



# Gateway Writing Project **Summer Institute**

#### 2014 Summer Invitational Institute

June 9-July 10, 2014 Mondays through Thursdays

9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. University of Missouri—St. Louis and Harris-Stowe State University

- Six hours graduate credit:
  English or Teacher Education 6880
- Tuition & fees: UMSL summer rate

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#### **Essential Elements**

The heart of the Invitational Summer Institute:

- Living the writing process
- Responding to peers
- Examining grounding pedagogy
- Reflecting on implications for classroom applications
- Rethinking/researching classroom instruction and student learning

The instructor for the Summer Institute is Nancy Robb Singer, PhD

#### **Application Requirements**

Please submit the following:

- Essay on your "Life as a Writer"
- Essay on your "Approach to Teaching Writing"
- Resume of professional experience
- Letter of recommendation
- Successful application to UMSL Graduate School Recommended:
- 3 or more years teaching experience
- Any grade level/any subject area



#### Is the Summer Institute for You?

Few learning experiences for teachers can match the trenches of the classroom, all those young minds teeming with possibility, and you are the teacher who will make the difference. As a constant learner, you tug, bend, and reshape to meet the challenges of today's classrooms.

Little changes a teacher's practice as powerfully and successfully as an immersion into writing. Whether you teach science or history or language arts or elementary students, writing is a central piece of your classroom.



The Summer Institute is designed for educators seeking to unlock the magic of writing instruction as they build their own body of work.

## Why the Summer Institute?

The Gateway Writing Project Summer Institute is an intensive learning opportunity. Grounded in classroom experience and steeped in university

research, the Institute is a transformative learning experience for teachers who want students to communicate their learning through writing. "My teaching was changed forever through the Writing Project," avows Susie Morice, career educator, "and my students developed new success with writing—a direct result of my GWP learning."

Unlike traditional coursework, the Summer Institute is an immersion into writing. Just as professional musicians play, as doctors practice, as athletes run or lift or jump, so too the teacher of writing writes—writing teachers write. The magic of GWP is how readily this learning translates to classroom practice.

### The Design

The Summer Institute is designed to immerse teachers in the pedagogy and the practice of writing. Teachers can expect daily to write, to share with peers using various response strategies, to revise, to read, and to talk just as professional writers do. It is a process, and living that process creates new, revitalized teaching. The pedagogy behind writing as a thinking tool, a communication craft, and an art broadens and deepens teachers' understanding of instructional



practice. It is through the writing that Summer Institute teachers do on a daily basis that new possibilities for the classroom emerge.

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