



Oct. 15, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

I hope the first weeks of your academic school year are going well. As you make your plans for 2019, I hope you will consider submitting a paper or abstract to TCEA (Texas College English Association) conference. **The deadline for submission is Nov. 1, 2018.** I encourage you to submit an abstract or a paper and to publicize the submission requirements to your colleagues, both full and part time. I want to also encourage you to invite graduate students to participate and to submit their work to the conference. This year we are introducing special programs for graduate students on Friday, March 1, including a lunch workshop on Professionalization in the Profession and a Happy Hour Publication workshop. Full details about the conference and registration are available at our conference website, <https://www.cctetx.org/>.

Papers submitted to TCEA will be presented at the TCEA sessions at the Conference of College Teachers of English (CCTE) Feb. 28-Mar. 2 at Texas A&M University Kingsville in Kingsville, Texas. The TCEA theme this year is "Texas: Land of Dichotomies," and we welcome both scholarly and creative work on this theme. 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. One presentation from the TCEA conference will also be selected for publication in *CCTE Studies*.

A TCEA breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019, and this year our speaker will be John Riherd. He has written two mystery novels (*A Crimson Grace* and *The Blues and the Ballet*) featuring Samuel Locke, a lawyer and fisherman living on the Texas Gulf Coast. His third Samuel Locke novel, *Peak Performance*, will be published in March 2019. His screenplay *Old Pros* is bouncing around the movie industry and is expected to be published as a novel; he is also working on a young adult novel titled *Her Name Was Natalie*. You can follow his work at [www.johnriherd.com](http://www.johnriherd.com).

If you have any questions about TCEA participation in CCTE, please direct them to me. Faculty members, independent scholars, and graduate students find the CCTE conference particularly friendly and welcoming. We hope both you and your colleagues will consider joining us this coming spring. I look forward to welcoming you to the conference next March.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jana Anderson".

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