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A Reading and Discussion

# The Composition Commons:

# Writing a New Idea of the University

# by Jessica Yood

*The Composition Commons* delivers a timely take on invigorating higher education, illustrating how college composition courses can be dynamic sites for producing a democratic, just, and generally educated public.

Jessica Yood traces the century-long origins of a writing-centered idea of the American university and tracks resurgence of this idea today. Drawing on archival and classroom evidence from public colleges and universities and written in a lively autoethnographic voice, Yood names *genres* *of the commons*: intimate, informal writing activities that create peer-to-peer knowledge networks. She shows how these unique genres create collectivity – an academic commons - and calls on scholars to invest in composition as a course cultivating reflective, emergent, shared knowledge.

*The Composition Commons* reclaims the commons as critical idea and writing classroom activities as essential practices for remaking higher education in the United States.

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**Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

**1:00 - 2:00 PM**

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Location: Library - Treehouse Conference Room 317

*\*Registration is required\**

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