

# Congratulations to Dr. Patricia Portanova (PhD Composition Studies, 2014) on the publication of her new edited book, Contemporary Perspectives on Cognition and Writing

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Congratulations to Dr. Patricia Portanova, assistant professor at Northern Essex Community College and a graduate of the English-Composition Ph.D Program (class of 2014), on the publication of her new edited book, Contemporary Perspectives on Cognition and Writing. The book, published by the WAC Clearinghouse, features new work on cognition from renowned scholars including Charles Bazerman, John Hayes, Kathleen Blake Yancey, Irene Clark and many more. It is available for preview at the **WAC Clearinghouse website at the following link**, and a description of the project can be found below:

<https://wac.colostate.edu/books/cognition/>

## Contemporary Perspectives on Cognition and Writing

Since the 1980s, even as international writing scholars have embraced cognitive science, the number of studies building on research in writing and cognition has decreased in the United States. Despite this decline, significant interest and ongoing research in this critical area continues. Contemporary Perspectives on Cognition and Writing explores the historical

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context of cognitive studies, the importance to our field of studies in neuroscience, the applicability of habits of mind, and the role of cognition in literate development and transfer. These works—each of which offers a timely contribution to research, teaching, and learning in the composition classroom—are book-ended by a foreword and afterword by cognition and writing pioneers John Hayes and Linda Flower. This collection, as a result, offers a historical marker of where we were in cognitive studies and where we might go.

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