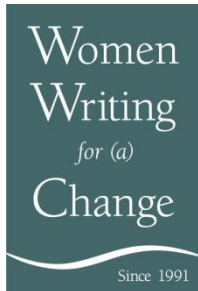


Women Writing for (a) Change® Programs

Fall 2020
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For over 28 years, WWf(a)C has provided a safe, non-competitive environment for individuals to develop their writing skills, cultivate their creativity, and strengthen their voices. Our writers, whether first-timers or the more experienced, find community, connection, and meaningful conversation within our circles. We encourage writing as a process of self-discovery and self-expression—a celebration of the individual voice. Our classes provide a unique

setting in which honoring each other's words and learning to give and receive constructive feedback enrich participants' lives.

Core Classes

In our **core classes**, facilitators offer writing prompts and resources, and encourage participants to choose and develop their own subject matter. Classes allow for personal writing time, sharing in large and small groups, guidance in giving and receiving useful, positive feedback, and opportunities to read aloud to an audience.

Fall Term – 14-Week Classes -- \$445 (via Zoom)

Wednesdays, Sep 9-Dec 16, 7-9:30pm – Diane Debevec
(Open to Women and Non-Binary Adults. Please note there will be no class on November 25th.)

Thursdays, Sep 10-Dec 17, 10am-12:30pm – Elizabeth Mannion
(Open to Women. Please note there will be no class on November 26th.)

Fall Term – 10-Week Classes - \$309 (via Zoom)

Tuesdays, Sep 15-Nov 17, 10am-12:30pm – Sally Schneider
(Open to Women)

Wednesdays, Sep 16-Nov 18, 10am-12:30pm – Sally Schneider
(Open to Women)

Wednesdays, Sep 16-Nov 18, 7-9:30pm – Laurie Lambert
(Open to All Genders)

Specialty Classes

Our specialty classes offer theme-based opportunities for writers and those wishing to explore other forms of creativity in addition to writing. Specialty Classes incorporate WWf(a)C circle practices into each session. Some classes are for all genders.

SoulCollage® Sunday: finding Treasures in Unexpected Places - \$55 (via Zoom)

Facilitator: Amy Sullivan, September 20, 12-4pm

As you have walked through your world during these times, what unexpected treasures have you discovered? In this class, we invite you to explore those gifts or burdens with images, reflection and writing. Incorporating WWf(a)C circle traditions, this workshop will introduce participants to the SoulCollage® creative process and practice. Learn how to work with images and your own intuition to create collages of deep personal reflection and write about the experience. No previous experience required.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: SEPTEMBER 10. This VIRTUAL SESSION will be held using the Zoom platform. Materials—including 50 images, three 5x8 mats, three plastic sleeves, and class handouts—will be mailed to your no later than September 10. Participants will need to have scissors, glue stick, a quiet private work space, and any extra images that you might want to use. Open to Women and Trans and Gender Non-Conforming participants 16+

Let's Be Perfectly Queer: Fall Series 1 - \$149 (via Zoom) or Bundle and Save! Fall Series 1 & 2 - \$273 (via Zoom)

Facilitators: Hannah Simon Goldman & Janie Baer

Series 1: Tuesdays, Sep 22-Oct 27, 7-9:30pm

Series 1 & 2 Bundle: Tuesdays, Sep 22-Dec 22, 7-9:30pm

We will continue to explore our own writing within the broader context of queer literature. We will read queer literary icons of our past, as well as engage with contemporary queer writers who continue questioning whose stories and modes of expression still live in the margins. Open to All Genders 18+. **Questions? We have a FREE Sampler for this class September 15, 7-8:30pm.**

Womxn Writing about Whiteness & Anti-racism - \$149 (via Zoom)

Facilitators: Meg Stentz and Monique Hoeflinger

Four Thursdays: Oct 8, 22 and Nov 5, 19, 7-9:30pm

Come be in community with other womxn interested in exploring race and racism, and what it means to be anti-racist. We will work from an understanding that this is a life-long journey and meet each other where we are with open minds and hearts. We will use *Waking up White*, and *Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving to ground our learning and exploration, as well as facilitator-provided articles and podcasts. Book purchase is up to the individual. Open to Women, Trans and Non-binary Writers.

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Craft of Writing Classes

These classes provide participants the opportunity to further hone their writing voice through instructions and exercises on craft designed to strengthen the power of story within their work. Whether writing memoir, creative non-fiction, or fiction, participants will benefit from these focused classes. Poets and essayists also find our Craft of Writing classes instrumental in shaping their work.

Deep Craft: Shaping Your Scenes - \$245 (via Zoom)

Facilitator: Karen Novak & Guest Artist Tina Neyer

Oct 3-Nov 21, 9-11:30am

In this 8-part series, we will dive deep into the basics of scene craft: Structure, Event, Beats, and Pulse. Learn aspects of a good story, such as Point of View, themes vs. motifs, pacing, tension, show and tell, descriptive language, and the necessity of narrative exposition and why it is different than scene construction. These classes are intended for those already at work on large scale writing projects from memoirs to novels. Open to All Genders 18+. Designed for writers who want to strengthen their memoir, fiction, and short story projects. **Questions? We have a FREE Sampler for this class on September 19, 10-11:30am.**

Classes for Youth

Open to young women, girls, teens, and trans and gender nonconforming (TGNC) youth in grades 4-12. Classes and camps use the art of writing and other arts to enhance self-esteem and build skills in creative self-expression. Programs are designed to help strengthen participants' authentic voices, develop their ability to speak out through writing and direct interaction, and deepen their belief in their own creative intelligence.

Classes are currently being developed.

Our mission is to nurture and celebrate the individual voice by facilitating supportive writing circles and by encouraging people to craft more conscious lives through the art of writing and the practices of community. For more information about our programs or our organization, visit womenwriting.org or call 513-272-1171

Check out our website: womenwriting.org and follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/WWFAC for information about our programs, writing prompts, inspiration, discussions, and much more!

Community Programs and Events

Offered by WWf(a)C partner organizations, and friends of WWf(a)C.

WWf(a)C Annual Author Series Presents:

Mariama J. Lockington

FREE Virtual Reading/Talk/Q&A Sept 25, 7-8:30pm

Workshop Sept 26, 10am-12:30pm - \$50

Our Annual Author Series presents Mariama J. Lockington (transracial adoptee, author and educator) for two very special virtual events.

Friday evening is titled **Reading to Survive: #OwnVoices Representation in Children's Literature**, in which she will read excerpts from her debut middle grade novel **For Black Girls Like Me**, while discussing her personal journey with reading, writing, and the importance of seeing oneself reflected in literature as a young person.

Saturday Mariama will facilitate **Writing to Survive: Crafting the Story of Your Heart**. This intergenerational workshop will guide participants in understanding how storytelling—in many forms—can be a tool for survival. What is the story of your heart? How will you tell it? Why will it matter? Hosted by Lisa Rocklin, WWf(a)C Executive Director.

Friday night is open to all; Saturday workshop is open to all genders, all ages 12+

Wine, Words & You!

A Virtual Event – October 24th, 7pm

Tickets are now available for this year's **Wine, Words & You** event, which is virtual this year! Guest poet Manuel Iris will read, in addition to four WWf(a)C writers. Brief information sessions on the wines selected for the event will be presented by Richard Goering, of DEPS. Alternating with the wine information are social breakout sessions. A raffle and a silent auction will be held online too. See our website for the featured wines and ticket/support levels that include wine or wine and food bites for pick up, and even Patron and Sponsorship levels with delivery. Don't miss it!