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Student Success in First-Year Composition




Friday, February 26, 1999


9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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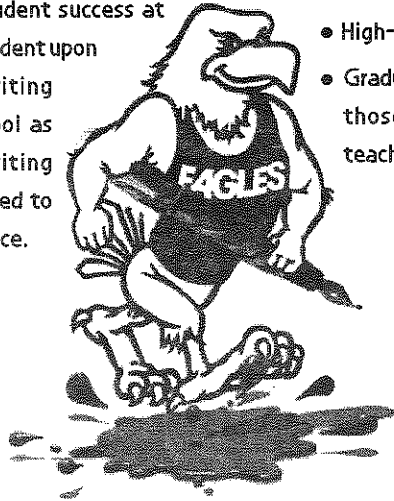
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Conference Overview

This conference is designed to promote the success of students in the first-year composition sequence. In a series of workshops, college writing teachers from around Georgia and neighboring states will share strategies aimed at the effective instruction, assessment, preparation, and motivation of students who fill their classrooms. Because student success at the college level is dependent upon their previous writing experiences, high-school as well as college writing instructors are encouraged to register for this conference.



Target Audience

- Anyone involved in the administration of college or high-school composition.
- College faculty who are interested in methods and goals of college composition, particularly those who frequently teach this discipline.
- Faculty throughout Georgia and surrounding states.
- High-school English teachers.
- Graduate students, particularly those with expectations of teaching composition.

Topics To Include

- **Typical problems faced by students when making the transition from high school to college.** After identifying some of these common difficulties, the presenters will collaborate with the participants to determine which problems can be addressed and who should address them and to develop strategies for resolving those problems that can be addressed.
- **Teacher response to student writing.** The presenter argues that teachers need to reflect upon their commenting practices in light of recent research. During the session's interactive portion, participants will have an opportunity to discuss how they respond to student writers and to reflect upon the composition theories suggested by their responses.
- **African-American discourse patterns and demonstration of code-switching.** The presenters will compare the academic and writing experiences of selected pairs of white and black students.
- **Reconceptualization of the composition program at a two-year school within a university system.** The presenters will detail their efforts to formulate department-wide outcomes for the courses within the sequence and to use portfolios to evaluate not only student learning and writing but also to assess the program.

Registration Information

Pre-registration is requested. Fee of \$35 includes keynote address, interactive sessions, breaks, lunch, and certificates. Check-in begins at 9:00 am. Program begins promptly at 9:30 am and ends at 4:30. Confirmations will be mailed.

Refunds/Cancellations

Cancellations must be received by February 22, 1999, to ensure refund. Substitutes are suggested.

Overnight Accommodations

A list of local hotels/motels will be provided with confirmation of your registration.

Directions

The Russell Student Union, where the conference will be held, is on the campus of Georgia Southern University. It is located just off Hwy 67 (Fair Road). Highway 67 is accessible from I-16. Maps are available upon request.

CEU Credits

This conference meets the criteria for the nationally accepted Continuing Education Unit (CEU). Each participant successfully completing the program will earn .35 CEUs for 3.5 hours of participation through the Division of Continuing Education and Public Services at Georgia Southern University.

Agenda

Friday, February 26, 1999

9:00 am - 9:30 am

9:30 am - 10:00 am

10:15 am - 11:00 am

11:15 am - 12:00 noon

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Coffee and Registration

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Larry Burton



Department of Writing and Linguistics, Georgia Southern University

Session 1

Session 2

Lunch

Session 3

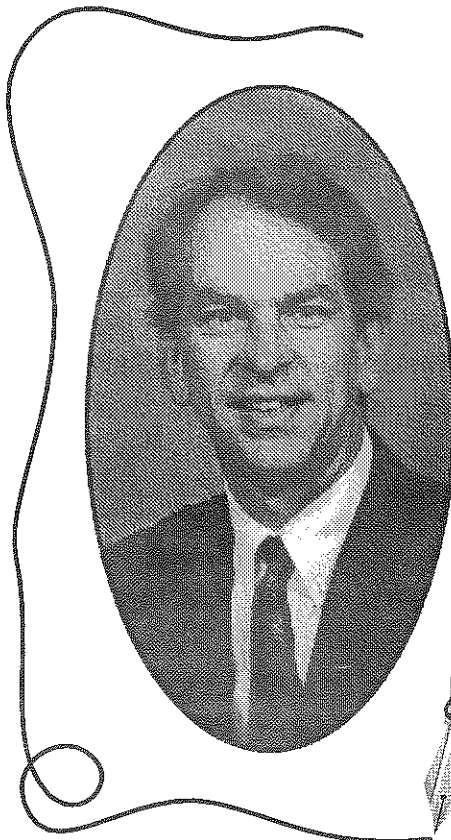
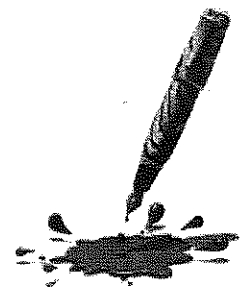
Session 4

Closing Remarks • Meet the Presenters



Dr. Charlotte Crittenden, Conference Chair

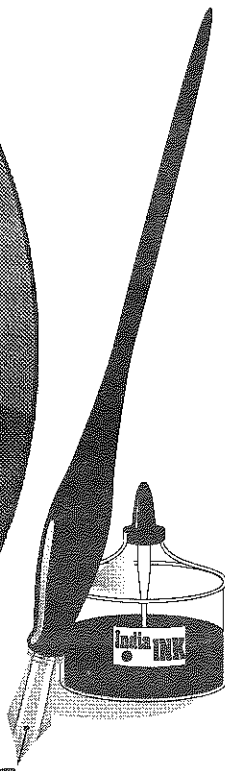
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Keynote Speaker



Dr. Larry Burton is currently serving as the Acting Chair for the Department of Writing and Linguistics at Georgia Southern University. In this position, he led in the establishment of this department and the conversion of the Writing Lab at Georgia Southern to the Writing Center. He received his Ph.D. in English Language, Literature and Pedagogy in 1989 from the University of Virginia. Dr. Burton has worked in the field since 1974. He has made over 50 presentations since 1990, many in the area of freshman composition, and has designed and led over 25 workshops since 1991. He is co-author of *Language of Argument*, a widely used text for composition. He has served on a number of standing committees in the field. Dr. Burton is a member of the Modern Language Association, National Council of Teachers of English, South Atlantic Modern Language Association, and Writing Program Administrators.



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Registration Form

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