



TYCA 2020 ELECTIONS

The [Two-Year College English Association](#) (TYCA) identifies and articulates the best theories and practices, and pedagogy in teaching English in the two-year college through regional and national conventions and a journal, [Teaching English in the Two-Year College](#) (TETYC). The Chair of the TYCA Executive Committee is automatically a voting member of the [NCTE Executive Committee](#).

About the 2020 Candidates

Once every three years, the Two-Year College English Association (TYCA) elects a secretary to serve a three-year term. The TYCA candidates are nominated by a committee composed of the seven regional representatives to the TYCA Executive Committee and the immediate past chair.

Names on the ballot are presented in random order. The biographical information concerning the nominees' experience and service to TYCA was supplied by individual nominees.

View candidate bios below.

[TYCA Secretary](#)

(one to be elected; term to expire November 2023)



BRIAN HARRELL, Associate professor of instruction of English, University of Akron, OH; Graduate Faculty College of Graduate Studies, Northeast Ohio Medical University; TETYC Editorial Board. **Membership(s):** NCTE, CCCC, TYCA Midwest. **Publication(s):** Articles in *TETYC*, *Children's Project on Palliative/Hospice Services Pediatric Palliative Care*; chapter in *Engaging 21st Century Writers with Social Media*. **Program Contribution(s):** CCCC, TYCA Midwest, College English Association of Ohio.

Position Statement: As a former adjunct instructor in a two-year college, and an active member in TYCA MW, it has always been my passion to serve TYCA at the national level. As a proud holder of an associate degree from Stark State College, I understand the need for quality two-year colleges. Two-year colleges are the backbone of the college system. Students who otherwise would not have the opportunity to go to college have that in the two-year college. Yet, the two-year college has to work to gain respect. As Jeff Andelora writes, "Many of our colleges are besieged by reduced budgets and legislative and/or administrative mandates regarding developmental education, dual enrollment, and guided pathways—often without faculty input" (TETYC, December 2018). As secretary of TYCA, my job will be to support the besieged. It would be an honor to serve TYCA in this way.



LEIGH JONAITIS, Professor of English, Bergen Community College, NJ; National TYCA Conference Committee; Council on Basic Writing co-chair. **Formerly:** Department chair of developmental English, Bergen Community College; National TYCA Executive Committee Northeast Representative; TYCA-Northeast vice-chair, TYCA Northeast membership chair, TYCA Northeast conference program chair, NJWA Executive Committee. **Membership(s):** TYCA-Northeast, NCTE, CCCC, CBW. **Publication(s):** "Troubling Discourse..." in *Journal of Basic Writing*; *Teaching English in the Two-Year College, Research and Teaching in Developmental English*. **Program Contribution(s):** CCCC, TYCA-NE, NCTE, CADE, NJWA, NYCLSA.

Position Statement: There is power in connection and community. As two-year college English faculty, we work to connect students with the communities in our classrooms and colleges. Likewise, TYCA serves to connect institutions with regions, pedagogy with curricula, and theory with practice. I view the TYCA community as essential for our profession in order to bridge the arbitrary divides encountered by our students and ourselves.

Important Information Regarding the 2020 Election

NCTE, ELATE, TYCA, and Section election ballots will be sent by email to current members in April. If NCTE does not have an email for you on file and you would like to receive a ballot by email, please visit "[My Account](#)" and add it to your membership record. (You may also use "[My Account](#)" to change your email address and update your member profile.) You can contact our NCTE Customer Service Department (877-369-6283) and speak with one of our representatives to update this information as well.

Elections will close at 11:59 pm Central Time, Monday, June 1, 2020. Results will be posted mid-June.

Questions: Please contact [Linda Walters-Moore](#) at NCTE Headquarters.