We're Growing!
The Writing Center is excited to announce it will be growing in future semesters. The WC plans to add administrative support, an associate director, and several full-time professional writing consultants.

The WC is grateful for the advocacy of university administration, especially AU's provost, Dr. Neil MacKinnon, deans Drs. Kim Davies (Pamplin College) and Jen Sullivan (The Graduate School), and English and World Languages chair, Dr. Seretha Williams, as well as the Faculty Senate. The combined efforts of university administration and faculty have made this growth possible. The center also appreciates the writers and staff who have offered ongoing support over the years and contributed to a culture of writing on AU's campus.

Expansion will allow the WC to develop and implement more writing, communication, and publishing resources for faculty and graduate and professional student writers as they work on projects such as dissertations, theses, grants, and manuscripts for publication. In addition, the WC plans to offer faculty development opportunities to support the teaching of writing across and in the disciplines. The WC will also be able to focus on new supports for undergraduates, including workshops and embedded tutor programs.

The WC is looking forward to offering faculty, staff, and students the tools they need to become better writers, communicators, and researchers.

Our Mission
We're here to help the Augusta University community improve their writing and communication skills through personalized instruction and support.

Our Commitment to Inclusion
The center works to create an environment of inclusivity within which each writer and the literacies they bring to the table are valued and respected.
Undergraduate writing consultant, Kaylee Klossen, was nominated for the Southeastern Writing Center Association's Best Undergraduate Tutor Award. Klossen, a Psychology major, was nominated for her exceptional service to and research within the WC. Kaylee led a research initiative and developed staff training for asynchronous consultations, presenting her work at a professional conference. She has also researched writers' use of asynchronous appointments and mentored several incoming staff members over the last two years. Congrats, Kaylee!

Undergraduate writing consultant, Alison O'Keefe, successfully defended her Honors thesis on STEM students and writing centers this semester. Her project was nominated for the Honors Program's Best Thesis Award by her committee. She will also receive the Distinction of Excellence in Research award from AU's Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship. She plans to revise her thesis in spring 2022 to submit to the top journal in the field of Writing Center Studies. Congratulations, Alison!
Southeastern Writing Center Association
Annual Professional Conference

Fourteen writing consultants submitted proposals to present at the annual Southeastern Writing Center Association's annual conference, to be held virtually in February, 2022.

Elyse Garret (Psychology) and Alison O'Keefe (English):
Humanizing Scientific Writing

Alexis Diaz-Infante (English) and Kolbe Dolin (Communication):
Holistic Approaches to Supporting Writers with Anxiety in the WC

Lee Beard (Cell and Molecular Biology) and Kaylee Klosson (Psychology):
Strategies for Reducing Anxiety in Asynchronous Consultations

Summer Barge (graduate student, Counseling) and Dr. Kevin Lucas (English faculty):
Exploring the Emotional Dimensions of Consulting with English Language Learners

Morgan Hillman (English):
Introversion, Extraversion, and WC Pedagogy

Ma'at Smith (English) and Christian Osborne (Communication):
Age and Power in WC Work

Aaron Hayes (English):
Supporting Working-Class Students in the WC

Alison O'Keefe (English):
STEM Students and WCs

Dean Meyer (Physics/Math):
Emotional Intelligence Training for WC Staff

Dr. Candis Bond (director, English faculty):
Placemaking Strategies of WC Professionals
The WC tabled at all summer orientations, including new faculty orientation and the university's fall kick-off. The WC also tabled during Weeks of Welcome, the Professionalism Forum, midterms, and finals.
The WC participated in Midterm Madness, hosted by the ASC.

The WC Fall Open House was a success!

The WC presented on email etiquette and self-advocacy during LEAP Week and growth mindset during summer orientations.

The WC hosted several writing and English conversation groups, including a group for grad students co-hosted by AU Libraries.
Congratulations to Our Graduating Seniors

Kendra Hewitt
BS, Information Technology
Writing Consultant 2.5 years

Alison O'Keefe
BA, English
Writing Consultant 1.5 years

Welcome to Our Newest WC Family Member

Congratulations to undergraduate writing consultant, Elizabeth Eisner, on the birth of her daughter, Miraslava (Mira). Mira was welcomed into the world on November 24, 2021.