25th Annual TAA Conference in June

If you’re looking to explore some hard topics in the Big Easy, then look no further than the 25th Annual Conference of the Text and Academic Authors Association.

The conference will be held on June 8-9 in the beautiful city of New Orleans, and will feature over a dozen lecture sessions, six roundtable discussions, two workshops, and a poster presentation, all to help you improve your writing, help you negotiate better contacts, and learn about new ways to publish your work.

The lecture sessions are available to give you an insider’s view on how to approach a changing landscape in academic publishing. Sessions will include “Publishing On Your Own,” “Challenges of Copyright in a Digital Age,” and “Interactive Contract Improvement.”

The roundtable discussions are available to help you connect and share ideas with peers from across the country. Topics for the discussions will include “Textbooks and Modern Theories of Writing,” and “Advantages and Disad-
Friday Faculty Fest

What: Assessment Strategies: The Basics, Advances, and ePortfolios
Who: Dr. Carol Scheidenhelm and Ms. Shannon Milligan
Loyola University Chicago
When: Friday, March 30 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Where: LIB 301

From Twitter to Prezi, technology is changing the expectations of our students and how universities operate. It is not surprising that approaches to assessment are also evolving in the face of these innovations. Dr. Scheidenhelm and Ms. Milligan will cover topics ranging from the basics of assessment (i.e., “Why am I doing this?”) to advances in assessment, including ePortfolios. Come prepared to learn about assessment strategies and to apply what you have learned to your own instruction.

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present “GeoPrimer: River and Gulf, Party Time on the New Orleans Levees”; and Dr. Joy Hakim, author of many textbooks, including Freedom: A History of US, will present “Textbooks Should Be Great Books!” (You can learn more about Dr. Hakim by viewing two interviews, available at http://cs.pn/GGqKeG and http://cs.pn/GQ4Ea8.) In addition to the aforementioned lectures, roundtable discussions, and keynote presentations, there will also be two workshops available: “Thinking Well, Writing Well: How Basics: A Holistic Approach.”

The poster presentation will sequentially show the process of collecting, editing, obtaining permissions, and formatting papers for publication. If you are interested in attending this conference, remember that the CTRE’s next grant deadline is coming soon (see sidebar for more info). If you have any questions, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or x2498.

Images: New Orleans, Green fireworks, NCATE

NEXT CTRE GRANT DEADLINE APRIL 1!

We’re in the final week leading up to the CTRE’s next grant deadline. If you’re looking for assistance to attend a conference, conduct original research, engage your students in new and exciting ways, or revitalize your program’s resources, then you should make an effort to get a grant application in as soon as possible!

The deadline is April 1 at 5:00 p.m. Applications can be found at www.csu.edu/facdev.