

The Midlands Writing Project

Announces 20 fellowships for the 2009

Invitational Summer Institute

A Collaborative Gathering of Teacher Leaders K-12

Is this the opportunity you have been looking for?

- Reflect on your beliefs and practices
- Update your knowledge with the latest books and journals
- Discover and enrich yourself as a writer
- Prepare to share your expertise with other teachers
- Join a network of teacher consultants
- Learn how to motivate a community of writers

2009 Schedule

May 06 & 20 4:30 – 7:30

June 8-12, 15-19, 22-26 8:30 – 3:30

Guest Author Kim Angle

The Midlands Writing project (<http://www.ed.sc.edu/mwp/index.htm>)

is a member of the South Carolina Writing Project

and the National Writing Project (<http://writingproject.org>).

Download your application from (http://www.ed.sc.edu/mwp/s_institute.html)

(Invitational Summer Institute)

And mail the application to Victoria Oglan

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Who should apply?

Experienced teachers who are seeking to deepen their understanding of literacy instruction, and who desire to provide leadership in the improvement of writing instruction in SC. Teachers and administrators from all grade levels and all subject areas are invited. Together, they will examine the development of writing at all grade levels and across the curriculum.

What will you do in the Institute?

In an informal, collaborative atmosphere, teachers will become a reading and writing community. They will experience and reflect on literacy processes as they read like writers, and as they generate, revise, edit, and publish their writing. Teachers will learn from each other through conversation and through carefully prepared workshops that each teacher will present to their peers in the Institute.

A large library of books, journals, and teaching resources will be available, and teachers will create the content of the Institute from their own interests, concerns, and shared research. Some recent topics of interest have been: activating students as authors, integrating literature and writing, reading/writing in inquiry projects, conferring with writers, traits of good writing, writing in the PACT test, classroom assessment and rubrics, and struggling writers.

Teacher consultants and visiting writers

South Carolina Writing Project Teacher Consultants (graduates of institutes like this!) will demonstrate successful classroom practices through workshop presentations. Visiting teachers (TC's) and author, Kim Angle, will share workshop insights.

What do the Fellowships cover?

The Writing Project Fellowships, supported by local school districts and grant funding, will cover tuition for the 6 graduate credits (ENGL 690) plus books.

Commitments expected of Institute participants

You are expected to attend every day of the Institute, participating actively in the discussion sessions and the writing response groups. You will read extensively. You will write actively in order to develop your writing ability and to better understand the nature of student writing. You will present a well-prepared and researched workshop (with the support of others!) that will assist you in future in-service work. After the Institute, as an MWP Teacher Consultant, you will make a long-term commitment to the year-round program of Teacher Consultant support meetings, conferences, and in-service work with other teachers.

Application procedure through the district office

Fill out an application form as soon as possible – by March 13, 2009 for full consideration, and return it to your district office. Applications are available online at http://www.ed.sc.edu/mwp/s_institute.html. You will be asked to attend a group interview as part of the selection process (an opportunity to ask questions). You will be notified of acceptance soon thereafter, and then will register through the USC Graduate School. Call the district office or Victoria Oglan at 777-7749 (email: oglanmon@mailbox.sc.edu) for more information.

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2009 Application Form (This is not a registration form)

Deadline for receiving Applications is March 13, 2009

NAME:

SS#

Home Address (with zip code)

Email Address

Home Tel. No.

School

District

School Tel. No.

Grade level / Teaching assignment

Do you have a valid SC teachers' certificate? Yes _____ No _____

Please describe on an attached sheet:

- 1) the experiences that have influenced you as a teacher of writing – workshops, courses, readings, or other
- 2) two or three important beliefs about how young people learn to write
- 3) why you would like to be part of an institute for teacher leaders

Thank you for your interest in the Midlands Writing Project. You will be contacted concerning an interview, which is the next step in the selection process for this Institute.

Please return your completed application to:

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