

## Views from the Trail: SSWCA & CUWP 2025 Conference

- H** Hybrid presentation (in-person and Zoom)  
 **I** In-person presentation  
 **R** REGISTRATION  
 **S** Social Event  
**V** Virtual asynchronous presentation (Pre-recorded)  
 **T** Virtual synchronous presentation (Zoom)

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### MARCH 21 • FRIDAY

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<b>PINNED</b> 7:00am – 8:15am	<b>R</b>	<b>Registration</b>	Hinckley
<b>PINNED</b> 7:30am – 8:30am	<b>S</b>	<b>Breakfast (NOTE: no coffee will be served)</b>	Hinckley
<b>PINNED</b> 8:30am – 8:45am	<b>H</b>	<b>WELCOMING ADDRESS</b> <i>Speakers: Amber Jensen, Jenny Goransson</i>	
<b>PINNED</b> 8:45am – 9:45am	<b>H</b>	<b>Keynote by Dr. Tom Deans: "Who Is On This Trail With You?"</b> <i>Speakers: Tom Deans</i>	Zoom and Hinckley
10:00am – 10:40am	<b>T</b>	<b>Bridging the Canyon between English and STEM: How Literary Skillsets Can Benefit Those in Scientific Disciplines</b> <i>Speakers: Anushka Saha, Lakshmi Iyengar</i>	Zoom 2
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>Building a Thriving Writers Club: Turning 'Writer's Block' into 'Writer's Rock'</b> <i>Speakers: Melissa Heaton</i>	TNRB 210A (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>Clearing the Path: Removing obstacles to integrate writing across the curriculum, increasing the need for Writing Center support</b> <i>Speakers: Leslie Dalton</i>	TNRB 280 (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>How does leisure reading impact writing and tutoring skills in the writing center?</b> <i>Speakers: Taylor Brems, Eden Miller</i>	TNRB 220A (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>Navigating a Rocky Path Together: Challenges SSWCs Face and the Supports University Writing Centers Can Provide</b> <i>Speakers: Annika Peacock, Amber Jensen, Beatty, Claire Margetts Davis</i>	TNRB 270 (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>New Horizons, Familiar Paths: Working with Papers Outside Your Comfort Zone-</b> <i>Speakers: Merlin Blanchard, Christensen, Largey, Numbers, Maren Sorber</i>	TNRB 180 (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>Search and Rescue: Helping Hopeless Clients Back on the Trail</b> <i>Speakers: Amelia Player</i>	TNRB 230A (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>Taking the Next Step: How Writing Centers can help with the College Application Process</b> <i>Speakers: Chayse Radcliff, Kupka</i>	TNRB 230B (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>The Importance of Connection Between Tutors and Writers</b> <i>Speakers: Lee</i>	TNRB W122 (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>The Power of the Pen: Empowering Her to Write Her Story</b> <i>Speakers: Charlotte Torrez, Miya Brown, Sadie Cowan, Gemma Williams</i>	TNRB 220B (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>Tutor Trainings and Writing Center Programs to Support ESL/Multilingual Writers</b> <i>Speakers: Katie Watkins</i>	TNRB 210B (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>T</b>	<b>Connecting through Conversation: How Peer Consultants Mediate Autonomous Writing</b> <i>Speakers: Diya Gaur, Icsezen, Ramos, Roque</i>	Zoom 1

