

# UMWP Winter Newsletter

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## D a t e s

### Continuity Meetings

January 23, 2007

February 27, 2007

March 27, 2007

### Upcoming Events

June—YW Reading Day

July—Professional Writing Retreat

August—Back to School Bootcamp

Note: All newsletters are sent by email also. If you are not receiving my emails, then please let us know your new email address. We want to stay in touch!



## Summer Institute Applications Are Out and About!

2007 Summer Institute Applications have hit the mailboxes at your school. Look for the bold, colorful brochures in your school mailboxes. Designed by our own Janey Guinn (SI 1994), the brochures include dates and the mail-in application.

If you haven't seen the application and you need one to pass along to a colleague, please call the office (662-915-7925) or download an application from the web site at [www.outreach.olemiss.edu/writing\\_project/summer\\_inst.html](http://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/writing_project/summer_inst.html) > .

Please encourage motivated teachers in your school to apply. The deadline for applications is February 10<sup>th</sup>.

## E v e n t s

### Database Help!

We need your help! Trying to keep our database updated is a challenge! We want to get the news out to you, but we need your contact information! We will be calling you soon, but you can help by sending us your name, address, phone, school, grade level, and email address.

### Fourth Tuesdays Continue!

We just held our first Continuity Meeting for the year, and what a success it was! We want you to join in the festivities, so mark your calendars now and plan to join us in New Albany. We will meet at McAlister's from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23rd. (McAlister's is located just to the left after Hwy 30 crosses over Hwy 78.) This meeting is very casual and gives us the opportunity to keep in touch with each other. Joseph Jones, Cynthia Stanley, and Amber Nichols Buckley are presenting this Spring! Be there! We want to see you soon!

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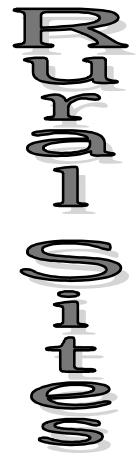
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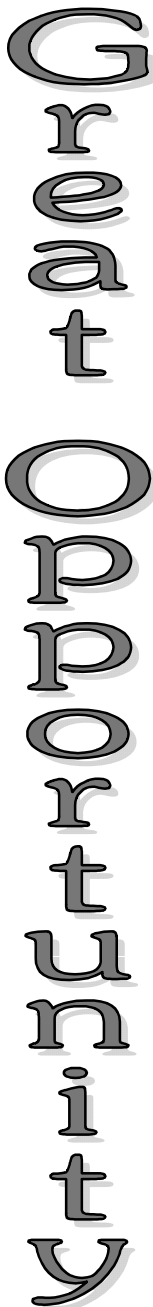
## Rural Sites Workshop—June 11-15, 2007

The UMWP in partnership with the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation will be offering a Rural Sites Workshop for Teachers—June 11-15th, 2007.

For the 2007 institute, we want to take a more historical perspective: we want to examine where we are not and where we are going because of who we were. We want to examine who we are as a state because the past is with us in our culture, in our social interactions, and in our language. As educators, we must deal with the social, historical, and cultural implications of our state's issues and our state's past.



Gotta Move Fast, but...



The Memorial Library Summer Seminar on Holocaust Education in New York City  
Reading, Writing, and Teaching the Holocaust  
July 8 - July 18, 2007  
New York, New York

The Holocaust Educators Network in partnership with the National Writing Project announces 20 fellowships for NWP teacher-consultants in the Rural Sites Network to attend the Memorial Library Summer Seminar on Holocaust Education in New York City.

Using an inquiry-based approach, this program will encourage teachers to think creatively and collaboratively about methods and approaches to teaching the Holocaust. The seminar will consider how we engage students with difficult material such as hatred, prejudice, state-sanctioned genocide, and atrocity, and how writing, dialogue, and inquiry can help us develop empathy and can move us toward action. While the focus is on the Holocaust, attention will also be given to more recent genocides.

The seminar is sponsored by the Memorial Library and by Lehman College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

### Details

- The seminar will be led by [Dr. Sondra Perl](#), professor of English and Urban Education at Lehman College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, founding co-director of the [New York City Writing Project](#), and author of *On Austrian Soil: Teaching Those I Was Taught to Hate*.
- Participants will receive a \$1,000 fellowship, free housing at Columbia University, and a generous stipend for round-trip airfare and meals.

Prior experience teaching the Holocaust is not necessary, but commitment to teaching about the Holocaust during the 2007–2008 academic year is essential.

### Application Information

Applications must be postmarked by January 20, 2007. Please download and complete the [application materials](#) and submit them to:

Dr. Sondra Perl  
Lehman College, CUNY  
English Department, 302C Carman Hall  
250 Bedford Park Blvd. West, Bronx, N.Y. 10468

### Questions

For more information, contact Jennifer Lemberg at [Holocaust.educators@gmail.com](mailto:Holocaust.educators@gmail.com)

Information at [http://www.writingproject.org/cs/nwpp/print/nwp\\_e/181](http://www.writingproject.org/cs/nwpp/print/nwp_e/181)

# O I d N e w s

## Rural Voices Radio Still Going Strong

Tune in to Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB) Radio to hear Rural Voices Radio from Monday, January 2nd through Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Rural Voices Radio, a two-minute statewide program produced by MPB and the Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute (MWTI) of the Mississippi State University College of Education, airs daily at 8:19 am and 12:49 pm daily on MPB.

Emily Nobel, the coordinator of the program for MWTI, is still looking for student writing.

Contact Emily Nobel at [en22@colled.msstate.edu](mailto:en22@colled.msstate.edu) or 662-325-7777

## UMWP Writers in Print!

"Finding Center: How Learning Centers Evolved in a Secondary Student-Centered Classroom" written by Allison Movitz and Kerry Holmes will appear in the January 2007 edition of the English Journal.

## Get Involved!

We had a busy 2005-2006 year: New Teacher Mentoring, Summer Institute, Professional Development Workshops, MWTI Summer Conference, Back-to-School Bootcamp, Young Writers' Workshops, YW Reading Day, and so much more!

Some areas where you might get involved:

- Communications and Reporting
- Project Outreach
- ELL Study Group
- Professional Writing Retreat—Summer 2007
- Rural Sites Workshop—Summer 2007
- Back-to-School Bootcamp—August 2007
- MWTI Summer Conference—June 2008  
(we are hosting so we need to be planning soon)

We have so much many opportunities for you here at UMWP! Get involved!

But writing isn't a mystery. It is a process, a logical series of language acts that anyone who can write – and read what they have written – can perform.

- Donald Murray



