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Writing the Nation: Writing and Teaching with an OER American Literature Textbook

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Title: *Writing the Nation*: Writing and Teaching with an OER American Literature Textbook

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Abstract: In this lightning talk, I share my experience writing and teaching with my own OER textbook. I was hired by University of North Georgia Press to co-author an American literature OER textbook titled *Writing the Nation* for the University System of Georgia's English 2132 ecore class. Since its publication in 2015 (under a CC BY-SA license), the digital version of *Writing the Nation* has been downloaded over 50,000 times from the UNG press website and has been republished (by a different press) as an affordable Kindle eBook. In the first half of this talk, I describe my experience with the OER textbook composition process. In the second half, I discuss the opportunities I have found and the challenges I have faced in using my own OER textbook in my classes.

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Desired Date/Time: Any day after noon (Mon 4/3; Tues 4/4; Thurs 4/6; or Fri 4/7) except Wednesday, 4/5. (FYI, I also submitted a panel proposal (MS 1047) with these same desired dates and times, so please take care not to double-book me against my own panel.)