

Composition Weekly



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IT'S THAT TIME...

As the semester winds down, I'd like to thank everyone for participating in our ongoing discussion on pedagogies and writing. The professional development workshops and brown bags had consistent turnouts and were places for people to foster rich discussions. I'd like to especially thank Sarah Stanley, Hans Burger, Cody Kucker, Ryan Ragan, Lisa Balvanz, and Sarah Jane Holsteen for all the work that they put into these workshops in order to make our discussions possible.

Like the professional development workshops, the brown bags were rewarding conversations to take part in, and I hope to see more of you join in next semester beginning on Friday, February 3, 2012. I have



not yet decided what we will be reading, so please let me know if you have any suggestions. I will send out the article that we will be discussing sometime in the beginning of next semester.

As we all scramble to finish things up, I'd like to give a little reminder about Write Alaska. As you reflect on the semester, please feel free to post any resources you think will be helpful to other teachers. Prompts, activities, teaching pedagogies, links to writing/pedagogical tips online, and reading material are all examples of the types of resources that will help the site to continue to grow and develop.

Remember, that as a wiki, Write Alaska will become what you and other UAF composition teachers make it into.

I hope that you all have delightful and relaxing breaks over the holiday season... But remember to be careful – dress warm, drive safely, and avoid Krampus – the evil counterpart to Santa Claus. I have decided to include photos of him in this



newsletter in case any of you cross his path over break and would not know how to identify him otherwise. He generally targets naughty children (and brings them to his lair to eat for dinner), but he has been known to club adults over the head with trees... He is a very violent individual and I suggest that if you

see him, make sure to keep a safe distance.