10:00am – 11:15am	T	<b>Perspectives and Insights from the Middle East to the Mid-Atlantic. How Tutors Can Best Support Immigrant Students (from immigrant EL to confident tutor)</b> <i>Speakers: Spozhmai Haqpaul, Ngour</i>	Zoom 3
10:00am – 3:45pm	V	<b>Exploring the Horizon: Connecting Community through a Satellite Center to Foster Stronger Connections</b> <i>Speakers: Chang, Jared Riddick, Torres, Visger</i>	Pre-recorded video
10:00am – 3:45pm	V	<b>From Simple Spaces to Happy Faces: How Interior Design can Improve the Efficacy and Comfort of Writing Centers</b> <i>Speakers: Anjali Konda, Sophia Lou, Yolanda Pan</i>	Pre-recorded video
10:00am – 3:45pm	V	<b>Navigating New Paths for Asynchronous Feedback</b> <i>Speakers: Teagan Hale, Caitlin Maio</i>	Pre-recorded video
10:00am – 3:45pm	V	<b>The View from Another Trail: Building Empathy and Support for Every Client</b> <i>Speakers: Emmett Lach</i>	Pre-recorded video
<b>PINNED</b> 11:15am – 12:00pm	S	<b>Lunch</b>	Tanner Atrium
12:00pm – 1:15pm	I	<b>Creating a Writing Center Professional Learning Community: Blazing a Trail with School, District, University, and Writing Project Partners</b> <i>Speakers: Amber Jensen, Gardner</i>	TNRB 180 (Tanner)
12:00pm – 1:15pm	I	<b>Encouraging Engagement in the Writing Center: How to Work with Uninterested and Timid Writers</b> <i>Speakers: Calvin Duke, Ben Allred</i>	TNRB 230B (Tanner)
12:00pm – 1:15pm	I	<b>Making Students Feel More Comfortable While Tutoring</b> <i>Speakers: Connor Frampton</i>	TNRB 230A (Tanner)
12:00pm – 1:15pm	I	<b>Rethinking Strategies and Sessions: Providing Equitable Support for Multilingual Writers</b> <i>Speakers: Katie Watkins, Michael Gerber</i>	TNRB W110 (Tanner)
12:00pm – 1:15pm	I	<b>Staying on Track: Managing Pride and Stubbornness on the Tutoring Trail</b> <i>Speakers: Ella Astudillo, Bella Nguyen</i>	TNRB 220 (Tanner)
12:00pm – 1:15pm	I	<b>The Power of Peer Tutoring in Information Literacy and the Research Process</b> <i>Speakers: Bragg, Chris Miner, Brittany Maloy, Hannah Criser, Mary Tucker, Hallie Heaton</i>	TNRB 210 (Tanner)
12:00pm – 1:15pm	I	<b>Tutors or Stand-Up Comedians: The Benefits of Humor and Laughter in Writing Center Appointments</b> <i>Speakers: Evren Durham</i>	TNRB 270 (Tanner)
12:00pm – 1:15pm	I	<b>Writing with the Body in Mind</b> <i>Speakers: Naomi Watkins</i>	TNRB W122 (Tanner)
12:00pm – 1:15pm	T	<b>Language, Identity, and Inclusion: Navigating AAVE in Writing Centers</b> <i>Speakers: Olwana</i>	Zoom 1
12:00pm – 1:15pm	T	<b>Our Favorite Rollercoaster: Schemas of Guidance and Mentorship in the Writing Center Pedagogy</b> <i>Speakers: Margarete Tran, Safa Touri</i>	Zoom 2
12:00pm – 1:15pm	T	<b>The expedition to finding your original writing voice: Discovering your voice in the wilderness of capstone project writing</b> <i>Speakers: Patel, Nava Samaniego, Lina Bernstiel, Taaffe</i>	Zoom 3
12:00pm – 1:15pm	T	<b>Views From A Rocky Trail: How to help SLIFE students find their footing in a new learning environment</b> <i>Speakers: Riley</i>	Zoom 1

