

Welcome to the 7th Writing Showcase! I'm Emma Guthrie, and my pronouns are she/her. I am the UWP Assistant Director and Chair of the Writing Showcase Team. I would like to begin this speech with a land acknowledgment.

"The region in which Bowling Green State University and its campuses are situated inhabit the Great Black Swamp and the Lower Great Lakes region. This land is the homeland of the Wyandot, Kickapoo, Miami, Potawatomi, Odawa, and multiple other Indigenous tribal nations, present and past, who were forcibly removed to and from the area. We recognize these historical and contemporary ties in our efforts toward decolonizing history and thank the Indigenous individuals and communities who have been living and working on this land from time immemorial."

Today, we gather in this online space to celebrate curiosity, openness, and creativity in WRIT students' Showcase projects. The spring semester has been extremely challenging for students and faculty alike, and we applaud the time and effort students put into this extracurricular event.

This year, the Writing Showcase features three categories of projects: Pre-recorded presentations, Poster presentations, and Arts-Based projects.

WRIT students who submitted their projects to this Writing Showcase selected a category that best fit their WRIT project and transformed it for a public, online audience. These types of rhetorical transformations required commitment, time management, and effort. You will notice this when browsing through the Writing Showcase Website.

In accordance with IRB, these projects are for educational purposes only. They are not systematic research studies. UWP administration and faculty value educating students about writing research and the requirements for research involving human subjects.

And lastly, awards! There are \$300 in Showcase awards this year spread over the three project categories. All participants will receive a certificate for participation to develop their résumés. Prizes are sponsored in part by the Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship.

Thank you for listening to this address. Now, let's celebrate excellence in first-year writing!