EATAW 2019 Conference

Academic writing at intersections: Interdisciplinarity, genre hybridization, multilingualism, digitalization, and interculturality

Book your place now at https://2019.eataw.eu/

Venue: Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden.

When: July 2-4, 2019 with pre-conference workshops and a reception July 1

Themes: The themes of EATAW 2019 explore and problematise the possibilities and challenges of academic writing as a place of intersections. We have received an exciting and challenging set of papers which will ensure plenty of lively debate and around the hybridization of academic writing genres, academic writing as a site of intercultural communication, academic writing by translingual writers and in multilingual societies, academic writing in digitalized settings, including digital genres, and blended learning and much more!

We are, in the spirit of adventure, looking for members to suggest contributions to what we are calling Hot Button Sessions. These sessions will open up a public forum for discourse and collaboration about current challenges and issues faced by anyone involved in academic writing and/or writing development. Topics should address timely and substantial challenges and be grounded in experience such as 'how we might develop professional literacies' or 'can good writing be measured?'. For each session panel members will very briefly contextualize an issue and offer a few discussion questions. The floor will then be opened up for anyone to add their opinion and respond to the debate.

If you would like to suggest and/or contribute a hot button topic please contact Amanda.french@bcu.ac.uk by March 30th!
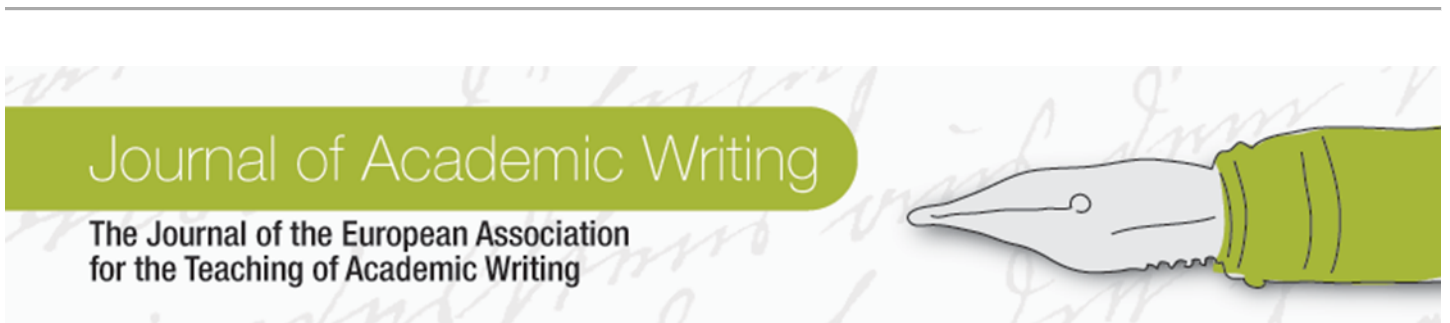
The Journal of Academic Writing is an international, peer-reviewed journal that focuses on the teaching, tutoring, researching, administration and development of academic writing in higher education in Europe.

JoAW Update from the Editors

In January, in order to improve JoAW's operations, we upgraded the content management system from OJS v.2 to OJS v.3. We also have a new URL, so please update your bookmarks: https://publications.coventry.ac.uk/index.php/joaw/index

The overhaul significantly changes the design, look, speed and navigation for the journal. Most importantly, the back-end system now allows us to communicate more efficiently with authors and peer reviewers, as well as guest editors, while also keeping track of workflow.

If you have any feedback for us about the upgraded site, we would appreciate hearing from you: joaw@coventry.ac.uk

We are always grateful for support from the community, particularly for peer reviewing. If you are willing to peer review submissions, it would be helpful if you could take a moment to update your reviewing interests on your profile. As always, any queries, problems logging in, or feedback, please let us know.

JoAW - Calls for Dialogue Responses

JoAW currently has two open calls for dialogue responses, for which we seek your contributions:

1. Miriam Schcolnik: Digital Tools in Academic Writing?
https://publications.coventry.ac.uk/index.php/joaw/article/view/360

This paper starts a dialogue on the use (and, potentially, misuse) of digital tools in writing and writing instruction. Your responses, in the form of case studies, investigative papers, provocations and similar, are welcomed.

