LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

On behalf of the Local Arrangements Committee, I extend a welcome to all of you. Many people have committed their talents and energies to making this convention intellectually rewarding, professionally valuable, and socially pleasurable. We will be on hand throughout the convention to extend more personal hospitality, to answer questions and offer advice, and to help you feel at home in a city that all of us on the Committee find endlessly exciting and curiously lovable.

The Local Arrangements Committee has assembled a rich list of New York's services as well as historical, cultural, and entertainment attractions. This compilation, which is available at the Local Arrangements Committee Headquarters at the Conference Registration Desk, includes activities for children.

Enjoy the convention—and New York!

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ABOUT THE CCCC CONVENTION

CCCC Membership: Please Join Us!

Membership in the Conference on College Composition and Communication is open to all who teach or are interested in college composition and the first-year English course. The annual dues of $25.00 include a subscription to *College Composition and Communication*, a quarterly journal. Membership in NCTE ($40.00) is a prerequisite to joining CCCC. Student membership is available, at substantially reduced rates, to full-time students who are not engaged in a paid teaching position on more than a half-time basis. To join CCCC, or to obtain further information, please stop by the NCTE Publications Booth in the Exhibit Hall.

Registration

The Conference Registration Desk is in the Hilton New York, Second Floor, and is open Wednesday, March 21, 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.; Thursday, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; and, Saturday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Those who ordered a *Convention Program* in advance may pick up a plastic name-badge holder at various locations near the Registration Desk. There is no need to stop at the Registration Desk. Those who preregistered and received a Program Coupon in the mail may pick up their *Program* at the *Program* Pick-up Counters at the Registration Desk. For replacement name badges (free) and/or replacement program books (at $10), preregistrants should inquire at the Replacement Counter.

Exhibits

The exhibits are located in the Hilton New York, Exhibit Hall, Third Floor. Exhibit hours are Thursday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Location of Meeting Rooms

All meetings of the 2007 CCCC are in the Hilton New York.

Information for Attendees with Disabilities

CCCC is committed to making arrangements that allow all of its members to participate in the convention. To this end, information for attendees with disabilities was included in the program invitations, in the preview, and online, and we invited those who needed accommodations to contact us by late January. We have made wheelchair space available in meeting rooms, will provide assistance traveling around the headquarters hotel, and have arranged sign language interpreting. We also provided all speakers and session chairs with guidelines that will make sessions more accessible to all convention participants. These arrangements have resulted in conversations between the Program Chair, NCTE staff, the CCCC Committee on Disability Issues in Composition and Communication, and disability studies specialists at the University of Illinois and other professional associations.

Information for Attendees with Infants or Small Children

Parents who bring young children to our convention deserve a quiet place to tend to the needs of those children (and of themselves). This year, we have made special arrangements with the Hilton to provide diaper-changing and nursing/feeding space in the convention hotel, which you can find on the 3rd floor, between the Petite and Trianon Ballrooms. On a related note, the Local Arrangements Committee has listed activities especially for children, which is available to you at the Local Arrangements Committee Headquarters.

Workshops

Held on the Wednesday preceding the Annual Convention sessions, full-day and half-day workshops provide an opportunity for extended time and interaction focused on a particular topic or issue. Each workshop has an enrollment limit, and participants pay an additional fee (separate from the convention registration fee) to enroll. Workshops are run by CCCC members whose proposals have been accepted by CCCC reviewers.

Opening General Session, Thursday 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

The CCCC Convention's Opening General Session is one of two opportunities for convention participants to meet as a group. This session, featuring the Chair's address by Akua Duku Anokye, will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Third Floor.

Concurrent Sessions

Most of the meetings of the CCCC Convention occur in the concurrent sessions held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Each session on the program was highly regarded by teams of CCCC reviewers. All concurrent sessions run for 75 minutes and are of two kinds: 1) panels, featuring two to four speakers who deliver 15–20-minute presentations and then respond to questions from the audience; 2) roundtables, where several panelists make brief presentations, respond to each other, and then respond to questions from the audience.

Special Interest Groups/Business Meetings and Caucuses

On Thursday and Friday evenings, individuals who share common concerns and/or interests will meet in Special Interest Groups and Caucuses. For a complete listing of these groups, see pages 141–144 and 229–232.

THE NCTE/CCCC MOBILE TECHNOLOGY CENTER COMPUTER CONNECTION PRESENTATIONS

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Sponsored by the CCCC Committee on Computers and Composition, the CCCC Computer Connection offers presentations on new software and technologies for teaching composition and literature, computer-facilitated classroom practices, best practices for teaching online, new technology resources, and electronic journals. The Computer Connection takes place at the NCTE/CCCC Mobile Technology Center, which is located in the Exhibit Hall. Information about current and past presentations is available at http://www.computersandwriting.org/cc and will be posted in the Exhibit Hall at the Technology Center.

CCCC 2007 Online

To find links to past versions of CCCC Online and to search the collection, visit http://archive.ncte.org/cccc/.
For this year, home (homepage, that is) is at http://www.ncte.org/cccc/conv.