



**Composing our Profession: Successes and Lessons Learned from a NACADA Writing Group**

**2021 NACADA Annual Conference**

**Friday, Oct. 8, 2021**

**8:45 am – 9:45 am (DECC 212)**

**Writing Group Members:**

**Nicole Gertken, South Dakota State University      Farrah Lokey, Angelo State University**  
**Kacey Gregerson, Univ. of Minnesota-Twin Cities      Katie Larson, Univ. of Nebraska-Omaha**  
**Elisa Shaffer, Kansas State University**

**Moderator:**

Wendy G. Troxel, NACADA Center for Research at KSU

**Overview of the Session**

1. Introductions Wendy
2. Overview of the NACADA Writing Group Initiative

**Questions for the Panel**

Panelists

3. What prompted you to “make a move” and join a writing group?
  - a. Did you have experience with writing groups before?
  - b. What was your level of confidence going in?
4. How did you get started? What was the first meeting like?
5. Talk us through one of your meetings together. What does it “look like”?
6. What do you gain personally and professionally from being in a writing group?
7. Did you have any bumps along the way (personally or as a group)?
  - a. How did you address them or overcome them?
  - b. Are there still bumps from time to time?

**View from the Outside**

8. What do we “see” here? Is this what a writing group should look like?

**Questions from the Audience**

**NACADA Virtual Writing Groups (2021-22)**

To sign up online go to: <https://nacada.ksu.edu/Resources/Research-Center/Writer-Support.aspx>

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