



**Call for Papers: Trends in Teaching College Composition
Special Theme: Teaching Argument and Persuasion**

**Collin College
Collin Higher Education Center
McKinney, Texas**

Friday, October 23, 2015

Collin College, a two-year institution serving Collin County, is hosting its third annual conference on trends in the teaching of college composition. This year's conference will focus specifically on the teaching of argument and persuasion in first-year writing programs. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Andrea Lunsford, Louise Hewlett Nixon Professor of English and Director of the Program in Writing and Rhetoric at Stanford University.

This one-day conference will take place at the Collin Higher Education Center in McKinney, Texas, just north of Dallas, on Friday, October 23, 2015. Conference organizers would like to invite scholars to take part in this conference and submit proposals for individual papers, full sessions, or workshops. Graduate students, in particular, are encouraged to submit their work.

Potential topics might include:

- Best practices
- Critical thinking in the composition class
- Use of technology and multimedia
- Visual rhetoric
- Teaching research and/or documentation strategies
- Collaborative and team-building pedagogies
- Civic engagement
- Strategies for dealing with plagiarism

Those interested should submit an abstract of no more than 150 words to Dr. Lisa A. Kirby, Professor of English, at LKirby@collin.edu, by **Friday, August 28, 2015**. Please write "Composition Conference Proposal" in the subject line. Abstracts should also include name, e-mail address, phone number, a brief biography, and requests for technology. Presentations will be 15-20 minutes long, depending on number of submissions accepted. For more information, please contact Dr. Kirby.