

# Tides that Connect: A Photo Documentary in Haiku About a Writing Teacher Conference Themed Teaching in a Tidal Space: Navigating the Ebb and Flow of Student Learning

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Since 1996, the Two-Year College English Association (TYCA) has provided an additional voice within the National Council of Teachers of English and the Conference on College Composition and Communication. TYCA coordinates work and conferences in the different regions of the United States and some Canadian provinces to share resources, address joint concerns, and learn from others who are teaching introductory writing classes at colleges or universities. As a member and board member of TYCA Midwest, I have attended many outstanding conferences and have come home with strategies and pedagogical tools to implement in my writing courses. I wrote the following reflection in the form of haiku and photography after returning from a TYCA conference.

Scaffolding essays  
always under construction  
welcome to the mess



words to decipher  
destinations to explore  
embrace and breathe words



navigating tides  
that lap into writing class  
poetry happens



remove the clutter  
candy wrappers empty glass  
let metaphor shine



smarter than we think  
occupy composition  
students have a voice



workshops guest speakers  
boat rides and art galleries  
all connect islands



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