

## 'I'm Happy to Announce': Twitter's Function in Academic Discourse

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Twitter, broadly speaking, is a popular social media outlet that connects people worldwide. If people want to tweet their political frustrations, weigh in on popular awards shows, or connect with their favorite celebrities, Twitter is the place. Within academic discourse communities, Twitter serves as a virtual space for teachers and scholars to both share and calibrate their ideas, reflect on the state of their respective professions, and share the good news with the notorious phrase "I'm happy to announce."

Academic Twitter has also become an informal space to reflect on the undercommons of academe, where scholars from all levels and vectors lament on job insecurity, institutional leadership, and the general state of academe. These narratives appear and often solicit vibrant conversations between teachers and scholars.

This roundtable session welcomes contributions from, first, Twitter users, but more importantly contributions from scholars who seek to define the function of academic Twitter. Questions to consider, but not limited to: What is the purpose of academic Twitter? Should academics have Twitter? Do we blur the line between personal and professional when maintaining a persona on Twitter?

Please submit 250 words proposals and a CV to the NeMLA submission site linked here. Deadline is September 30th.

If you have any questions, you can contact Kaitlin Tonti at [ktonti@albright.edu](mailto:ktonti@albright.edu), or Rodney Taylor at [Taylor\\_r@sc.edu](mailto:Taylor_r@sc.edu).

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