

English Division Mini-Retreat 1
Friday Sept. 18th, 2015, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Student Center

I. 9:00-10:00—Great Ideas

📺 **Where Do They Come From? (Short Video)**

📺 **English Division Great Ideas!**

+ Assessment

--Steve Taylor

+ Curriculum

--Sarah McLemore

+ Student Equity

--Kate Martin-Rowe

--Julie Gamberg

--Elizabeth Bryer

--Reid Kerr

II. 10:00-10:15—Retreat Origins and Goals

📺 **Why an extra retreat?**

+ Your emails about: critical thinking; creativity in the comp classroom; multi-modal writing; common, online, open-source textbook; considering a writing program; faculty reading group in current comp/rhet theory (or some other format for sharing of readings)

📺 **Looking at some Big Questions that surfaced in the emails**

+ How much (and in what ways) do our courses serve the needs of 21st century students/GCC populations?

+ How do our courses currently build on/speak to each other?

+ What are our philosophies about writing/teaching writing/what we value?

+ Do we want to consider a writing program? (And what is that, anyway?)

+ What do we need to study with our students?

III. 10:15-11:30—Where Have We Been?

📺 **Mapping Axiologies of Composition**

☒ Group Activity: mapping personal histories, program “indoctrinations,” evolutions, current perspectives

☒ Groups share (amongst themselves and then between groups)

IV. 11:30-12:30—Lunch

V. 12:30-1:30—Where Are We Going?

☒ How Might We Map Where Our Comp Courses Are Now?

+ What are we already doing?

+ Where do we depart? (From each other? From best serving current students?)

+ Where are the gaps?

VI. 1:30-2:00—Action Plans