2017 Annual Creative Writing Seminar for Helping Professionals July 21-24, 2017

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Please make check payable to THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK and return with the registration form by July 7th, 2017. No refunds after that date. Please send payment and registration to:
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The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has designated Iowa City, Iowa, the world’s third City of Literature, making the community part of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network. The UNESCO Creative Cities Network was designed to promote the social, economic and cultural development of cities in both the developed and the developing world. The cities that apply to join to the network seek to promote their local creative scenes, they share interest in UNESCO’s mission toward cultural diversity.
The seminar meets 6 hours daily, Friday through Monday on The University of Iowa campus in Iowa City.

Each day includes a mixture of presentations from invited guests, writing instruction and practice, and peer critiques of participants’ work.

Several hours are reserved for individual coaching sessions with Ellen Szabo.

Registrants usually include a mixture of beginning, experienced, and sometimes published writers. Most participants have not previously attended a writing workshop.

Variety of experience, and active interest and curiosity about the possibilities inherent in creative writing, are the essential ingredients for a fresh and exciting workshop experience.

**SEMINAR FORMAT**

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Improve creative writing skill in fiction, non-fiction, poetry, essays, blogs etc.
- Understand how writing can be used as a professional tool in human services work as counselors, educators, advocates, researchers and practitioners.

**Writing skill topics include:**

- Tuning the Creative Self with Writing
- Writing for Social Change
- Writing to Externalize Your Inner Apocalypse
- Strategies for Shaping Story, Character and Style
- Social Media, the Writer’s Agent of Change
- Flash Fiction/NonFiction

Guest speakers will share experiences with projects related to creative writing for social change, journaling for personal growth, and/or the written word as a tool for enhancing social justice.

**FEES & CREDIT**

The seminar fee is $290 if received by June 21st, and $375 afterwards. The fee does not include housing, transportation or food.

The deadline for registration and payment is July 7th and no refunds are available after that date.

We reserve the right to cancel the seminar if there is insufficient enrollment. Enrollment is limited to 16 participants.

24 contact hours of continuing education credit for social workers is offered for full participation.

**PRESENTERS**

The annual Creative Writing Seminar is coordinated by Mercedes Bern-Klug, PhD, MSW, MA. Dr. Bern-Klug is on the faculty in the School of Social Work and is Director of The University of Iowa Aging Studies Program.

Ellen Szabo, M.Ed. is the founder of Write Now, practicing and promoting the use of creative writing for personal investigation, enrichment and social change. She earned her B.A. from Harvard College, with a concentration in English and American Literature, and her M.Ed. from Columbia University Teacher’s College, in Counseling Psychology. She writes and teaches with focus on how innovation and creativity can illuminate, inspire and advocate compassionate transformation.

For more information, contact Jefri Palermo at 319-335-3750, or jefri-palermo@uiowa.edu

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