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Dear English Colleagues,

I am extremely honored to serve as your CCTE President for 2018-2019. I have been a member since graduate school. CCTE was one of the first professional organizations I joined and one of the first conferences I attended. I have a fondness for and loyalty toward CCTE because it was and has been a defining force in my career.

We have some exciting happenings this year, including a new updated website and a dynamic conference planned for February 28-March 2, 2019, in Kingsville, TX. Our webmaster, Lisette Blanco-Cerda has done yeoman's work and more moving the website to a new server and adding functionality that will situate CCTE's web presence for many years to come. As with any new technology, there have been some unforeseen hurdles and we ask for your patience as we work out some kinks. The new website is designed to accept online proposals, but should you have difficulty doing so, please follow the instructions for submission on the CFP attached.

Local arrangements chairs from our conference host institution, Texas A&M University Kingsville, are hard at work to make the CCTE 2019 conference one to remember. We are fortunate to have Dr. Lyneé Gaillet, Distinguished University Professor at Georgia State University, as our speaker at the President's Forum on March 1. This year we are introducing special programs for graduate students, including a lunch workshop on Professionalization in the Profession, led by Dr. Moumin Quazi, Associate Professor of English at Tarleton State University, and Dr. Aniruddha Mukhopadhyay, Assistant Professor of English at Texas A&M University Kingsville, as well as a Happy Hour publication workshop with Dr. Gaillet. Please see the conference registration for more information on these and other events.

Please submit proposals and make your plans to join your CCTE colleagues in South Texas this spring. Invite graduate students and colleagues who are looking for a dynamic professional organization. The conference will undoubtedly enrich your teaching and scholarship, as it does every year.

I look forward to seeing you in Kingsville.

Sincerely,

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President, Conference of College Teachers of English