1:25pm – 2:05pm	T	<b>Creative Criticism: Bridging Artistic Feedback and Tutoring</b> <i>Speakers: Claire Rahilly</i>	Zoom 3
1:25pm – 2:40pm	I	<b>Academic Brainrot: How Tutors Can Aid in the Comprehension of Scholarly Works</b> <i>Speakers: Eloise Leverenz, Ellie Sanderson, Sophie Wu</i>	TNRB 230B (Tanner)
1:25pm – 2:40pm	I	<b>Confession Session With 1st Time Tutors: Trail Markers to Look for on Your Writing Center Journey</b> <i>Speakers: Busker, Wardell, Wilson, Eleanor Wardell, Alivia Thompson, Gines, Gardner</i>	TNRB 220 (Tanner)
1:25pm – 2:40pm	I	<b>Data That Speaks: Building Support for Your Writing Center</b> <i>Speakers: Low, McNett</i>	TNRB W110 (Tanner)
1:25pm – 2:40pm	I	<b>Empowering Young Writers and Leaders: Building Effective Middle School Writing Centers</b> <i>Speakers: Jennifer Brodrick</i>	TNRB 270B (Tanner)
1:25pm – 2:40pm	I	<b>From One Place to the Next: What Taekwondo Has Taught Me About Peer Tutoring</b> <i>Speakers: Westfall</i>	TNRB W122 (Tanner)
1:25pm – 2:40pm	I	<b>How we CLIMB!</b> <i>Speakers: Norah Thomas, Logan DeWitt, Gina Rex, Ari Smith, Alexis Hall</i>	TNRB 230A (Tanner)
1:25pm – 2:40pm	I	<b>Leave a Trace: Adapting Your SSWCA Presentation into a JPTSS Article</b> <i>Speakers: Ilse Eskelsen, Annika Peacock</i>	TNRB 180 (Tanner)
1:25pm – 2:40pm	I	<b>Narrow the Road: Doing Downtime Alone in the Writing Center</b> <i>Speakers: Elizabeth Cramarosso</i>	TNRB 270A (Tanner)
1:25pm – 2:40pm	I	<b>Reflection: How to Approach Tutoring as a Craft</b> <i>Speakers: Mabel Court, Mariah Fry, Gardner, and Gracie Keisel Lee</i>	TNRB 210B (Tanner)
1:25pm – 2:40pm	I	<b>Trail of Trust: Building Safe and Nurturing Connections Between Tutors and Tutees</b> <i>Speakers: Ball</i>	TNRB 210A (Tanner)
1:25pm – 2:40pm	T	<b>Assisting All: Incorporating Visual Learning into Tutoring</b> <i>Speakers: Marieka Calhoun</i>	Zoom 2
1:25pm – 2:40pm	T	<b>Footprints of Diversity: The Steps and Approaches to Outreach for a More Diverse Writing Center</b> <i>Speakers: Mariam Hamouie, Pope, Ravi</i>	Zoom 1
1:25pm – 2:40pm	T	<b>Insights from Intersections: Tutoring Across Fields in an All-Subject Tutoring Center</b> <i>Speakers: Wanzhi Li</i>	Zoom 2
<b>PINNED</b> 2:40pm – 3:00pm	S	<b>Snack Break Sponsored by Central Utah Writing Project</b>	Tanner Atrium
3:00pm – 4:15pm	I	<b>Beyond Coworkers: Building Community Among Tutors</b> <i>Speakers: Kate Fowler, Mia Shumway</i>	TNRB 230A (Tanner)
3:00pm – 4:15pm	I	<b>Creating Necessity: Integrating Secondary Writing Centers into Existing School Structures and Programs</b> <i>Speakers: Brian Ellingford</i>	TNRB 220 (Tanner)
3:00pm – 4:15pm	I	<b>Directors Roundtable (In-person)</b> <i>Speakers: Stacey Hahn</i>	TNRB 180 (Tanner)
3:00pm – 4:15pm	I	<b>Enabling Self-Confidence in Students Attending Writing Centers</b> <i>Speakers: Hunter Stevenson</i>	TNRB 230B (Tanner)
3:00pm – 4:15pm	I	<b>Exploring the Ethical Uses of AI for Non-native English Speakers in Modern Writing Centers</b> <i>Speakers: Kai McMullin, Elijah Bustamante-Martinez</i>	TNRB 210 (Tanner)

3:00pm – 4:15pm	I	<b>How School-Wide Writing Instruction Supports a Successful Writing Center</b> <i>Speakers: Reegan Alder, Bell</i>	TNRB W110 (Tanner)
3:00pm – 4:15pm	I	<b>The “Third Space”: Meaning-Making and Identity Development for Emerging Bilinguals through Writing</b> <i>Speakers: Cutler, Thrush</i>	TNRB 280B (Tanner)
3:00pm – 4:15pm	I	<b>Tutor Roundtable (In-person)</b> <i>Speakers: Madelyn Engstrom</i>	TNRB W122 (Tanner)
3:00pm – 4:15pm	I	<b>Writing on Purpose: Strategies to Move Writing Beyond Summary</b> <i>Speakers: Anderson</i>	TNRB 280A (Tanner)
3:00pm – 4:15pm	T	<b>Director Roundtable (virtual)</b> <i>Speakers: Heather Barton</i>	Zoom 2
3:00pm – 4:15pm	T	<b>Mapping Your Writing: Navigating Style</b> <i>Speakers: Hughes, Alexandria Barahona, Lewis, Rodkey</i>	Zoom 1
<b>PINNED</b> 8:00pm – 9:30pm	S	<b>Directors' Social</b> <i>Speakers: Jenny Goransson</i> <i>Sponsors: SSWCA</i>	Conference Hotel (Hyatt Place Provo) (180 W. 100 N., Provo, UT 84601)

