2017 Peck Research on Writing Symposium

We are pleased to announce the 2017 Peck Research on Writing Symposium, sponsored by Middle Tennessee State University’s Department of English. Please consider joining us on **Friday, February 17.** This year’s invited speaker is **Dr. Christine Tardy, Associate Professor of English at the University of Arizona**, whose work focuses on genre and discourse studies as well as second language writing. Dr. Tardy explores these issues in her 2016 work, *Beyond Convention: Genre Innovation in Academic Writing*, which also includes pedagogical applications for writing at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional academic levels. Her work has appeared in *College Composition and Communication*, *Research in the Teaching of English*, and *Journal of Second Language Writing*, among other venues.

The Peck Research on Writing Symposium has two purposes: 1) to engage writing faculty from area universities and secondary schools in considering timely issues in the research and teaching of writing, and 2) to bring together members of the WPA Midsouth affiliate of the Council of Writing Program Administrators for our annual meeting. **This entire event is free**, but space is limited, so each individual attendee must reserve a spot in our Google form (linked here). Please respond by **Friday, January 27**.

The Symposium will be held at the **Miller Education Center, located at 503 East Bell Street, Murfreesboro, TN** (parking is ample and passes are not required). Thanks to the generosity of W.W. Norton and Bedford/St. Martin’s, light breakfast and lunch will be provided at no cost to attendees. We do, however, respectfully request that only those certain to attend reply so that we will have an accurate headcount.

**Tentative Schedule**

8:30–10:00 WPA Midsouth Executive Board Breakfast Meeting (Closed to Executive Board Members)
9:15–10:00 Complimentary Breakfast
10:00–11:00 Dr. Christine Tardy Keynote Address
11:00–12:30 Dr. Christine Tardy Workshop
12:30–1:45 Complimentary Lunch
1:45–3:30 WPA (Writing Program Administrators) Midsouth Meeting (open to all)
4:00–Complimentary reception at The Boulevard

**Please direct all inquiries to LDEnglish@mtsu.edu.** We look forward to seeing you in February!

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