



# Midwest Messenger

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## Message from the Chair

*Paul Resnick • Illinois Central College*

Welcome back to the fall semester! Classes have just gotten back in full swing at my college, and I feel the energy and excitement in the air as we head into classrooms filled with new faces and minds, eagerly awaiting our guidance.

Not too long from now, we'll get a chance to come together as colleagues and share our experiences once again! Please consider attending the TYCA-Midwest conference in Madison from October 1st-3rd. Local Arrangements Chair Sarah Johnson and Program Chair Bernie Hoes have worked diligently to make this conference a success. The conference theme: "Forward: Writing Our Future" is the perfect backdrop for many thought-provoking sessions. I'm most excited to listen to the keynote speaker at our Friday luncheon. The speaker, linguist Joan Houston Hall, is the editor of *The Dictionary of American Regional English*. The book title alone suggests that her presentation will be dripping with delectable diction!

In addition to Sarah and Bernie's efforts, I must take a moment to mention those who offer their support each and every year to the TYCA-Midwest organization – our Executive and Advisory committee board members. The volunteer support of these committee members makes me proud to work with each and every one of them. If you would like a chance to share your own, unique skills with this group, you're in luck! We have three positions open on the Executive Committee; each is a three year term beginning after the Madison conference. We would like to have at least 4 people place their names on the ballot at the conference this fall. Please consider running for a position and being a part of a fantastic organization, one filled with like-minded professionals who want to advance the cause of teaching English in the two-year college.

Would you consider running for a board position? If so, please contact Dr. Sheldon Wrice at [swrice1@uakron.edu](mailto:swrice1@uakron.edu). We need your energy and new ideas to help keep the TYCA-Midwest Conference a must-attend gathering for years to come!

Can't wait to see you in Madison!



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## FORWARD: WRITING OUR FUTURE TYCA MIDWEST 2009

MADISON, WI

### 2009 TYCA Midwest Conference Update

*Sarah Z. Johnson • Madison Area Technical College • 2009 Conference Chair*

We can't wait to see you in Madison next month! My colleagues and I are busily preparing for a gathering that you will find intellectually stimulating and professionally rejuvenating. Our conference will be held October 1 -3 at the Madison Concourse Hotel, only a block from the Capitol Square and Madison's famously fun and funky State Street.

We're kicking off the conference in its usual carefree fashion with a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception, held across the street from the Concourse at the Downtown Campus of our host college, Madison Area Technical College. After an evening of live music, we're planning to open the mic to you for poetry, comedy, and music. Bring your guitar, your accordion, or your best material—whatever that happens to be. On Friday and Saturday, we have a wonderful selection of sessions scheduled, many of which explore this year's theme, "Forward: Writing Our Future." You can also look forward to hearing from our keynote speaker for the Friday luncheon, Joan Houston Hall, chief editor on the Dictionary of American Regional English project.

For those of you who are flying in to Madison, the Concourse offers a free shuttle from the Dane County Regional Airport. For drivers, the Concourse provides underground parking for just \$7 per night. You can find directions, maps, and other hotel information by clicking on the Concourse link from the TYCA Midwest website: [tycamw.org](http://tycamw.org). Remember that registrations for the conference are due by Monday, September 14.

Madison is beautiful in early October, and, following a long tradition of fabulous conferences, the members of TYCA Midwest are sure to deliver this year as well. You won't want to miss it!

**Lodging Note:** For any of you who were not able to reserve a room at the Madison Concourse Hotel, your other option is the DoubleTree Inn, about four blocks away from the Concourse. You may visit [www.doubletreemadison.com](http://www.doubletreemadison.com) or call 1-800-222-TREE to reserve a room between now and when the conference begins. Our TYCA-Midwest rate is available when you give our group code "TYC."



## National Day on Writing

To draw attention to the remarkable variety of writing we engage in and help make writers from all walks of life aware of their craft, NCTE is working to establish October 20, 2009, as the National Day on Writing.

Why have a National Day on Writing? Let's imagine America writing. Let's imagine essayists and auditors, poets and nurses, tweeters and technicians, blogging beauticians, church bulletin scribes, advocates and analysts, authoring. Let's imagine memoirs and memos, rants and remembrances, oral histories, letters to the future, postcards from the past, profiles profane and sacred, instructions, directions, reflections, retorts, factual and fancied. Let's imagine a living American gallery of writing checked with salons, fitted by school or site, by genre or by identity, but most importantly by you, salons in which a homeless man's story hangs next to the finance major's wedding vows. Let's imagine school kids linked to college students, teachers to professors, and all to city halls, shelters, boardrooms, all linked by writing.