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**MARCH 22 • SATURDAY**

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<b>PINNED</b> 7:30am – 8:30am	<b>S</b>	<b>Breakfast Sponsored by National Writing Project (NOTE: no coffee will be served)</b>	Tanner Atrium
<b>PINNED</b> 7:45am – 8:30am	<b>R</b>	<b>Registration</b>	Tanner Atrium
8:30am – 9:45am	<b>I</b>	<b>Big Brother, Foucault, and the Writing Center: How to Rise Above Negatively Shaped Student Perspectives Regarding Student-Run Spaces in Schools</b> <i>Speakers: Evren Durham, Schott</i>	TNRB 284A (Tanner)
8:30am – 9:45am	<b>I</b>	<b>Drawn to Write: Two Games to Teach Information Literacy Skills that Improve Writing</b> <i>Speakers: Merrill</i>	TNRB 210 (Tanner)
8:30am – 9:45am	<b>I</b>	<b>Sharing the Trail: Supporting Secondary School Writing Center Tutors through Field Trips to University Writing Centers</b> <i>Speakers: Michael Gerber, Ilse Eskelsen, Annika Peacock, Brown</i>	TNRB 260 (Tanner)
8:30am – 9:45am	<b>I</b>	<b>Tools for the Trail: Blending Tutor-Created and AI Resources</b> <i>Speakers: Maeve Dolan, Mattie Ray</i>	TNRB 284B (Tanner)
8:30am – 9:45am	<b>I</b>	<b>Wander, Wonder, Write: A Nature-Inspired Mind-Body Writing Experience</b> <i>Speakers: Naomi Watkins</i>	TNRB 240 (Tanner)
8:30am – 9:45am	<b>I</b>	<b>Why AI Can't Replace Writing Tutors, but it Can Benefit Us</b> <i>Speakers: Rodea, Becker</i>	TNRB 270 (Tanner)
8:30am – 9:45am	<b>I</b>	<b>Why I'm "Feline" What I'm "Feline": Writing with Narrative Nuance of They All Saw A Cat by Brendan Wenzel</b> <i>Speakers: Peter Hawkins</i>	TNRB 280 (Tanner)
8:30am – 9:45am	<b>T</b>	<b>Charting the College Course Uphill: Creative Nonfiction Views On Tutoring the College Essay</b> <i>Speakers: Thakekar, Tiffanie Huang, Danielle Hackett</i>	Zoom 3
8:30am – 9:45am	<b>T</b>	<b>Leveraging Partnerships: Developing Writing Centers in the K-12 Setting through a Writing Project and University Writing Center Partnership</b> <i>Speakers: Beth Rimer, Woods</i>	Zoom 2
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>Forks in the Road: How the Writing Center Can Bridge the Gap Between STEM and Humanities</b> <i>Speakers: Rachel Lugardo</i>	TNRB 210 (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>Grammar and Racism: The Importance of Supporting Diverse Writing Styles in Writing Centers</b> <i>Speakers: Haynes, Rodriguez</i>	TNRB 270B (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>Lost for Words: Vocabulary Acquisition Through Writing</b> <i>Speakers: Reilly Ryan</i>	TNRB 240 (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>The Mountain of Burnout</b> <i>Speakers: Emma Edgemon</i>	TNRB 284B (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	<b>I</b>	<b>The Path to Powerful Language: Helping Students Move Beyond Clichés</b> <i>Speakers: Wiederhold, Thompson</i>	TNRB 260 (Tanner)

