

ARCHIVE: CREATIVE WRITING 2004-2005

- FACULTY FELLOW **DANA JOHNSON**

Project Title:	Short Story Readings
Project Description:	Award-winning author Dana Johnson read selected stories from her own work, as well as the work of other writers.
Site/# of Presentations:	Air Force Village West – 1 Plymouth Tower Retirement Community – 1 Riverside Adult Education – 1
Site/Audience Reached:	Air Force Village West – 15 Plymouth Tower Retirement Community – 20 Riverside Adult Education – 50
Total # of Presentations:	3
Total Audience Reached:	85
Fellow's Bio:	Dana Johnson is the author of <i>Break Any Woman Down</i> (University of Georgia Press), which was the recipient of the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction, and was a finalist for the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award (Debut/First Fiction category) and for the Patterson Fiction Prize. Her short stories have appeared in <i>Missouri Review</i> and <i>American Literary Review</i> , and are forthcoming in the anthologies <i>Shaking the Tree: A Collection of Fiction and Memoir by Black Women</i> (W. W. Norton) and <i>The Dictionary Of Failed Relationships: 26 Stories of Love Gone Wrong</i> (Three Rivers Press).

- UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWS **JANINE JOSEPH AND LUCILLE LEGASPI**

Project Title:	Opening the Door to Poetry: The Architecture of Poetry
Project Description:	In this workshop series, Janine and Lucille discussed the components of poetry as they relate to the architecture of Japanese homes. Participants used a variety of exercises to learn how to build their own poems. Writers of all levels were invited to participate in this two-hour workshop.
Site/# of Presentations:	Riverside Public Library – 6
Site/Audience Reached:	Riverside Public Library – 47
Total # of Presentations:	6
Total Audience Reached:	47
Project Title:	Contemporary Poetry Workshops
Project Description:	This series of workshops introduced students to contemporary poetry. In addition to readings and classroom exercises, topics such as simile, metaphor, and image were discussed. The goal of this project was to give students a greater appreciation for poetry by using contemporary and more accessible works.
Site/# Of Presentations:	University Heights Middle School – 4
Site/Audience Reached:	University Heights Middle School – 30
Total # of Presentations:	4
Total Audience Reached:	30
Fellows' Bio:	- Janine Joseph is pursuing her BA in Creative Writing, with a minor in English. She is the Poetry Editor for UC Riverside's art and literary journal, <i>Mosaic</i> . - Lucille Legaspi is pursuing a double major in Creative Writing and Religious Studies. She is the Editor-In-Chief of <i>Mosaic</i> .

- GRADUATE FELLOW **NGOC LUU**

Project Title: **Playing with Poetry**
Project Description: Ngoc introduced students to the exciting world of poetry through a variety of discussion topics and writing exercises. The goal of this project was for students to have fun with poetry by experimenting with its varied forms.
Site/# of Presentations: Longfellow Elementary School – 5
Town Gate Elementary School – 5
Site/Audience Reached: Longfellow Elementary School – 29
Town Gate Elementary School - 175
Total # of Presentations: **10**
Total Audience Reached: **204**
Fellow's Bio: Ngoc Luu is pursuing her MFA in Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts. She received her BA in English from UC Berkeley.

- GRADUATE FELLOW **MAYRA ORTEGA**

Project Title: **Fiction Workshops**
Project Description: Throughout the course of these fiction workshops, Mayra worked with each student to help them write and "publish" their very own short stories. Through various games and writing exercises, the students learned that imagination and creativity are crucial to the fiction writing process.
Site/# Of Presentations: Edgemont Elementary School – 5
Town Gate Elementary School – 5
Site/Audience Reached: Edgemont Elementary School – 32
Town Gate Elementary School – 30
Total # of Presentations: **10**
Total Audience Reached: **62**
Fellow's Bio: Mayra Ortega is pursuing her MFA in Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts. She received her BA in English Literature and Creative Writing, with a minor in Spanish Literature from UC Riverside in June 2003. She also served as Fiction Editor for two years for *Mosaic*, UC Riverside's Art and Literary Journal.

- UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWS **DURAN VALDEZ AND BRYAN ZIADIE**

Project Title: **Me Write Good – Contemporary Short Fiction and Personal Essay**
Project Description: The goal of this project was to introduce students to contemporary writers who have fresh and engaging voices and make use of humor, in order for the students to develop an appreciation for literature that extends beyond the classroom. The workshops covered basic elements of fiction such as plot, character, conflict, and resolution. Students were given writing exercises and writing prompts to strengthen their writing skills.
Site/# of Presentations: Lincoln High School – 5
Sugar Hill Elementary School – 5
Site/Audience Reached: Lincoln High School - 150
Sugar Hill Elementary School – 150
Total # of Presentations: **10**
Total Audience Reached: **300**
Fellows' Bio: -**Duran Valdez** is pursuing his BA in History, with a minor in Creative Writing. He is the recipient of the William H. Willis Award. He was the layout designer for the 2004 edition of *Mosaic*, and he is the Assistant Editor-in-Chief this year.
-**Bryan Ziadie** is pursuing a double major in Comparative Literature and Creative Writing. He is the recipient of the William H. Willis Award, and the Chancellor's Performance Award for Writing.