

Alumni Annotations

A NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE
PURDUE WRITING LAB

Greetings from the Purdue Writing Lab



Dr. Linda Bergmann, Director
Associate Professor of English

It's hard to believe that this is the beginning of my sixth academic year at Purdue and my fourth year as director of the Writing Lab. It's an exciting time to be engaged with members of the Purdue writing community. We have begun collaborations with the Professional

Writing Program, the Introductory Writing Program, and the Library as we experiment with new projects. I remain strongly committed to maintaining the world-class reputation of the Purdue Writing Lab and to continuing our traditional strength in one-to-one tutoring.

I hope you will drop in and say hello if you come back to Purdue or when you see me at conferences.

The OWL Site Redesign

For the past two academic years, the Writing Lab and OWL staffs have been redesigning the Online Writing Lab, working to update both the design and content of the site. The new site takes advantage of the unique environment of the web to bring quality writing resources to both students and instructors who may use the materials in their classes.

The Writing Lab has been working with students and faculty in the Professional Writing (PW) program to administer usability testing for the new OWL Family of Sites, presenting a collaborative opportunity that not only benefits the Writing Lab and OWL but also offers professional development opportunities to students in PW. Karl Stolley, OWL Technical

Coordinator, received the *Kairos* Service Award for Graduate Students, presented at the 2006 Computers and Writing Conference for his work on the OWL Family of Sites.



Screenshot of our website

**31,736,172 hits from
over 125 countries**

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu>

Join the Writing Lab Alumni Community

We invite you to share your news with the Purdue Writing Lab. Tell us what you've been doing since your days at Purdue. Are you at another Writing Center? Did you start a family? Are you writing the next great American novel? We look forward to sharing your news in the next issue of Alumni Annotations.

Please email your news, photos, and contact information to Wendy Madore at wmadore@purdue.edu.



Joy Santee at 3,000 miles

Joy of Summer

Two wheels, three months, 4400 miles

The Writing Lab's greatest assets have always been the talented and energetic students that help run our operation. We thought you might enjoy reading about Joy Santee's trek across the United States. When she isn't on her bike, she tutors in the Writing Lab and is a Ph.D. student in rhetoric and composition. She was also named Outstanding Tutor of the Year by East Central Writing Centers Association in April 2006. Read more online at: <http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/journal/circumtrektion>.

CCCC Writing Program Certificate of Excellence

The Writing Lab was awarded the CCCC Writing Program Certificate of Excellence on March 18, 2005 at the CCCC Conference in San Francisco. The Lab was one of eleven writing programs and one of three writing centers to receive this prestigious award from the Conference on College Composition and Communication and its parent organization, the National Council of Teachers of English.

The Purdue Writing Lab



Meredith Hall, Writing Lab Satellite Location

Expanding To Better Serve Students

The Writing Lab now offers extended tutoring hours on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Tutors staff our two satellite locations inside the **Hicks Undergraduate Library** and **Meredith Residence Hall**. Our original Heavilon Hall location served 2,888 individual users last year. This totaled 6,448 tutoring sessions for students, faculty, and staff.



Heavilon Hall is still home to the main lab

Using Technology to Foster Collaboration and Learning

We've teamed up with the Professional Writing (PW) program to provide students with access to an **Advanced Multimedia Production Station**. The Macintosh computer station features Macromedia software, Adobe Creative Suites 2, a still camera, and scanner.

The Writing Lab continues to integrate technology into tutoring sessions by using **laptops** and **tablet PCs** during tutorials.

The Muriel Harris Tutor Development Fund

Muriel "Mickey" Harris retired in May 2003, leaving behind a legacy of groundbreaking writing center practice and research. In addition to inspiring several generations of writing center professionals, many of whom began their work at Purdue, Mickey has built the Purdue Writing Lab into a landmark institution and fostered an international community of writing center scholarship.

To honor her, the Writing Lab has established the Muriel Harris Tutor Development Fund. This fund assists tutors in the Writing Lab with professional development, keeping alive Mickey's longstanding philosophy of encouraging both undergraduate and graduate tutors to participate in conferences, presentations, and workshops.

Anyone interested in making an online contribution to the Muriel Harris Development Fund is encouraged to visit the University Development site at http://www.purdue.edu/udo/giving/give_online.shtml.



Anne Farr and Mickey Harris

Search WLN

You can now search back issues of the *Writing Lab Newsletter* via the OWL at:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/wln>. We continue to publish and distribute the Newsletter by subscription. However, the first 27 years are linked in a searchable format and available to all members of the public.

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Staff News

Linda Bergmann has co-edited a book, *Composition and/or Literature: The End(s) of Education*, published in March 2006 by the NCTE Press.

Tammy Conard-Salvo has been promoted from Assistant to Associate Director of the Writing Lab. She was also elected as a Board member for the ECWCA and serves on its technology subcommittee.

Wendy Madore joined the staff in June 2006 as the Managing Editor for the Writing Lab Newsletter and Administrative Manager for the Writing Lab.



Tammy Conard-Salvo, Associate Director

Welcome Students

We are pleased to welcome 17 graduate and 9 undergraduate students to our staff for the fall 2006 semester.

Graduate Tutors

Dana Bisignani
C. Jo Doran*
John Hitz*
Jaisree Jayaraman
Kristine Johnson*
Ryan Naughton*
Nathaniel Rivers*
Joy Santee
Richard Severe
Gretchen Steele*
Elyssa Tardiff
Frank Tobienne*
Jodi Wagner
Ryan Weber*
Jaclyn Wells*

Undergraduate Teaching Assistants

Tracie DeMarr
Aimee Kappes
Michelle Kessling
Hadley Moore

Business Writing Consultants

Lauren Davis
Melissa Grider
Stacy Lolkus
Kristofer Whited

Crouse Intern

Katy Schmaling*

OWL

Dana Driscoll*
Karl Stolley

* = New Lab Members



May 2006 Graduates: Chris Balmer, Laura Bradley, and Claire Chaplinski

Recent Graduates

Each May the Writing Lab wishes another great group of students good-bye and good luck. We hope our most recent graduates will stay in touch as they begin their careers.

Changing Roles

You may remember when Undergraduate Teaching Assistants (UTAs) were paired with English 100, a course that Purdue no longer offers. For the past three years, UTAs have been working with first year composition ENGL 106/108 students. Purdue now offers freshmen a 4- credit course covering research and expository writing, as well as integrating multimedia and rhetoric.

e-Newsletter

The Writing Lab Alumni Annotations Newsletter will be moving to an electronic format for the Spring 2007 issue. Please make sure we have your email address so we can keep in touch!

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