10:00am – 11:15am	I	<b>Together on the Trail: The Learning Center &amp; Library in Collaboration for Stronger Student Writers</b> <i>Speakers: Katie Sutcliffe, Tiffany Whitehead</i>	TNRB 280 (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	I	<b>Trekking the Paths Ahead: The Value in Collecting and Implementing Feedback Surrounding Tutor Communication</b>	TNRB 284A (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	I	<b>What We Can Learn from Freshman Tutors</b> <i>Speakers: McCarthy</i>	TNRB 270A (Tanner)
10:00am – 11:15am	T	<b>Tutor Roundtable Discussion (Virtual)</b> <i>Speakers: Olwana, Adham Elbaragah</i>	Zoom 1
<b>PINNED</b> 11:15am – 12:45pm	H	<b>Lunch Keynote by Dr. Anne Elrod Whitney: "Writing for Teachers, Tutors, and other Human Beings: Powerful, Principled Practice to Ground and Sustain Our Work"</b> <i>Speakers: Anne Elrod Whitney</i>	Zoom and Hinckley
<b>PINNED</b> 11:15am – 12:45pm	S	<b>Lunch Sponsored by National Writing Project</b>	Hinckley
1:00pm – 1:40pm	T	<b>Honoring the Trailblazers: Connecting Yesterday's Visionaries to Today's Classrooms</b> <i>Speakers: Whitney Sorensen</i>	Zoom 1
1:00pm – 2:15pm	I	<b>"This is Water": Perspectives on Artificial Intelligence in English Language Arts instruction from Utah State Board of Education's AI Education Specialist</b> <i>Speakers: Winters</i>	TNRB 270 (Tanner)
1:00pm – 2:15pm	I	<b>Clearing the Trail: Unlearning Media Myths in Everyday Information Literacy Training</b> <i>Speakers: Hannah Criser, Mary Tucker</i>	TNRB 240B (Tanner)
1:00pm – 2:15pm	I	<b>College Tutoring Panel</b> <i>Speakers: Blair Johnson, Eric Prescott, Lily Jensen, Kayla Zayas, Katie Bledsoe</i>	TNRB 284 (Tanner)
1:00pm – 2:15pm	I	<b>Empowering Voices: Designing a Student-Led Writing Center for a Small, Inclusive Learning Community</b> <i>Speakers: Alex Heling, Melissa Reiser, Ash Rogers, Julian Harris-Lasecki, Emma Daughtry-Leiter, Katarine Miller</i>	TNRB 210 (Tanner)
1:00pm – 2:15pm	I	<b>Improving Writing Centers for Girls at All-Girl &amp; Co-ed Schools</b> <i>Speakers: Olivia Tan</i>	TNRB 240A (Tanner)
1:00pm – 2:15pm	I	<b>Mentor Texts as a Pathway for Teaching Grammar and Usage</b> <i>Speakers: Vicki Collet</i>	TNRB 280 (Tanner)
1:00pm – 2:15pm	I	<b>Recognizing Your Literacy Journey-A Step Toward Learning and Celebrating Through Reflection</b> <i>Speakers: Kristie Jolley</i>	TNRB 260 (Tanner)
2:30pm – 3:45pm	I	<b>Academic Mentor Assistant: Growing the Classroom into the Writing Center</b> <i>Speakers: Harris, Zhang</i>	TNRB 210 (Tanner)
2:30pm – 3:45pm	I	<b>Beginning at the Trailhead: Changing the Narrative about the Research Process</b> <i>Speakers: Hallie Heaton, Bragg, Chris Miner</i>	TNRB 270A (Tanner)
2:30pm – 3:45pm	I	<b>From Conflict to Composition: Integrating Peacebuilding Frameworks into Writing Center Praxis</b> <i>Speakers: Luci Sullivan</i>	TNRB 270B (Tanner)
2:30pm – 3:45pm	I	<b>Playing with Poetry: Charting a New Course for Poetry Instruction</b> <i>Speakers: Jessica Ashurst</i>	TNRB 240 (Tanner)
2:30pm – 3:45pm	I	<b>Reading graphic novels with the eye of an illustrator</b> <i>Speakers: Alan Anderson</i>	TNRB 280B (Tanner)

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2:30pm – 3:45pm	I	<b>Writing Instruction with AI: Triumphs, Tragedies, and a Few Laughs Along the Way</b> <i>Speakers: Melissa Heaton</i>	TNRB 280A (Tanner)
2:30pm – 3:45pm	I	<b>Writing Philosophy and Writing Identity in the Secondary Classroom</b> <i>Speakers: Billings</i>	TNRB 260 (Tanner)
2:30pm – 3:45pm	T	<b>Q&amp;A session for asynchronous virtual presentation "From Simple Spaces to Happy Faces: How Interior Design can Improve the Efficacy and Comfort of Writing Centers"</b> <i>Speakers: Sophia Lou, Yolanda Pan</i>	Zoom 3

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