

# ***Duke University Writing Studio E-News***

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The E-News is a monthly newsletter featuring writing-related questions and upcoming events at the Writing Studio. For more information about the Writing Studio, visit our website at <http://uwp.aas.duke.edu/wstudio/>. Appointments with writing tutors can be reserved in advance online.

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### ■ **Make Your Own Valentine Workshop**

Still searching for that perfect phrase for your valentine? The Writing Studio will host the first annual V-Day Workshop in **112 Perkins on Monday, February 12 from 4-7 p.m.**, with free Valentine materials and inspiration for your writing convenience. February 14 has long been an occasion for writer's block, so the Writing Studio has collected some famous romantic lines from literature and pop culture to help you out. Whether a romantic interest or just a good friend, you can impress that special someone with a well-turned phrase and a hand made card. This event is in celebration of International Writing Center Week.

### ■ **Snow Photography & Caption Contest**

Thirteen of your peers submitted up to three photos each to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 1<sup>st</sup> Snow Photography Contest. But it is not too late for you to be a winner, too. We invite you to submit a caption for one or more of the seven winning entries by **Feb. 5**. You can find them on the WS web site under Resources in the Photographs, Audio, and Video Library. Once we select captions, all seven photographs will be featured in the rotating photograph box on the WS home page. Email your captions to [wstudio@aas.duke.edu](mailto:wstudio@aas.duke.edu) with your name, name of the photographer, and the caption.

This year's photography winners are Maritza Sanchez, Harsh Podar, Nicolas Cottely, Hannah Guerrier, Marie Lawrence, Sarah Figueroa, and Cheryl Ho.

### ■ **Upcoming Workshops and Writing Group Schedule**

## WRITING GROUPS

CREATIVE WRITING: TBA. Contact Facilitator: Rod Frey ([r1f5@duke.edu](mailto:r1f5@duke.edu))

SCI FI/FANTASY: Thursdays from 1 - 2:45 PM in Trinity Café. Facilitator: Rabia Gregory ([rabiag@email.unc.edu](mailto:rabiag@email.unc.edu))

ESL READING GROUP: Thursdays at 4:30 PM in the Perk/Von der Heyden Pavilion. Facilitator: Jayoung Min ([jm12@duke.edu](mailto:jm12@duke.edu))

DISSERTATION GROUP: TBA. Contact Facilitator: Richard Musselwhite ([rmusselw@duke.edu](mailto:rmusselw@duke.edu))

## FEBRUARY WORKSHOPS

Avoiding Plagiarism: Working with Sources  
Making an Academic Argument  
Organizing a Research Project  
Getting In: Application Essays for Graduate and Professional Schools, Internships, and Special Programs

Check the website on the Workshop/Group Sign Up page for dates, times, and locations: [uwp.aas.duke.edu/wstudio](http://uwp.aas.duke.edu/wstudio).

### ■ E-Tutor Goes Online February 7

The Writing Studio is launching an online tutoring program on February 7! You will be able to schedule a one hour appointment slot, fill out a detailed submission form, submit a draft online, and receive both audio and written feedback from a tutor. We hope you will consider using E-Tutor in conjunction with face-to-face appointments, depending on your schedule and the specific nature of the text you are working with. E-Tutor is not suitable, for example, if you need a brainstorming session or help with finding sources for a research project. E-Tutor can work well if you work best with written feedback, or when your schedule prevents you from making a face-to-face appointment.

### ■ Featured Handouts of the Month: Prewriting and Developing a Central Claim

Feeling stumped as you begin to draft a paper? Check out our handout on PREWRITING for an overview of techniques that can help get the creative and organizational juices flowing.

<http://uwp.aas.duke.edu/wstudio/resources/documents/prewriting.pdf>

As you begin to craft your argument, evaluate the efficacy of your central claims with the criteria described in our handout, DEVELOPING A CENTRAL CLAIM.

[http://uwp.aas.duke.edu/wstudio/resources/documents/developing\\_claim\\_000.pdf](http://uwp.aas.duke.edu/wstudio/resources/documents/developing_claim_000.pdf)

You'll find additional assistance with Prewriting and Drafting in the Academic Writing section of our website: <http://uwp.aas.duke.edu/wstudio/resources/writing.html>.

■ **Question(s) of the Month**

This space will be used to answer questions you might have about grammar or writing. We will select several questions each month and print the question, your name, and the response here. Email your questions to [wstudio@aes.duke.edu](mailto:wstudio@aes.duke.edu).

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