



Teachers, Scholars, Activists:

**TYCA & CBW on
Developmental Ed. Reforms &
Teacher Training**

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Does BASIC WRITING

merit a

STRONG PRESENCE in

composition graduate

programs?

YES. Because . . .

basic writing is
DIFFERENT from
college composition.

Graduate students will . . .

. . . one day make decisions on
programs,
assessment practices,
funding decisions,
future faculty hiring.



Many graduate students will **teach developmental writing** in . . .

- community colleges
- senior colleges
- workplace education programs
- adult education programs
- community centers
- English language learning courses



Many composition graduate students **will be program administrators:**

- writing center directors
- basic writing program directors
- college writing program directors
- adult literacy program directors
- department chairs

From Grad Students to Administrators

Kathleen McGrath, Professor, English & ESL, Mass Bay Community College, Massachusetts

Justin March, Assist. Prof. & Coordinator of Developmental Studies, Jamestown Community College, SUNY

Lisa Diomande, Coordinator & Instructor, HSE Courses, Henry Street Settlement, NYC



Comp. grad students are/will be teacher-scholars who . . .

- lead workshops
- make conference presentations
- write textbooks
- publish scholarship
- apply for fellowships & jobs
- edit journals and books



GENERALLY, Composition grad programs should offer overviews of . . .

- writing development theory/research
- spoken & written language
- multilingualism & multiliteracy
- adult learning and adult learners



Specifically, grad programs should offer opportunities to learn about . . .

- BW Curricula & Instruction
- BW Professional Resources
- BW Program Models
- BW Scholarship
- Public Policy Decisions
- Controversies & Debates

Examples of BW Graduate Courses

**University of New Mexico : BW Grad Course
prepares teachers for specific BW course**

**Council of Basic Writing INNY Award Winner 2016
Bethany Davila & Cristyn Elder**

**City College of New York, CUNY: BW Graduate Course
offered within the MA in Language and Literacy**

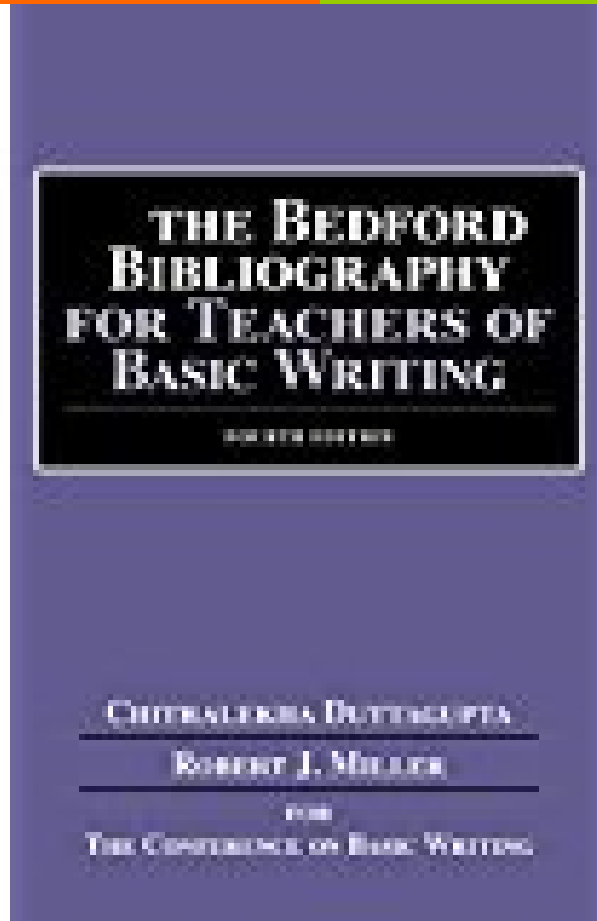
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RESOURCES for BW Graduate Courses

- Hire Professors from 2-Year Colleges
- Invite Guest Speakers
- Bedford St. Martin's: free books!
- Email communications with BW scholars
- *Journal of Basic Writing*
- *Basic Writing Electronic Journal (BWe)*
- COMP/FAQS: Basic Writing Section



