



**THINK.
WRITE.
GROW.**

**Two-Year College
English Association
Midwest Regional
Conference**

October 11–14, 2012

**Holiday Inn Downtown,
in the Historic Haymarket—
Lincoln, Nebraska**

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STANDING ATOP NEBRASKA'S STATE CAPITOL

building and recognizable to all Nebraskans is Lee Laurie's sculpture *The Sower*. Installed in 1930 in the midst of the Depression, *The Sower* represents not only Nebraska's agricultural roots, but faith in the kind of imagination that could transform what Willa Cather called the fierce strength of the land into rich and fertile fields.

As we gather to discuss ways to nurture and grow our communities of students and teachers, *The Sower* inspires us to use our own imaginations in considering our work. How do we push beyond a world of quick answers and multiple demands to encourage the practice of rich, textured thought? Just as *The Sower* has faith in the seed, how do we help students believe in their potential for growth through reading and writing? Think. Write. Grow.

You are invited to send a proposal for a panel, session or discussion forum that address the conference theme. To submit a proposal, visit the TYCA Midwest website at tycamw.org. We request proposals be submitted by May 15, 2012.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

TYCA Midwest 2012 is hosted by Southeast Community College, and conference events will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown, located in the Historic Haymarket district, which is home to the Saturday morning farmer's market, a variety of restaurants, unique bookstores, and some of the best locally owned coffee shops in the city. We have reserved a limited number of rooms at \$114 per night; this rate is available through September 14, 2012. To register, contact the hotel directly and mention TYCA Midwest: Holiday Inn—Downtown, 141 North 9th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.



FEATURED LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Dr. Mary Pipher is a best-selling author whose work includes *Reviving Ophelia*, *The Middle of Everywhere*, *Writing to Make A Difference*, and her recent memoir, *Seeking Peace: Chronicles of the Worst Buddhist in the World*. Dr. Pipher travels all over the world sharing her ideas with community groups, schools, and healthcare professionals. Her passionate delivery and down-to-earth stories of hope and resilience inspire people to work together in building better communities.

Luncheon Speaker sponsored by Bedford/St. Martin's



ABOUT LINCOLN

Lincoln, Nebraska offers the cultural & recreational amenities of a metropolitan area with the charm and ease of a small town. The University of Nebraska campus is home to the Sheldon Museum of Art & the University of Nebraska State Museum of natural history; the campus also connects to the new Antelope Valley trail system. The host hotel is adjacent to downtown theatres & shops. Lincoln's lively nightlife includes a nationally-known blues bar & other opportunities for music and dancing. Visit Lincoln's website to learn more: www.lincoln.org





■ **QUESTIONS**

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