



CSU Writes

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NEWSLETTER

May you have “brief, frequent, low-stress, & highly rewarding experiences” with a project you enjoy.

Inspired by Dr. Joli Jensen, author of *Write No Matter What* (2017)

FACULTY Writes GRAD Writes

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SPRING 2018 EVENTS

Set a Schedule, Join A Group, Tackle Jargon, Write Stress-Free

CSU Writes's spring semester offerings include new workshops and retreat options as well as some familiar essentials!

The semester starts with Faculty and Graduate Student workshops to schedule their writing and to join a writing group. Every semester starts with these two workshops since they are effective at helping us plan our semesters and we can meet or stay in contact with supportive colleagues from a range of departments across campus. CSU Writes will also pilot facilitated writing groups for International/ESL Graduate Students this spring.

The Intensive Writing Retreat Schedule features a return of the most popular retreats and adds 3 new retreats: a Faculty of Color retreat co-hosted with Ray Black from Ethnic Studies & a Women Jr. Faculty Retreat at the Mountain Campus co-hosted with Cori Wong and sponsored by the Women and Gender Collaborative, as well as Retreats for Grant Writers co-organized with the OVRP. Join in! It's going to be an IMPRESSIVE and PRODUCTIVE spring. For more information & to RSVP: <https://csuwrites.colostate.edu>

RETREATS

- FEB — FACULTY 1.5-DAY Weekend Retreat
FACULTY OF COLOR 1.5-Day Wknd
GRAD 2.5-DAY Weekend Retreat
- MAR — GRAD 2-DAY Spring Break Retreat
- APR — FACULTY Grant Writers TBA
- MAY — GRAD Week-Long Summer Retreat
FACULTY 4-Day Summer Retreat
- JUNE — Women Jr. FACULTY 2-Day Mt. Retreat
Women FACULTY Week-Long Retreat

WORKSHOPS

- JAN — Schedule Your Semester Writing
(with the “Power of Habit”)
- FEB — Writing Group Ups, Stress-Free Writing
- MAR — Write/Speed, Passive Voice, Project Pipeline
- APR — Why Academic Writing Stinks, Strategies
for Postdocs & NTTF, Strategies for ELL



Workshops are generally designated for either Faculty or Graduate Students. Postdocs can attend either.

Spring's New Topics
stress-free writing,
creating a productivity
pipeline, balancing
research/writing for
Postdocs and research/
teaching/writing for
NTTF.

They're Here!

Did you earn a CSU Writes mug this fall?

The long-awaited and freshly crafted CSU Writes pint glasses have arrived!

The perfect vessel for hot or cold beverages, you can earn one by showing up for 20 show up & write. sessions or attending 30+ hours of CSU Writes intensive writing retreats.

If you filled your **show up & write.** card, email Kristina Quynn to arrange for you to collect: csuwrites@colostate.edu

Note: more coffee mugs & “shh, writing” door hangers are on order & will be available spring 2018



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



CSU Writes seeks graduate student and faculty volunteers to proctor **show up & write.** sessions during spring 2018.

Proctoring **show up & write.** can be a great way to make sure you “show up” regularly to write while you help foster a scholarly community at CSU. The duties are simple: at each session, 1) set out attendance & information materials, 2) initial attendees' cards, & 3) write!

If you have 2 hour blocks of time on M-W or T-Th and would like to proctor a particular “show up & write” session, send an email to Dr. Quynn (csuwrites@colostate.edu) with the times of day and the days of the week that work best for you. She'll try to work magic with room scheduling and get you a **show up & write.** session that fits your schedule.

(If your preferred time/day is already taken, we may need to discuss alternatives or other options).

WRITING TIP

Practice writing awareness rather than writing avoidance

For many of us, winter break can be a time of lighter research and writing obligations. With a little awareness, this lighter workload can afford us the opportunity to practice fresh writing habits and mindful approaches to our scholarly craft, without adding any “heavy” weight. (The same cannot be said of those holiday cookies.)

A common habit among researchers/scholarly writers is avoiding writing until deadlines loom and binge writing must commence. It is an often painful, but a seemingly necessary and familiar writing pattern. One that can be difficult to break.

This winter break, consider using your lighter workload to practice developing the writing habits you'd like to maintain through the spring semester. Try being aware (not anxious) about next steps, take a few minutes when you're relaxed to work on that next section of your proposal or manuscript. Put your feet up and practice writing with “comfort and joy.” You may fall back in love with a troublesome project...or you may just find new strategies to deal with irksome or dysfunctional writing challenges. Either way, it helps to relax and to keep in touch with your projects over the holiday season.

Happy writing wishes & Happy Holidays!



Joyful Holidays & Happy New Year

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