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ABSTRACT

The Things We Carry: Strategies for Recognizing and Negotiating Emotional Labor in Writing Program Administration will explore different definitions and theoretical approaches to emotion, affect, and emotional labor, while also sharing with readers/participants a method and heuristic for mapping individual programs and institutional contexts. Overall, this project aims to foster the self, micro (local/institutional), and macro (broader disciplinary) conversations necessary for understanding and valuing specific institutional emotional economies and share tangible, replicable strategies for managing and mitigating the emotional labor work taken on by WPAs on university campuses.