

Imagine & Innovate:

NAVIGATING UNCERTAINTY  
IN WRITING CENTERS

MENAWCA 2021 BIENNIAL CONFERENCE



SCHEDULE

Day 1

27 MAY 2021

Time (GMT+3)	Zoom Room 1	Zoom Room 2	Zoom Room 3
3:00–3:15 p.m.	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b> <i>Inas Mahfouz, Sahar Mari &amp; Ryan McDonald</i></p>		
3:15–4:30 p.m.	<p><b><u>Opening Plenary</u></b> <b><u>Decelerating Our Thinking: Post Pandemic Directions for WC Praxis and Research</u></b> <i>Eliana Schonberg</i></p>		
4:45–5:05 p.m.	<b><u>Presentations</u></b>		
	<p><b><u>Students' Writing Experiences: Implications for Writing Centers</u></b> <i>Jamila Al Siyabi</i></p>	<p><b><u>Face-to-Face to Online Tutoring: Imagining Solutions</u></b> <i>Karleen Cambridge</i></p>	<p><b><u>Responding to Two Realities: A Revolution &amp; A Resistant Pandemic</u></b> <i>Paula Habre &amp; Hala Daouk</i></p>
5:10–5:30 p.m.	<b><u>Presentations</u></b>		
	<p><b><u>Against all Odds: A Journey of Innovation</u></b> <i>Rana Sabbidine</i></p>	<p><b><u>What was Gained? What was Lost? What is Next?</u></b> <i>Jarret Taylor</i></p>	<p><b><u>Effects of Writing Feedback on the Middle Eastern EFL Students' Grammatical Competence</u></b> <i>Shapour Vahdati Nejad</i></p>
5:40–6:15 p.m.	<b><u>Multi-Presenter Panel</u></b>		<b><u>Presentations</u></b> (5:40–6:00 p.m.)
	<p><b><u>What's on the Menu in Your Writing Center?</u></b> <i>Sara Amani, Shauna Loej, Mysti Rudd</i></p>	<p><b><u>Graduate Thesis Writing Support</u></b> <i>Owen Connor &amp; Julia Hudson</i></p>	<p><b><u>Operating a Writing Center Online: Silver Linings</u></b> <i>Maimoonah Al Khalil</i></p>
6:25–7:10 p.m.	<b><u>Workshops</u></b>		
	<p><b><u>Researching the Writing Center: A Workshop on Finding Time and Resources to Publish</u></b> <i>Amy Hodges</i></p>	<p><b><u>Sustainable Change to a Comprehensive Online Learning Support Environment</u></b> <i>Zadija Zahi</i></p>	
7:15–8:15 p.m.	<p><b><u>Networking</u></b> <i>Ryan McDonald &amp; Amy Hodges</i></p>		

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3:00–3:05 p.m.	<p><b><u>Recap of Day 1</u></b></p> <p>Sahar Mari &amp; Maimoonah Al Khalil</p>		
3:05–3:50 p.m.	<p><b>Workshops</b></p> <p><b><u>How might Employing Empathy Interviewing benefit Tutoring?</u></b></p> <p>Nadine Elkholy, Nesta Mwanansaluka, Anna Kurian, Sarah Shamim, Hayyam Iqbal &amp; Janessa Paderes</p>		<p><b><u>“You can do THAT in Zoom?” Engaging Students With Tech Tools</u></b></p> <p>Sahar Mari &amp; Shauna Loej</p>
	<p><b><u>Multi-Presenter Panel</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Fostering Emotional Well-Being in the Writing Center: A Panel Discussion</u></b></p> <p>Maria Eleftheriou, Zahraa Al-Dawood, Alaa Itani, Konstantina Spyropoulou &amp; Tamanna Taher</p>		
4:00–4:35 p.m.	<p><b><u>Best Writing: Cultivating a Culture of Writing at an Engineering University in Qatar</u></b></p> <p>Mysti Rudd, Aljawhara Althani, Van Kenneth Balaoro, Sara Amani &amp; Vanessa Lina</p>		
	<p><b><u>Lightning Presentations</u></b></p> <p><b><u>1. So you’ve been diagnosed with Language Issues</u></b></p> <p>Kimberly Specht</p>		
4:45–5:15 p.m.	<p><b><u>2. Team-teaching Online</u></b></p> <p>Juliet Lovering</p>		<p><b><u>3. Designing Experiential Learning Workshops for Students with Faculty</u></b></p> <p>Sahar Mari &amp; Shauna Loej</p>
	<p><b>Presentations</b></p> <p><b><u>Community writing support at Qatar National Library</u></b></p> <p>Lynne Marie Fraiser</p>		
5:25–5:45 p.m.	<p><b><u>Peer Tutor Training Needs Analysis</u></b></p> <p>Beth Stockham</p>		<p><b><u>Tutor Positioning and MENA Writing Centers</u></b></p> <p>Tony Schiera</p>
	<p><b><u>Academic writing support during the pandemic and beyond</u></b></p> <p>Priya Mathew &amp; Radhika. S. N.</p>		
5:50–6:10 p.m.	<p><b><u>Conversations and interviews: Faculty members on writing</u></b></p> <p>Amy A. Zenger</p>		
	<p><b>Presentations</b></p> <p><b><u>Presentation of Outstanding Tutor Award</u></b></p> <p>Erlinda “Beth” Caerlang</p>		
6:15–6:25 p.m.	<p><b><u>Closing Plenary</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Reimagining Writing Centers in the Midst of Uncertainty: An Interactive Workshop</u></b></p> <p>Maha Bali</p>		
6:25–7:55 p.m.	<p><b><u>Closing Remarks</u></b></p> <p>Inas Mahfouz &amp; Sahar Mari</p>		
7:55–8:05 p.m.	<p><b><u>Closing Remarks</u></b></p> <p>Inas Mahfouz &amp; Sahar Mari</p>		

# Zoom Details



## **Zoom Room 1 — Thursday, 27 May**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84282102362?pwd=Szd6cEFpMUUYra3RkMHo3REo2RWx6dz09>

Meeting ID: 842 8210 2362

Passcode: Thursday1

## **Zoom Room 2 — Thursday, 27 May**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81882989027?pwd=K3VBM0R2Y1IHVFRSMTAwbmtCbIVSUT09>

Meeting ID: 818 8298 9027

Passcode: Thursday2

## **Zoom Room 3 — Thursday, 27 May**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89615997839?pwd=a3BnWS9qSm81TWZRd0ZKaUExZlduZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 1599 7839

Passcode: Thursday3

## **Zoom Room 1 — Friday, 28 May**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89147344765?pwd=L1ZpY1ltOFZUUFNVRDV1Y0hKaTFZUT09>

Meeting ID: 891 4734 4765

Passcode: Friday1

## **Zoom Room 2 — Friday, 28 May**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85996199460?pwd=RjJSOHp5cUtMQ0VaUUk2UEpENG9ZQT09>

Meeting ID: 859 9619 9460

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## **Zoom Room 3 — Friday, 28 May**

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