
MEET OUR NEW STAFF

Amy Whitcomb is a new writing consultant with an expertise in graduate-level writing. She has helped Masters and doctoral students of science, education, engineering, humanities, business, and law improve their academic and professional documents. She has tutored in writing centers at the University of Georgia and the University of Idaho, where she earned a Master of Science degree in Environmental Science and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing. Before entering graduate school, Amy worked as a biological science technician and as an editorial assistant for research journals. Amy can be reached at amyw24@uw.edu.

Carly Gelarden is the new Science Consultant at the TLC. She began her teaching career over ten years ago at the Tacoma Nature Center, where she developed and taught science and nature programs for children and adults. While working towards her Master's degree in Environmental Science at Western Washington University, she refined her formal classroom skills by teaching undergraduate courses in biology, statistics, and environmental science. Prior to working at UW Tacoma, Carly was working as a wildlife biologist, conducting field studies in the Gulf of Mexico as part of the 2010 BP oil spill natural resource damage assessment. Carly can be reached at gelarc@uw.edu.

EXPANDED AREAS OF SUPPORT

Graduate-level writing assignments require highly complex writing skills, yet studies show that writing instruction and guidance for graduate students is largely lacking. Beginning this quarter, the TLC will offer increased support and skills-building opportunities to meet the needs of UWT's growing graduate community.

- Drop-in Hours for Graduate Students: Every Wednesday, 4:00-6:30pm
- Skills Workshops: *Scholarly Voice*, *Proofreading*, and *Flow and Consistency*

The TLC has expanded its **science support** this quarter! Check out the TLC's website to see our expanded hours for science tutoring as well as new science workshops for introductory chemistry and biology courses.

- Chemistry I (TESC 141) support workshops will be held weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5pm.
- Biology I (TESC 120) exam/quiz review workshops will also be held this quarter. Be sure to check the TLC's website in the next few weeks for dates and times.

WINTER QUARTER ACTIVITIES

Learning Strategies Workshops

- Reading and Notetaking of Difficult Academic Material
- Time Management
- Personal Statements and Essays for Academic Applications
- Writing Effective Cover Letters

Quantitative Skills Workshops

Review workshops help students get back into the groove. This quarter's review workshops are:

- Algebra Review
- Calculus I Review
- Fraction Review
- Mastering Word Problems
- Precalculus Review
- Statistics Review

Course support workshops provide students with weekly group sessions with a TLC Consultant.

- Statistic Support (TMATH 110)
- Quantitative Analysis Support (TBUS 301)
- Precalculus Support (TMATH 120)
- Calculus I Support (TMATH 124)
- Calculus II Support (TMATH 125)
- Discrete Structures II Support (TCSS 322)

More information about TLC workshops can be found at:

<http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/teaching-learning-center/winter-2014-workshops>

Spanish Conversation Hour

- Thursday from 12:30-1:30 in SNO 222D

Support for English Language Learners

Kelvin Keown, English Language Consultant, works predominantly with students whose first language is not English. Please feel free to contact Kelvin directly (kelvin3@uw.edu) if you would like to make a student referral or meet with him for a faculty consultation.

Subject Specific Tutoring for Winter Quarter

- Economics
- Accounting
- Spanish

More information about TLC tutoring hours can be found at:

<http://www.tacoma.uw.edu/teaching-and-learning-center/drop-tutoring-schedule>

ODDS and ENDS

We Need More Tutors and Consultants: Faculty, we rely on your recommendations when selecting students to work in the TLC. Our current openings include writing consultant, science tutor, and math tutor. Student recommendations may be sent to: Leah Ganis at lganis@uw.edu for math/science and Jeff Fitzgerald at jefffitz@uw.edu for writing.