For important information and ideas about how to participate in the National Day on Writing, check out the following website: [http://www.ncte.org/library/NCTEFiles/Involved/DayonWriting/NDW\\_Flier.pdf](http://www.ncte.org/library/NCTEFiles/Involved/DayonWriting/NDW_Flier.pdf)





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## Great Minds at Work ... Check out the Following NCTE Award Winners

### Nell Ann Pickett Service Award

Sharon Mitchler  
Centralia College, WA

### TETYC Best Article of the Year Award

David Martins  
California State University, Chico  
"Scoring Rubrics and the Material Conditions  
of Our Relations with Students"  
Teaching English in the Two-Year College,  
December 2008, pgs. 123-137

### 2009 TYCA Diana Hacker TYCA Outstanding Programs in English Awards Winners

REACHING ACROSS BORDERS  
Outstanding Program Award  
Writing in the Disciplines  
Montgomery College  
Takoma Park, MD

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM AWARD  
SLCC Community Writing Center  
Salt Lake Community College  
Salt Lake City, UT

HONORABLE MENTION  
Reading or Not Writing  
Minnesota State Community and  
Technical College  
Fergus Falls, MN

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/  
MOST UNIQUE INITIATIVE  
Intercultural Literacy through Reflection:  
Rural Students Meet the Urban Experience  
State Fair Community College  
Sedalia, MO

### Enhancing Developmental Education

Outstanding Program Award  
Serving the Literacy Goals of At-Risk Students  
through an Integrated Approach to Faculty  
Development and Course Design  
Kingsborough Community College  
Brooklyn, NY

### HONORABLE MENTION

Bursting the Bubble:  
Using Learning Communities to Create Authentic  
College Learning and Instruction  
Front Range Community College  
Westminster, CO

### Fostering Student Success

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM AWARD  
ESSAI The College of DuPage Anthology  
of Academic Writing Across the Curriculum  
College of DuPage  
Glen Ellyn, IL

### HONORABLE MENTION

Building Community Online: Discussion Boards in  
a Two-Year College Online Writing Center  
Century College  
White Bear Lake, MN

### Enhancing Literature and Cultural Arts

No entries

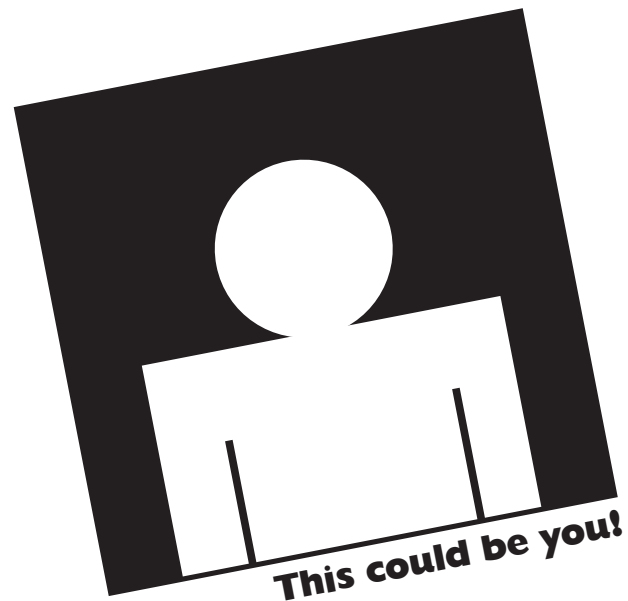


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## Get to Know Your New Executive Board Member

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My name is Keely Austin. I am currently an Assistant Professor of English at Heartland Community College in Normal, IL. I earned my BA in Psychology (minor in Spanish) at the University of Central Arkansas in 1992. After completing one year of study in a MS Counseling Psychology Program, I transferred to Illinois State University and completed a MA Program in English (emphasis in writing) in 1995. After teaching a variety of English courses at HCC and Illinois State University for eight years as adjunct faculty, I entered the PhD program in English studies at ISU (2003) and am currently working on completion of my dissertation, *The Rhetoric of Memory*, for that degree. I teach composition, technical writing, and literature courses and have a special interest in TES/FL and life writing. I look forward to serving as the Illinois representative to the TYCA-Midwest Advisory Committee.



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if you're interested!**

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## TYCA Board Members

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**Board Members at Spring Planning Meeting  
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April 2009**