Bedford Bib. for Teachers of BW, 4e





Teaching Developmental Writing, 4e

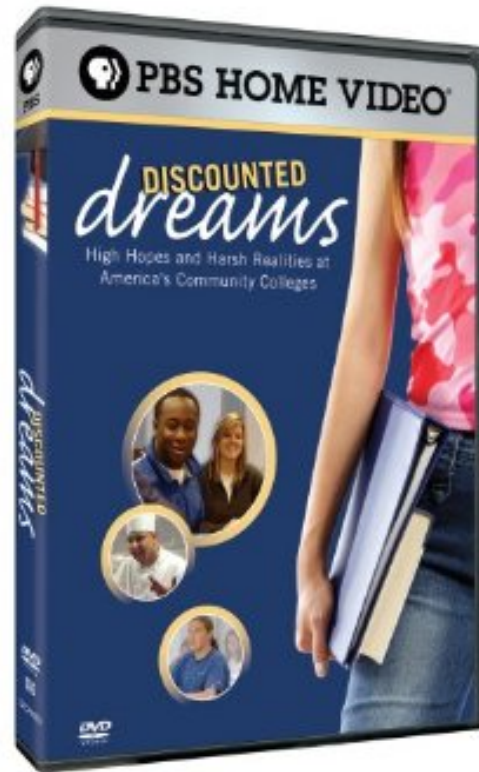
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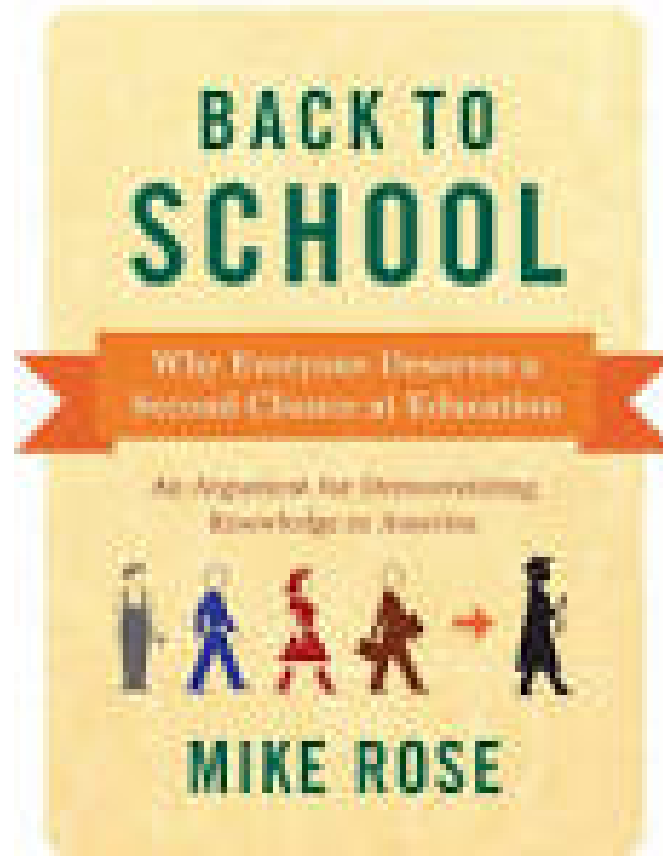


Discounted Dreams: High Hopes & Harsh Realities at America's Community Colleges

Back to School by Mike Rose



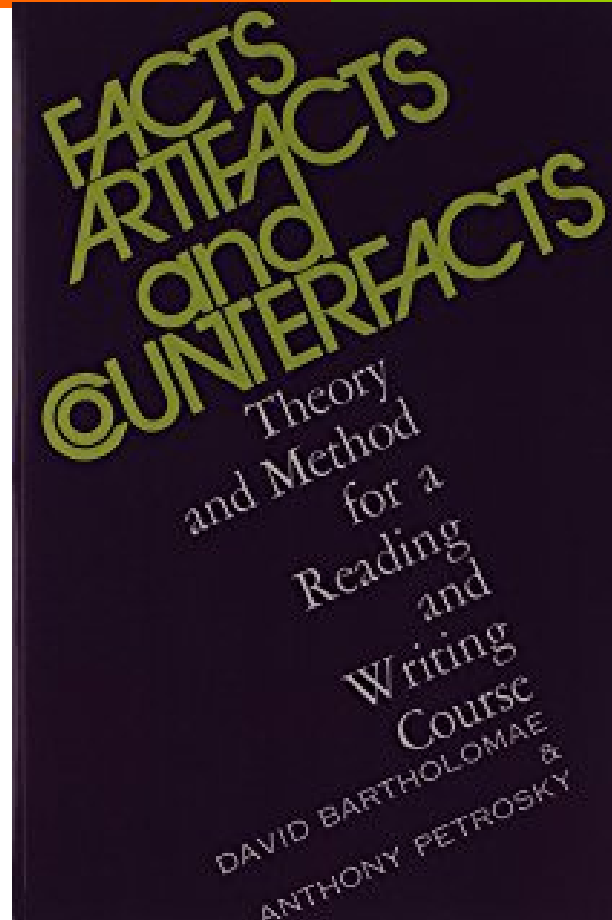
Why Everyone Deserves a Second Chance (2012)






Facts, Artifacts & Counterfacts

David Bartholomae & Anthony Petrosky



Why focus on basic writing as distinct and different from college composition?

Your comments?



“Reasoning the Need: Graduate Education and
Basic Writing.” *JBW* Fall 2006

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