Two Weeks Left to Register for the Youth Writing Festival South

Join us for the Spring Youth Writing Festival (grades 6 - 8) in a southwestern locale! Set for Friday, March 2, 2018, at Riverbend School in Pacific, students will participate in three break-out sessions and experience an open-mic sharing celebration.

Click here for informational flyer and registration information. If you are not a middle school teacher, please pass on to others in your district!

Still Accepting Applications for 2018 Summer Institute

In Summer 2018, we will offer two summer institutes—one at the UMSL main campus and one at our outreach site at Jefferson College. We will also be pairing this on-site 6-hour graduate class with another 12 hours of online and/or hybrid classes to finish out an 18-hour Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing.

You are our best advertisement, so please share this flyer far and near--and don't forget about your content area colleagues! The summer institute is richer when we have cross grades (elementary-college) and cross discipline teachers. We appreciate any help you can provide in helping us spread the word!

Thanks for helping us build the next cadre of TCs!

Just a Few Spots Left for the Writing Retreat

Are you working on a dissertation? A memoir? Some poetry? A YA novel? Whatever writing project you're tackling (or dreaming of beginning), having the luxury of time--along with being surrounded by fellow writers--will nudge and inspire you.

When: Saturday, March 3rd, 9am to Sunday, March 4th, 2pm
Where: ToddHall Retreat Center in Columbia, IL
Cost: $64 for a single room--lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday is included

Space is limited. Email Sioux at sroslawski@yahoo.com to reserve a spot.
OneCity Stories - Multimedia Composing for St. Louis Youth

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kRwsp8fB8Y&feature=youtu.be

Please share this exciting opportunity and the short video above with the young writers you know (current 8th-11th graders). OneCity Stories program participants will create and publish multimedia projects with the support of professionals in the journalism, film, and radio broadcasting fields, as well as build relationships with a community of fellow writers.

Printable bookmarks and a flier are linked here. Need-based scholarships are available, and the application window is currently open. Visit https://www.onecitystories.org/ for more information and application materials.

"American Creed" Youth Publishing Project

American Creed is a documentary set to air on PBS on Feb. 27. The program tells the stories of Americans from big cities, small towns, and rural areas all across the country to answer the question: What does it mean to be American? Learn more about the documentary here.

The National Writing Project has teamed up with American Creed to support teachers as they engage their students in this conversation. Students can add their stories via the National Writing Project’s American Creed Youth Publishing Project. Find out more about how to involve your students here.

Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss!

Dinner & Demo -- April 24
Come catch up with friends, have a bite to eat, and learn about some of the great things our book study books have learning this year. More info coming soon...
A Big Shout-Out to the Following TCs!

Christina Melly (SI 2014) is published in *English Journal*. Check out her article "'Can we blog about this?': Amplifying Student Voice in Secondary Language Arts" in the January issue.

Anna Horton (SI 2015) was named Educator of the Year for Fort Zumwalt South High School! What an honor!

**Know someone who should be spotlighted? Let me know odanielsk@umsl.edu**

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GWP Conference -- September 25

Now is the time when administrators and PD committees are planning calendars and allocating budgets for the 2018-19 school year. Talk to your administrator or PD rep today to see about bringing a group of teachers to the GWP conference next fall. What a great way to start the year! More details to come, including a call for proposals...

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