

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CORNELIUS MINOR



Cornelius Minor is a Brooklyn-based educator and part-time Pokemon trainer. He works with teachers, school leaders, and leaders of community-based organizations to support equitable literacy reform in cities (and sometimes villages) across the globe. His latest book, *We Got This*, explores how the work of creating more equitable school spaces is embedded in our everyday choices—specifically in the choice to really listen to kids.

Cornelius has been featured in publications such as *Education Week* and *Brooklyn Magazine*, and with his wife & partner, he has established the Minor Collective, a community-based movement designed to foster sustainable change in schools. Whether working with educators and kids in Los Angeles, Seattle, or New York City, Cornelius uses his love for technology, literature, and social media to bring communities together. As a teacher, Cornelius draws not only on his years teaching middle school in the Bronx and Brooklyn, but also on time spent skateboarding, shooting hoops, and working with young people.

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8:00am - 8:30am

REGISTRATION
JAC Front Lobby

BREAKFAST

from Panera
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Main Event Center (MEC)

8:30am - 8:40am

WELCOME
Amber Nichols-Buckley
Alison Hitch
TCW Co-Chairs
JAC Main Event Center (MEC)

8:40am - 9:00am

WRITE INTO THE DAY
Ellen Shelton
UM Writing Project
JAC Main Event Center (MEC)

9:00am - 9:45am

FOSTERING A COMMUNITY GOAL TOWARD EFFECTIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION:
Rhetorically Listening to Multiple Voices in K-16 Writing Instruction
Kristie Jolley
Brigham Young University
JAC Auditorium A

WHEN READERS AND WRITERS MEET:

Creating Spaces for Belonging, Reflection, and Growth
Leilya Pitre
Southeastern Louisiana University
JAC Auditorium B

“IS THIS TOO MUCH?”: Finding the Balance Between Generative AI Assistance and Authentic Student Writing

Elizabeth Williams
Rob Cole
Kellene O’Hara
University of Mississippi
JAC TEAL Room

THERMOSTATIC PEDAGOGY IN FIRST-YEAR WRITING CLASSROOMS

Geoffrey Bogan
University of Mississippi
JAC Room A05

9:45am - 10:00am

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS
Sponsored by W.W. Norton
JAC Main Event Center (MEC)

10:00am - 10:45am

CREATING COUNTERBALANCE:
The Writing Across All Grade Levels Conversation Continues
Mary Ann Parker
University of Northern Alabama
Bailey Poole
Oxford Middle School
Paige Whitten
Oxford High School
Natacia Faulkner
University of Arkansas - Fort Smith
JAC Auditorium A

TINY WINS WORKSHOP

Liz Egan
Millsaps College
JAC Auditorium B

RETHINKING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME:

Focused Learning Bursts and Collaborative Practice
Jordan Owen
Kristin Tillotson
Pontotoc County Schools
JAC TEAL Room

RESEARCH AND REORIENTATION IN FIRST-YEAR COMPOSITION PLACEMENT

Erika Luckert
Joyce Inman
Jason McCormick
University of Southern Mississippi
JAC Room A05

11:00am - 11:50pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Cornelius Minor

The Minor Collective
JAC Main Event Center (MEC)

11:50am - 12:00pm

DOOR PRIZES FROM THE BALANCE BAR
Amber Nichols-Buckley
Alison Hitch
TCW Co-Chairs
JAC Main Event Center (MEC)

12:00pm - 1:00pm

LET’S TACO ‘BOUT TEACHING
from South Depot Taco Shop
Sponsored by METP
JAC Main Event Center (MEC)

12:30pm - 1:00pm

POSTER SESSIONS Classroom Ecosystems
Anna Platt
University of Mississippi

Space Case: Moving Beyond Literary Analysis
Josh Inman
University of Mississippi

Consulting with Empathy
Marley Maharrey
University of Mississippi Writing Centers
JAC Main Event Center (MEC)

1:00pm - 1:45pm

WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM PANEL
Faculty Panelists
Moderator: Angela Green
University of Mississippi
JAC Main Event Center (MEC)

THIS IS THE VOICE: Modeling Peer Review Writing Workshops After a Singing Competition Show

Gabby Vogt
Lacey Culpepper Stribling
Oxford School District & University of Mississippi
JAC Auditorium A

THEY DON’T KNOW MORE - THEY KNOW DIFFERENT:

Students Talk AI
Sarah Campbell
Ellen Payne
Student Panelists
University of Mississippi
JAC Auditorium B

BALANCING STRUCTURE AND STUDENT AGENCY:

Teaching Research Writing Through Storytelling Techniques
Amber King
University of Mississippi
JAC TEAL Room

BALANCING READING AND WRITING SKILLS THROUGH INTERACTIVE NOTEBOOKS

Kyra Francois
Rankin County School District
JAC Room A05

1:45pm - 2:00pm

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS
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JAC Main Event Center (MEC)

2:00pm - 2:45pm

FOSTERING STUDENT EDUCATION: Creating a Student-Centered Classroom
Madison Hankins
Marnie Hageman
Caryn Dreibelbis
University of Southern Mississippi
JAC Auditorium A

AN EVOLVING MODEL OF DUAL CREDIT AS FIRST-YEAR COMPOSITION

Meredith Beery
Collin College
JAC Auditorium B

“OK, PUT YOUR COMPUTERS UP!”: Analog Activities in First-Year Writing Courses

Jenny Bucksbarg
Ashley Fortner
University of Mississippi
JAC TEAL Room

MISSISSIPPI EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING PROGRAM STUDENT PANEL

METP Students
Rosemary Oliphant-Ingham
University of Mississippi
JAC Room A05

2:45pm - 3:00pm

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS
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JAC Main Event Center (MEC)

3:00pm - 3:45pm

BUSINESS HAS IT RIGHT: Followership Matters
Sarah Campbell
University of Mississippi
JAC Auditorium A

FROM AWARENESS TO REGULATION:

Supporting Student Writers Through Emotional and Cognitive Balance
Emily Cooley
University of Mississippi
JAC Auditorium B

MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH INFORMATION SESSION

Ellen Shelton
Rosemary Oliphant-Ingham
Mary Ann Parker
University of Mississippi
JAC Room A05

3:50pm - 4:30pm

CLOSING RECEPTION
From Nothing Bundt Cakes
Sponsored by Macmillan Learning
Main Event Center (MEC)

4:00pm

TCW 2027 PLANNING
Begin brainstorming for next year!
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