Deadline: Friday 3 May 2019

2. Catalina Neculai: On the Privatisation of Academic Writing Development: A Post-EATAW 2017 Provocation
https://publications.coventry.ac.uk/index.php/joaw/article/view/531

This paper is a provocation initiated by the presence of private businesses (not-for-profit as well as commercial) at the EATAW 2017 Conference, and the general privatisation of academic writing services in Higher Education. Your responses are welcomed.

Deadline: Friday 27 Sept 2019

General guidelines for responses to open dialogues:

- please include a short abstract (max 50 words);
- and a focused, limited bibliography, to draw out the context of the responses;
- aim for a maximum of 750 words.

Both of these calls are opportunities to share pedagogic practice, offer theoretical perspectives, or to provoke, challenge and inspire colleagues. We are open to a range of approaches, so please feel free to be creative in your thinking. If in doubt, please email Lisa Ganobcsik-Williams and George Ttoouli with your ideas at: joaw@coventry.ac.uk.

Topics for the General Assembly and Standing for the Board

As usual during the EATAW conference, the association has its general assembly and elections. Currently, the date for the general assembly has not been confirmed but we would like to point out that all EATAW members to attend the assembly and present issues for discussions http://eataw.eu/constitution.html. Submitting topics can be done one month prior to the assembly meeting. If you have any specific issues which you wish to put forward for discussion, we invite you to do so as soon as possible.

In addition to the general assembly, we invite members to consider running for the board. If, as member, you are keen to take on duties on the board and help further support the association, we strongly advise you to stand for the board http://eataw.eu/eataw board.html. Members of EATAW, who have been associated with the organisation for at least two years, and have attended at least one previous conference, may stand for election to the Board (cf. constitution: http://eataw.eu/constitution.html. If you have any questions about the duties, please feel free to contact us. More information will follow prior to the conference.

Scholarship for the 2019 conference

There has been a tradition first started at the 2005 conference of offering conference fee waivers and/or financial support to presenters from less well-off countries where universities are typically unable to support their staff to attend conferences.

These scholarships are paid out of the small profits made from the preceding conference(s). We plan to repeat this procedure again for the 2019 conference. In addition, the organising committee at Chalmers University is offering an additional 10 conference fee and conference dinner waivers. The requirements for eligibility for a scholarship are as follows:

1. Applicants must have a proposal accepted for the conference.

2. For the EATAW organisation Scholarship, the applicant must submit a statement justifying their application for a fee waiver and financial support to **Stuart Wrigley <Stuart.Wrigley@rhul.ac.uk>** with the subject line *"Request for EATAW2019 Scholarship"* by latest **15 April 2019.**

3. For the fee and conference dinner waiver from the conference organiser, please send your request with subject line *"Request for EATAW2019r Fee Waiver"* to **<magusta@chalmers.se>** by the latest **15 April 2019**

4. Applications will be evaluated after **15 April 2019** by a committee who will consider them on the merits of both the statement and the conference abstract. We hope to make decision within a week to ten days from receiving applications.

COST Action CA 15221:
We ReLaTe.
Advancing effective institutional models towards cohesive teaching, learning, research and writing development

We ReLaTe, in collaboration with EATAW 2019, will run a preconference workshop on the 1st of July for COST action members. In addition, *We ReLaTe* will run a series of symposia and a roundtable during the conference to disseminate their latest Action results.

We ReLaTe addresses the challenge of creating synergy among the increasingly more specialised and centralised supports for four key higher education activities – research, writing, teaching and learning – which frequently fail to capitalise on their shared territories and common ground.

For more information about **We ReLaTe** visit http://www.werelate.eu/

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If you have any article/issues that you would like to include in the next edition of the Newsletter please get in touch with Amanda French (Amanda.french@bcu.ac.uk)

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