

Looking Forward: NCPTW 2004 Conference Preview

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Tutors and administrators will be urged to think outside of the box as they contemplate “writing and beyond” at the next NCPTW conference.

Centenary College in Hackettstown, New Jersey will host the 21st annual NCPTW conference October 29-31, 2004.

According to the conference website, the theme, “writing and beyond,” is meant to encourage discussion about breaking out of restrictions we impose on ourselves as tutors. The theme also refers to thinking about aspects of the writing center that we sometimes take for granted such as writing center space, community, and pedagogy.

The conference will also feature a keynote presentation by Dr. Christina Murphy, Professor of English and Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Marhsall University. Murphy is the author of numerous publications for tutors and directors, including *The St. Martin's Sourcebook for Writing Tutors*.

Apart from the usual presentations and speakers, NCPTW 2004 also offers an opportunity to enjoy the area's night life. Dinner one evening will include a performance of *The Rivals*, a comedy performed by Centenary's theatre group, the Centenary Stage Company. Attendees can also hop on a bus for a short ride to New York City where they can spend an evening checking out the sites.