

Cultivating Capacity, Creating Change: Assessing the Future of Online Writing Instruction (OWI)

There are brilliant voices doing amazing things in their online writing courses, and there is a need to encourage these voices to speak; therefore, encouragement will be at the center of this Cultivate session. This session will be made up of three concurrent mini-discussions covering the following topics:

- Cultivating New Voices/New Lines of Inquiry in OWI Research and Scholarship
- Sustaining Ourselves as OWI Professionals
- Cultivating OWI Connections

After participants engage in small-group discussions, they will come together as a large group to share ideas. Participants will be encouraged to discuss how to get involved in the subfield of OWI.

Groups will record their main thoughts and action items from the small group discussions, which will be collected, polished, and summarized on the OWI Community Forum (<http://www.owicommunity.org/forum>).

Attendees should leave this session inspired to make a contribution to the subfield of OWI and with an understanding of how OWI fits into writing studies as a whole. Participants will be directed on how they can seek out support and create or maintain OWI connections among established scholars so that the participants' contributions are shared, whether they are non-tenure-track faculty, do adjunct work at a community college, or are just beginning their scholarly studies.

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