

Call for Papers

Honoring the Past, Inventing the Future: TCQ celebrates 20 years

In 2011, *Technical Communication Quarterly* will publish its 20th volume. Our Fall 2011 issue (20.4) will serve as an occasion to celebrate this important milestone. Reflecting its broadly defined theme, the issue will use writing and research to think creatively about the field's future while celebrating its past. As is the case for any act of invention, authors will play an active part in creating the future they envision even as they build such visions from materials that the past has made available.

Possible questions and topics for contributions include (but are not limited to) the following:

- How are today's technical communicators applying the principles and practices they learn in our classrooms to invent new futures in the corporate, governmental, and academic workplaces that are employing them today?
- What kinds of pedagogical practices are most effective and appropriate to prepare tomorrow's technical communicators for the future?
- How are technical communication research methods developing as the profession and discipline mature, and what further developments are likely to occur in the next 20 years?
- How can technical communicators, both within the academy and beyond, work to invent new futures in the broader public sphere outside their places of employment?
- How have relationships such as those between industry, academy, and government changed within the last 20 years, and what further changes are likely to occur in the next 20 years?

If you are interested in contributing to this issue, please send a proposal that outlines your proposed contribution to amy.koerber@ttu.edu no later than December 15, 2009. Feel free to e-mail ahead of time to inquire about ideas or to volunteer as a reviewer.

Proposals should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Please specify the topic of the proposed contribution, the type of research or scholarly work on which it will be based, how the topic relates to the issue theme, and the current status of the project.
- Please limit proposal length to three single-spaced pages, including notes and references.
- Attach a separate cover page that includes name, institutional affiliation, contact information, and brief bio paragraph for each contributing author.
- Do not include identifying information for any author in the three-page proposal.

Proposals and articles will be double-blind peer reviewed. Authors will be notified of proposal status no later than January 31, 2010. Complete drafts of articles selected for development from the proposals will be due to *TCQ* editorial staff July 31, 2010.