

## ARCHIVE: CREATIVE WRITING 2003-2004

### - FACULTY FELLOW FRAN MCCONNEL

**Project Title:** Poetry Workshops  
**Project Description:** Fran began her workshop by discussing similes, working with humorous list poems, and creating poems using ten words. The students fashioned the poems into pantoums, a Malaysian form of poetry.

**Site/# of Presentations:** Lincoln High School – 4  
**Site/Audience Reached:** Lincoln High School – 100  
**Total # of Presentations:** 4  
**Total Audience Reached:** 100

**Fellow's Bio:** Fran McConnel has taught in the UCR Creative Writing Department for over ten years. She has published poetry, fiction, and essays in journals and anthologies. She has also written book reviews for the L.A. Times, The Seattle Weekly, and The New York Times. McConnel's book of poems, Gathering Light, was published in 1979. In 1978, she edited One Step Closer, an anthology of West Coast Women poets.

### - GRADUATE FELLOW MAMIE COSENTINO

**Project Title:** Personal Essay: Memory-Based Writing Workshops  
**Project Description:** Students were introduced to material that allowed them to consider the essay as a more creative, rather than academic, form. Students read short personal essays and a number of poems, examining them for imagery and description. Students then created their own short essay based on memory, utilizing a photograph of their own choosing as a jump-off point. At the conclusion of the workshops, students had an opportunity to present their work to the class.

**Site/# of Presentations:** Arlington High School – 10  
**Site/Audience Reached:** Arlington High School – 267  
**Total # of Presentations:** 10  
**Total Audience Reached:** 267

**Fellow's Bio:** Mamie Cosentino is pursuing her MFA in Creative Writing with an emphasis in Creative Non-Fiction.

### - GRADUATE FELLOW JENNIFER WRIGHT

**Project Title:** Fiction and Poetry Workshops  
**Project Description:** Jennifer led students through various writing activities and exercises, which enabled students to learn how to express themselves through fiction and poetry.

**Site/# of Presentations:** Hyatt Elementary School – 5  
Sugar Hill Elementary School -5  
**Site/Audience Reached:** Hyatt Elementary School – 90  
Sugar Hill Elementary School – 165  
**Total # of Presentations:** 10  
**Total Audience Reached:** 255

**Fellow's Bio:** Jennifer Wright is pursuing her MFA in Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts. She received her BA in 2001 from UC Riverside.

### - UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWS BRANDI COLEMAN AND ERIN DODGE

**Project Title:** Easy Writer: The Fundamentals of Writing  
**Project Description:** The main goal of this project was to get students excited about writing by providing them with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the

fundamental of writing. Each session was divided into two parts, a presentation of contemporary authors used to illustrate literary principles of poetry and fiction, and a writing workshop.

**Site/# of Presentations:** Creekside Elementary School -5  
Edgemont Elementary School – 5

**Site/Audience Reached:** Creekside Elementary School – 165  
Edgemont Elementary School – 165

**Total # of Presentations:** 10

**Total Audience Reached:** 330

**Fellows' Bios:** -**Brandi Coleman** is pursuing a double major in Creative Writing and English.  
-**Erin Dodge** is pursuing her BA in Creative Writing, with a minor in Business Administration.

- UNDERGRADUATE FELLOW **JUDITH DEPRIEST**

**Project Title:** **Modern Poetry Workshops**

**Project Description:** These workshops introduced students to modern poetry. In addition to readings, classroom exercises on topics such as simile and metaphor, clichés, forms, and different poetic movements allow the young writers to be exposed to different aspects of poetry they may not have otherwise been exposed to in the classroom or in life.

**Site/# Of Presentations:** Lincoln High School - 4  
University Heights Middle School – 6

**Site/Audience Reached:** Lincoln High School - 80  
University Heights Middle School – 177

**Total # of Presentations:** 10

**Total Audience Reached:** 257

**Fellow's Bio:** Judith DePriest is pursuing her BA in Creative Writing, with a minor in Art History.

- UNDERGRADUATE FELLOW **PAUL HLAVA**

**Project Title:** **Poetry Workshops**

**Project Description:** These workshops were designed to excite students about writing poetry. Students were introduced to various types of poetry such as haikus, catalogue poems, and subject poems. They read these works out loud to one another in order to broaden their knowledge of poetry, as well as help develop their skills in public speaking. Students wrote their own poems, which were then shared with the class.

**Site/# Of Presentations:** Edgemont Elementary School – 2  
Grand Terrace Elementary School – 2  
Sunnymeadows Elementary School - 4  
Taft Elementary School – 2

**Site/Audience Reached:** Edgemont Elementary School – 66  
Grand Terrace Elementary School – 60  
Sunnymeadows Elementary School - 132  
Taft Elementary School – 62

**Total # of Presentations:** 10

**Total Audience Reached:** 320

**Fellow's Bio:** Paul Hlava is pursuing his BA in Creative Writing, with a minor in Philosophy.

- UNDERGRADUATE FELLOW **NOEL MARIANO**

**Project Title:** **The Music of Poetry and the Poetry of Music**

**Project Description:** This project introduced students to poetry as an everyday art form present in their lives. Examples from popular music and contemporary poets were used

to show the parallels between the use of imagery and rhythm. Students were encouraged to participate in discussion, as well as create their own poems.

**Site/# of Presentations:** Chemawa Middle School – 10  
**Site/Audience Reached:** Chemawa Middle School – 290  
**Total # of Presentations:** 10  
**Total Audience Reached:** 290  
**Fellow's Bio:** Noel Mariano is pursuing his BA in Creative Writing, with a minor in English.

**- UNDERGRADUATE FELLOW FERNANDO SERRANO**

**Project Title:** **Picking up the Pencil**  
**Project Description:** This project introduced students to a world of writing that is about self-expression. Students participated in writing exercises, reviewed published works, and discussed the various processes of writing.

**Site/# Of Presentations:** Emerson Elementary School – 4  
Longfellow Elementary School – 3  
North Ridge Elementary School - 3

**Site/Audience Reached:** Emerson Elementary School – 120  
Longfellow Elementary School – 78  
North Ridge Elementary School - 99

**Total # of Presentations:** 10  
**Total Audience Reached:** 297  
**Fellow's Bio:** Fernando Serrano is pursuing his BA in Creative Writing.