

## ANNUAL PROGRAM EVENTS

# AN OVERVIEW

The Virginia Tech Composition Program routinely sponsors the following activities to build and sustain a culture of connection, support, and community.



### ONE-WEEK AUGUST WORKSHOP

Each August, the program leadership team organizes and leads a one-week workshop designed to welcome and prepare GTAs who will be teaching in the Composition Program for the first time. (open and optional for all instructional staff)



### COMMUNITY DAY

Thursday of the August Workshop is featured as Community Day, a one-day gathering of all instructional staff organized around a featured presenter and workshop leader from another university and including an early evening social event.



### COMPOSITION COLLOQUIUM SERIES

At least once per semester, the program hosts a featured speaker and/or teaching workshop leader whose visit is intentionally aligned with program principles, curricular emphases, or the expressed interests of GTAs and instructors teaching in the program.



### TEACHING TALKS, TEACHING CIRCLES

The program initiates three professional development gatherings each semester, which are framed as teaching talks or teaching circles. Formats and focuses for these one-hour sessions vary widely and are designed to support all who are teaching in the program. Many are open to the department, campus, and public.