

Our Friday Speakers

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Kate Mangelsdorf is a Professor of Rhetoric and Writing Studies and Director of University Writing Programs at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). Her research interests include critical literacies and second language writing. She has published many journal articles and book chapters and is a frequent presenter at professional conferences. With Evelyn Posey, she has published *The World of Writing* for Pearson, *Choices: A Basic Writing Text with Readings* (4th ed.), and *Discoveries*.

Her current scholarly focus is on standard language ideologies and language demarcations. She was the Principal Investigator on a grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board that supported a major redesign of UTEP's second-semester composition course. She also serves on the Executive Committee of CCCC.

She has held many administrative positions at UTEP, including Associate Dean of University College, Director of Developmental English, and Director of First-Year Composition. She is also the former Director of the Rhetoric and Writing Studies program and the PhD program in Rhetoric and Composition.

She received her PhD from the University of Arizona and has taught at UTEP since 1990.



Evelyn Posey is a Professor of Rhetoric and Writing Studies at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). She has been active in the computers and writing community, writing articles and presenting papers on using technology in the composition classroom and serving on the CCCC Computer Committee. With Mangelsdorf, she authored *The World of Writing* for Pearson, and two developmental composition textbooks: *Choices: A Basic Writing Guide with Readings*, 4th edition, and *Discoveries: A Step-by-Step Guide to Writing Paragraphs and Essays*.

She received a \$3.4 million National Science Foundation grant for the advancement of women in science and engineering academic disciplines and now serves as a consultant to universities who wish to improve the recruitment and retention of women faculty.

A specialist in Composition and Rhetoric, she has served the university as Chair of the Department of English, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts, and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. For five years, she served as Director of English Education and Director of the West Texas Writing Project, a site of the National Writing Project.

She received her PhD from New Mexico State University and has been a member of the UTEP English faculty since 1990.