

# **Troy Hicks**

**Director, Chippewa River Writing Project at Central Michigan University**

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An experienced educator, Hicks leads dynamic professional development around technology and writing.

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## **Biography**

Dr. Troy Hicks is an associate professor of English at Central Michigan University and focuses his work on the teaching of writing, literacy and technology, and teacher education and professional development. A former middle school teacher, he collaborates with K-12 colleagues and explores how they implement newer literacies in their classrooms. Hicks is director of CMU's Chippewa River Writing Project, a site of the National Writing Project, and he frequently conducts professional development workshops related to writing and technology. Also, Hicks is author of *The Digital Writing Workshop* (Heinemann, 2009) and a co-author of *Because Digital Writing Matters* (Jossey-Bass, 2010). In March 2011, Hicks was honored with CMU's Provost's Award for junior faculty who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in research and creative activity. Most importantly, he is the father of six digital natives and is always learning something new about writing and technology from them.

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## **Availability**

Keynote, Panelist, Workshop, Author Appearance

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Writing and Editing, Training and Development

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Digital Writing, Technology Integration, Professional Development

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## **Affiliations**

Central Michigan University

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## **Sample Talks**

## **Creating Your Digital Writing Workshop**

Digital writing tools such as blogs, wikis, digital stories, and social networks can contribute to what you are already doing in your writing instruction as well as appeal to a new generation of students. In this hands-on session, we will explore how new ways of thinking about well-established practices in the writing workshop—student choice and inquiry, conferring on writing, examining author's craft, publishing writing, and broadening our understandings of assessment—could be updated for the digital age. With examples of how to teach digital writing throughout, bring your own laptop so we can begin creating your digital writing workshop.

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## **Education**

**Michigan State University**  
BA English

**Michigan State University**  
PhD Curriculum, Teaching, and Educational Policy

**Michigan State University**  
MA Curriculum and Teaching

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Provost's Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity**

Central Michigan University's Provost's Award is given annually to two junior faculty members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in research and creative activity.

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