

CONFERENCE KEYNOTES

Facing Our Future: SSWCA Writing Center & Writing Conference
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Friday

JANE ROSENZWEIG

Jane Rosenzweig is the director of the Harvard College Writing Center. She holds a BA from Yale University, an MLitt from Oxford, and an MFA in fiction writing from the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop.

Her work about writing and artificial intelligence has been published in the New York Times, the Boston Globe, The Los Angeles Times, Slate, the Chronicle of Higher Education, Times Higher Ed, and in her newsletter, Writing Hacks.

She is also the founder of The Important Work, a newsletter by teachers about teaching writing in the age of AI. In high school, she was a member of the inaugural peer tutoring staff at her high school's writing center.



Saturday

DR. NEAL LERNER

Neal Lerner is a Professor of English at Northeastern University and a former Writing Program Director, Writing Center Director, and English Department chair. He holds a BA from S.U.N.Y, College at Purchase, an M.A. in Creative Writing from San Jose State, and an Ed.D in Literacy, Language and Cultural Studies from Boston University.

Lerner is the author or co-author of eight books and over 40 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters on the history, theory, and practice of learning and teaching writing, including The Idea of a Writing Laboratory, The Meaningful Writing Project, and Making Writing Meaningful.

Neal built a distinguished academic career, and though his writing has mostly been academic since becoming a teacher, he plans to return to fiction after retirement.

