

Heroes

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Kristin Arola: “I was thinking the first kind of people that come to mind are really Cindy and Gail, which is kind of an obvious answer. But I do think especially watching them over the years at computers and writing, watching them mentor people was hugely influential to me.”

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Cheryl Ball: “Oh my god. My biggest hero is of course, Cindy Selfe. She does everything, she does it with a smile and she gets everybody on board with her and that expands their careers in ways that are unimaginable. Yeah, she is a dynamo.”

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Will Hochman: “Cindy and Gail practically lifted the profession up onto their shoulders, fighting every inch of the academic way.”

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Janice Walker: “Obviously Cindy and Dickie Selfe, Gail Hawisher, Michael Day, definitely! He and I call ourselves twins. We basically say the same things so, I’ll still be at the conference because he will be there kind of thing. But more than just that- Barry Maid also.”

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Kristin Arola: “Michael Day for sure. Janice Walker who is retiring.”

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Lisa Gerrard: “Andrea Herman, Elizabeth Summers, Lilly Bridwell-Bowles, Geoff Sirc. These are people who were working in their early 80’s and Hugh Burns of course.”

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Laura Gonzales: “Angela Hoss would be, if I had to identify my hero in academia she’d definitely be just because of the critical and thorough aspects of her work, but also just her mentoring practices. Which is what I think makes a hero in computers and writing, is being a really good mentor and bringing people in.”

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Kristin Arola: “I really think Angela Hoss has done really important work in computers and writing. Watching the work she does, mentoring people specifically, and running the GRN.”

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Jason Palmeri: “My first and foremost heroes in the field Cindy Selfe and Scott Dewitt. They are really the people who brought me into the field. I would say actually Scott Dewitt especially was directing the digital media project when I was at Ohio State, and then Cindy Selfe has been, you know, her work on technology and literacy in the nineties have been a huge access, a huge influence on my thinking. When I met her, her spirit of generosity, her commitment to what she calls the potent small gesture, her real commitment to getting everyone involved in digital pedagogy and to being really welcoming with multiple ways of coming in the field to help. Like okay! This is a community that aligns with my values. Those were two huge influences on me, it’s not coincidental that I am still collaborating with Ben McCorkle because of my grad cohort. I still remember there was this moment when Ben revealed to me the secret of how it seemed he

knew everything about technology and it was merely that he knew how to google. When he let me in on that particular secret it made it possible for me to see myself helping other people with all things technological. So he was certainly a patient mentor along the way. Anne Wysocki was a huge influence on my thinking.”

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Kristin Arola: “Tracy Gardner is one that I was thinking of. She has been around for a long time, doing really great stuff with both teaching and mentoring and running a first time computers and writing mentoring things at CNW.”

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NAME: “Tracy Gardner, she was a young grad student working with the A list group when I first met her. And she has just, with her lists of ten and her mentoring and what she has done with the _____. I mean she has done marvelous things! I don’t think she recognizes how well respected she is in the field, and the importance of her contributions that I think she has made over the years in computers and writing. And then obviously you know, people who started Kairos, people who have continued to work on CAIROS, people like Cheryl Ball and Doug Eisner.”

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Steven Krause: “I have to hand it to Doug and Cheryl for being able to do stuff with Cairos. The thing about Cindy Selfe is that, she's such a really smart writer, such a smart thinker of all this stuff. I remember going to a computers and writing ball of all places. There was some kind of dinner something thing, I can’t remember exactly what it was and it was at a really weird place, like a VFW kind of place. There came a point in time when people were expected to clean up and there’s Cindy Selfe, folding up chairs and it’s like wow, she doesn’t have to do that! Alex Reed does some really smart stuff in terms of writing and things like that, most of the stuff he says I really tend to listen to and pay attention to. It’s hard for me to admire Bill because I deal with him all the time but I think the kind of stuff they’re dealing with at Michigan State is pretty interesting and admirable.”

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James Porter: “Hugh Burns, Cindy Selfe, Dickie Selfe, Gail Hawisher, Pat Sullivan, Stuart Selber, Johndan Johnson-Eilola, Danielle DeVoss, Heidi McKee- these are people I have worked with and whose work I much admire.”