

Improving team projects through collaborative writing exercises

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The new program in Portuguese and Brazilian Studies, with its emphasis on collaborative teamwork and the elaboration of team projects, is about to start its third year. As one might predict, the mere fact that students are required to work collaboratively does not ensure that true collaboration takes place. Some teams have risen to the challenge of producing projects that are well-written in a more-or-less uniform style, while others have not.

This semester I will be taking a more strategic approach to the practice of collaborative writing. My presentation will focus on exercises designed to meet specific challenges encountered, some of which will be tested for the first time this Fall.