Laura Plummer’s new direction

BY NICOLE KRASEAN

In fall of 2015, WTS said goodbye to Laura Plummer, beloved director of Campus Writing Program. After working with WTS and CWP since 1990, Plummer was offered a new role at Indiana University: director of the Scholarly Writing Program.

Now, one can find Plummer in her new office in Bryan Hall, where she is a part of the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs. (She has a great view of Starbucks and Buffalouie's across the street).

As the director of the Scholarly Writing Program, Plummer runs weekly faculty writing groups where faculty members are able to come together to discuss writing strategies and carve out some quality writing time in their busy schedules.

The aim of the Scholarly Writing Program is to aid faculty members in their writing process as they write for publications, promotion, and tenure.

Plummer said about 150 faculty members participate in these weekly groups. She said members hail from nearly every school and discipline at IU, which adds for a nice diversity in types of writing and collaborative strategies.

A main aspect of these writing groups is to set individual goals and then progress towards those goals, Plummer said. There are also optional peer review sessions, which meet less frequently, during which faculty members are able to share their work with others and get constructive criticism and advice from their colleagues.

Plummer said she is grateful for the opportunity to lead this innovative writing program and hopes it will grow and expand in the future.

When asked what she misses most about WTS, Plummer quickly responded with “the staff.” She said she misses interacting with the tutors and said that writing centers are, in her opinion, a great place to be.
“Questions Tutees Ask” Bingo

BY VICKI CONSOLO

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<th>Does this flow?</th>
<th>What would you write here?</th>
<th>Using a colon in my title makes it look more professional, right?</th>
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<td>Can I just pull the assignment sheet up on my laptop?</td>
<td><strong>Free Space</strong> (If the tutee says the paper is due today)</td>
<td>So, you’re an English major, right?</td>
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<td>What does “peer reviewed” mean?</td>
<td>Can you just help me fix my grammar?</td>
<td>What’s an evolving thesis?</td>
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Plans after Graduation: I will be moving to Chicago to serve as an Americorps member at City Year where I will be mentoring and tutoring inner city students who are at risk for dropping out of high school.

Favorite WTS memory: My favorite WTS memory has to be discussing (i.e. nerding out, extensively) the cultural significance of Law and Order SVU with my fellow WTS tutors.

Name: Anne Riley
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Favorite WTS Memory: Watching a student have a “lightbulb” moment.
The Ten Commandments of WTS

BY VICKI CONSOLVO

1. Thou shall wear thy WTS badge with honor.

2. Thou shall bequeath thy knowledge of tutoring unto baby tutes willingly, and with the utmost generosity.

3. Thou shall not correct grammar.

4. Thou shall fill out thy time sheet with a keen eye and a firm hand.

5. Thou shall treat banana slips as golden nuggets of truth, and the Jake record as a chamber of tutorial secrets.

6. Thou shall sub for other tutors in dire need.

7. Thou shall not carry thy tutorial over the minutes bequeathed unto thee.

8. Thou shall assist the desk attendant in defending WTS space against all non-WTS intruders.

9. Thou shall preserve the sanctity of thy tutee’s own words.

10. Thou shall tutor by quill and parchment only (no computers allowed).

Those who neglect thy WTS duties shall suffer the reprimands of Anita & Jo Ann.
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Over the years, we've lost contact with many of our friends from WTS as jobs have changed and moves have been made. If you know of a former tutor who's fallen out of touch, please forward this newsletter and have the alum email us at byourwts@indiana.edu.

Thanks!
Have you ever wished you could do more for Writing Tutorial Services even after leaving IU?

Writing Tutorial Services is an affinity group, just like a greek house or Little 500 team. As tutors, we come together with a common interest and shared pride in our school. (After all, we help our fellow students succeed!)

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