engagements, visiting professorships, oral histories, and the like. Based on this information, I will ask participants for ideas and concrete proposals for action on behalf of senior professionals, including how to identify those, put them in communication with one another, find out their needs and concerns, and connect them to other generations. I will take notes back to the Cross-Generational Task Force meeting on Friday.

If you have questions or suggestions, please email me at Louise.Wetherbee@Colby.edu. I would also be interested in hearing from anyone interested in co-chairing the SIG in the future.

Thanks,

Louise

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