

# Newsletter

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Encouraging you to have **brief, frequent, low-stress, high-reward** writing sessions with a project you enjoy.

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

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### Faculty Writing Retreats in Spring 2017

During 2016, CSU *Writes* held five highly successful Intensive Writing Retreats for graduate students! Now, starting January 2017, CSU *Writes* will begin offering writing retreats for faculty.

Weekend retreats (January 28-29 & March 11-12) are designed to help faculty start off the semester and spring break productively by making significant progress on their writing projects early on.

The week-long retreat at the end of May (May 29-June 2), likewise, helps establish a base and routine to prepare faculty as they embark on a summer of writing!

Retreats are an excellent way to get focused on a project, produce much writing, and connect with other academic writers.

**Space in each retreat is limited to 20 faculty and is allotted on a first-come basis.** To learn more about the retreats and to reserve your spot go to: [www.csuwrites.colostate.edu](http://www.csuwrites.colostate.edu)

### Upcoming Events

**show up & write** (Sept 12 - Dec 7)

**FACULTY *Writes***, M & W, 8 - 9:45am (Eddy 120)

M & W, 8 - 9:45am (Forestry 107)

**GRAD *Writes***, M & W, 8 - 9:45am (Forestry 107)

M & W, 3-5pm (NATRS 109)

**The Fall 2016 Workshops have ended.**

**Spring 2017 workshops will be confirmed in December, so look for more information soon!**

**Registration for Spring Writing Retreats is now open!**

You can find more information on Faculty and Graduate Student Retreats at [www.csuwrites.colostate.edu](http://www.csuwrites.colostate.edu)

### Monthly Writing Tip

Over the upcoming winter break, experiment with writing in a **writing-project-only space**, and see if you don't write more easily and efficiently than before. Over time, having a writing-project-only location can help you get focused quickly—cuing your brain that it is time to focus on your current project (not surf the web or answer emails).

Plan to do other kinds of academic or "language" heavy work—data analysis, grading, email, texting—elsewhere. Use your



designated writing-project-only space to do reading, writing, editing related to your current project(s). By designating a space to your project, you can "cue" your scholarly mind to begin working right away similar to how entering a museum "cues" your mind to view and interpret art or how entering an

amusement park prepares you to experience fun. Entering your writing-only space can orient your mind specifically to your writing. Endeavor to be thoughtful, focused, kind, and patient when you go to your writing-project-only space.

Your writing space can be in your home, a portion of your office, a coffee shop, or even in the Lory Student Center—just so long as it is the *designated* space where you *write*. You can change up your "space," too, as you need. Just don't let organizing (or "perfecting") your writing space distract you from getting to the work at hand—writing.

### CFV: Call for Volunteers to Proctor 'show up & write' Spring 2016

CSU *Writes* is looking for graduate student and faculty volunteers to proctor "show up & write" sessions over the spring 2017 semester.

Proctoring "show up & write" can be a great way to be doubly-accountable to ensure you will "show up & write," yourself, because you have others counting on you to be there. The duties are simple: at each session, 1) set out attendance sheet with information materials, 2) initial attendees' cards, and 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 with what times of day and what days of the week would work best for you. She'll then try to work magic with room scheduling and get you a "show up & write" that fits your schedule.

It's a great writing opportunity, writing community service, and line for your CV all-in-one!

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