

## Building Community

Texas College English Association Conference CFP  
(in conjunction with the annual sessions of the  
Conference of College Teachers of English)

March 2-4, 2023  
Midwestern State University  
Wichita Falls, Texas

Scholars and creative writers are invited to submit proposals that explore the 2023 conference theme “Building Community.” The Six Flags of Texas so familiar as a symbol reflect only a narrow part of a rich and storied past. In 1519 when the Spanish flag first flew over what became this state, indigenous peoples had inhabited the land for thousands of years. Texas today is a place with demographics varied by all metrics. Voting places have signage in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, for example, but over 160 other languages are also spoken in Texas.

In “The Meaning of Community,” Chapter Two of *The Road Less Traveled*, M. Scott Peck suggests that community is “inherently mysterious, miraculous, unfathomable.” He also believes that a community is “a group that can fight gracefully.” Diversity, then, is an inherent element of the heart and soul of Texas. How can these elements lead to a building of community?

We welcome fresh approaches, scholarly or creative, to the unique experiences of building community in Texas.

Reading/Presentation Time: 15 minutes maximum (about 8 pages). Scholarly submissions (never previously presented or published) may be complete papers or abstracts of 250 words. Poetry, fiction, or creative nonfiction must be complete when submitted.

Blind review process: Submissions will be judged by the TCEA Board through a blind review process. All abstracts, papers, creative pieces, and panel proposals MUST be submitted with two cover pages: one cover page with the title, presenter’s name, academic affiliation (or “Independent Scholar”), mailing address, telephone, and email address; and a second cover page with only the title of the presentation. The actual abstract, paper, creative writing, or panel proposal must be titled but bear NO writer identification on any of its pages.

Prizes and publication in *CCTE Studies*: One presentation will receive a cash prize and be selected for publication in *CCTE Studies*; all presenters will have the opportunity to submit their works for publication in SCOL: Scholarship and Creativity OnLine, A Publication of the Texas College English Association. Presenters must pay TCEA dues and register before the conference.

CCTE officers and councilors are welcome to submit a proposal to TCEA.

Please submit via email by **October 8** to one of the following:

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