

Seeking Connections/Recognizing Divergence: Reckonings and Re-imaginings in Canadian Discourse and Writing Studies Today

Call for proposals

The [Canadian Association for Studies in Discourse and Writing/Association canadienne de rédactologie](#) (CASDW-ACR) enthusiastically invites proposals for presentations, roundtables, or workshops for its 2023 conference. We invite proposals engaging all topics related to writing studies and discourse studies, and other fields that are relevant to the study of discourse and writing, such as:

- multiliteracies
- L2 language writing
- doctoral writing
- undergraduate writing
- scholarly communication
- writing in the professions
- technical writing
- writing and the scholarship of teaching and learning
- rhetorical genre studies
- rhetorical theory
- rhetorical analysis
- discourse analysis
- writing centre theory and practice
- communication
- applied linguistics
- literacies studies
- writing assessment
- and/or the pedagogy of professional and technical writing

While welcoming proposals on all topic, we are inspired by the Congress 2023 theme of “[Reckonings and Re-imaginings/Confronter le passé, réimaginer l’avenir](#),” with its call to consider possibilities for responsible, non-hierarchical relationships within our societies and with our environment. And we recall recent discussions in our scholarly community about the futures of writing studies in Canada. We extend a special invitation to proposals that engage with these themes. Questions to consider might include:

- how do we reconcile divergent emphases or conflicting priorities in the theories we draw on, the discourses we study, the student needs we address?
- how do the discourses we study reckon with present or historical social and environmental responsibilities?
- how do professionals and student writers position themselves within conflicted territories?
- how do our writing practices re-imagine scholarship in and/or across our disciplines?
- how should writing studies and writing instruction in Canada reckon and re-imagine its responsibilities
 - o to Indigenous discourses and ways of knowing;
 - o to the linguistic, racial, and cultural diversity of our communities;
 - o to the environment we depend on;
 - o to writers, thinkers, and learners who are neurodivergent or living with disabilities?

[Proposal Submission Form](#)

How to submit a proposal

DUE DATE

Proposals in English or French of up to 300 words, plus references, are due **by 15 January 2023**.

WHAT INFORMATION TO INCLUDE

In your proposal, please describe the scholarly or teaching context surrounding your work, the study or argument you plan to discuss, the type of evidence or examples you will show, and why the ideas you will present are significant and of interest to this association.

If you are proposing to showcase an approach to teaching or assessment, please show how you plan to contextualize your approach in current research.

If you are proposing a roundtable discussion, please indicate what specific expertise and perspective each presenter will bring.

If you are proposing a workshop, please outline the activities you will lead and explain why the topic is likely to be significant for our members.

HOW TO SUBMIT

To submit your proposal, create a PDF of an anonymized version, including the title and full proposal text. Submit your proposal by completing this [submission form](#) and attaching the PDF. The submission form will request the following information:

Your name and contact information

The title of your proposal

Your status as student, faculty member, or independent scholar, and any university you are affiliated with

Whether you plan to present in person or remotely

(Optional) Whether you are a student who identifies as Black, Indigenous, or as a person of colour, so that we may plan to waive your conference registration fee

(Optional) Whether you will require certain accommodations in order to present and participate in the Q&A discussion

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Types of proposals welcomed

Research presentation (15-20 minutes followed by a Q&A with the audience)

Presentations on innovative approaches to teaching and assessment in writing and discourse studies (15 minutes followed by Q&A with the audience)

Roundtable discussion on a topic of major interest (3-7 presenters, 1 hour including Q&A with audience)

Workshop leading participants through a significant discussion or learning activity, on a topic significant in our fields of research and/or teaching (1 hour, interactive with audience)

5-minute lightning presentation, highlighting one significant question, problem, or idea in our field

About the 2023 CASDW-ACR Conference

Our conference will be held as part of the [Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2023](#). In spring 2022, CASDW-ACR members voted to return to our pre-pandemic tradition of holding our conference at Congress. While there are additional registration fees that come with participating in Congress, there are also additional benefits, including access to Big Thinking events and opportunities to participate in other associations' conferences. CASDW-ACR executive members also appreciate the advocacy work that the Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences (which hosts Congress) does on behalf of Canadian research and scholarship.

As is evident in the [Congress theme and logo](#), Congress 2023 foregrounds responsibilities for social and climate justice—values which many CASDW-ACR members also endorse. The logo has been carefully designed to resonate with traditions among the Anishinabek and Haudenosaunee peoples on whose traditional territories our conference will take place.



LOCATION

As part of Congress, our conference will take place at [York University](#), in greater Toronto, ON. York is a big, urban university. It is on the subway line from downtown Toronto, but it is removed from the city center. There are hotels near York as well as residence spaces available for registrants to Congress.

DATES

Our conference will be held **Sunday, May 28 and Monday, May 29, 2023**. We are planning for two jam-packed days of featured speakers and conference sessions, with opportunities for conversation and community-building. There will be no concurrent session; this will allow us, within the limited tech resources available to us at York, to make sure that participants joining remotely can access all presentations.

MODE

Our conference will be held in hybrid mode, although due to technical limitations at York, a fully, properly hybrid conference is beyond what we can offer. Events will be held in person on campus at York, but we will offer presenters and audience members the opportunity to present and attend remotely. York's available technology will allow us to use Zoom as a platform to connect with remote participants; to livestream all presentations; to project the Zoom space in our meeting room so in-person participants can see and hear remote presentations; and to use microphones so that in-person questions can be heard by remote presenters and audiences. We will not have cameras able to show the in-person room or the audience to the Zoom.

FEES

In order to participate in the conference, most members will need to pay three fees:

CASDW-ACR 2023 membership fees

CASDW-ACR 2023 conference registration fee

Congress registration fee

Current CASDW-ACR fees are

Regular membership \$50

Student (with student ID)/retired/unsalaried membership \$35

[See the CASDW/ACR website for membership information](#)

CASDW-ACR 2023 conference registration fees will be

Fully, securely employed members \$110

Part-time, sessional, or retired members \$30

Student members \$20

BIPOC students (self-identified) \$0

Congress registration fees are

	Early-bird registrations (by March 31)	Regular pre-conference registrations (up to May 26)
Fully, securely employed participant	\$190	\$225
Part-time or sessional participant	\$150	\$190
Student or K-12 educator participant	\$80	\$105
Retired or independent scholar	\$80	\$105
Black or Indigenous student participant	\$0	\$0

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