

Sugar-on-a-Stick: Networked Writing Instruction and Outreach for the K-12 Classroom

Saturday Workshop: 8:30-11:30 am

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Workshop Description

Participants in this workshop will learn how to use Sugar-on-a-Stick as an inexpensive alternative to networked writing instruction in K-12 classrooms and how the technology can foster collaboration between post-secondary and K-12 institutions. The workshop includes a software demo and discussion on how Sugar can support writing instruction.

Workshop Agenda

1. Introductions (Tammy): 8:30-8:45
2. Background on Sugar platform (Walter): 8:45-9:00
3. Demonstration and Interaction with Sugar; Sugar at Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School (Gerald): 9:00-9:45
4. Break with Refreshments in Stewart 202: 9:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m
5. K-12 Outreach Using Sugar at Texas Tech University (Rich): 10:15-10:45
6. Brief Hands-On with Sugar: 10:45-11:00
7. K-16 Collaborations (Tammy and John): 11:00-11:20
8. Q&A: 11:20-11:30

More Opportunities for Discussion

Special Interest Group and Reception sponsored by the National Writing Project

Digital Writing (K-16): Computers and Writing / National Writing Project Connections

Chair: Carl Whithaus, University of California, Davis

Saturday, May 22, 4:45- 6:30 p.m., Writing Lab, Heavilon 226

Suggested Online Resources

One Laptop Per Child (OLPC): <http://laptop.org/en/>

Sugar Labs: <http://www.sugarlabs.org/>

Downloading Sugar-on-a-Stick: http://wiki.sugarlabs.org/go/Sugar_on_a_Stick

Etoys: <http://squeakland.org/>

Scratch: <http://scratch.mit.edu/>

Gerald's XO Research: http://web.me.com/geraldar/The_Shape_of_Disruption/Welcome.html

Sugar Marketing Info and Presentations: http://wiki.sugarlabs.org/go/Marketing_Team/Resources

Texas Tech University's outreach with Sugar and K-12: <http://richrice.com/5365/iplay-short.mov>

Texas Tech University's Multiple Literacy Lab: <http://iMuLL.info>

Purdue University Online Writing Lab (OWL): <http://owl.english.purdue.edu>

Suggested Print Resources (Background on Computer-Use in English Classes)

Kemp, Fred O and Thomas T. Barker. "Network Theory: A Postmodern Pedagogy for the Writing Classroom." *Computers and Community: Teaching Composition in the Twenty-First Century*. Ed. Carolyn Handa. Portsmouth, NH: Boynton/Cook, 1990. 1-27.

Kemp, Fred. "Student to Student: Putting Computers in Writing Classrooms." *Approaches to Computer Writing Classrooms: Learning from Practical Experience*. Ed. Linda Myers. Albany: SUNY Press, 1993. 19-34.

Takayoshi, Pamela and Brian Huot (Eds). *Teaching Writing with Computers: An Introduction*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co, 2003.