

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

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The E-News is a monthly newsletter featuring upcoming events at the Writing Studio and answers to writing-related questions. 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. The first time you schedule an appointment, we strongly recommend you choose a face-to-face, rather than an E-Tutor appointment.

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### ■ **Event of the Month: Writing Studio Orientations at Perkins and Lilly**

Have you ever wondered what resources are available to help you strengthen your academic writing? Writing Studio tutors will be available to give an overview of WS resources and workshops and answer any questions you might have. How do you choose for example, between a face-to-face or E-Tutor appointment? At what point(s) in the writing process is it best to schedule an appointment?

Our first orientation workshop will be held in 112 Perkins Library on Tuesday, September 4 at 2:00 pm, and the second in Lilly Library on Thursday, September 13 at 9:00 pm (see “September Workshops” listed below). The latter is scheduled to follow an East Campus Residential Life/Lilly Library orientation, complete with a “Make Your Own Sundae” station, at Lilly Library on September 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Please stop by and learn about some of the resources available on campus.

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

#### **SEPTEMBER WORKSHOPS**

Intro to Writing Studio Resources (Tues. Sept. 4, 2 pm, 112 Perkins Library)

Reading to Write (Thurs. Sept. 6, 9 pm, Lilly Library Training Room)

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Intro to Writing Studio Resources (Thurs. Sept. 13, 9 pm, Lilly Library Training Room)

Working with Sources (Tues. Sept. 18, 2 pm, 112 Perkins Library)

Working with Sources (Thurs. Sept. 20, 9 pm, Lilly Library Training Room)

Making an Academic Argument (Tues. Sept. 25, 2 pm, 112 Perkins Library)

Making an Academic Argument (Thurs. Sept. 27, 9 pm, Lilly Library Training Room)

Check the website on the Workshop/Group Sign Up page for updated dates, times, and locations: <http://aaswebsv.aas.duke.edu/cgi-bin/calendar/writing.pl?option=4>.

## **WRITING GROUPS**

CREATIVE WRITING: TBA. Contact Facilitator: Rod Frey [rlf5@duke.edu](mailto:rlf5@duke.edu)

SCI FI/FANTASY: TBA. Contact Facilitator: Jen Welsh [jlw23@duke.edu](mailto:jlw23@duke.edu)

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

### **■Grammar Tip of the Month: Subject/Verb Agreement**

Either and neither can be singular or plural – depending on whether the subject is singular or plural. Examples:

Either the mayor or his brother is going to jail.  
Neither the Russells nor the Horns are able to come to dinner.

When the construction has both singular and plural elements, most believe the verb should agree with whatever noun phrase is closer to it. Examples:

Either the owner or the tenants are going to have to compromise.  
Either the tenants or the owner is going to have to compromise.

See <http://www.bartleby.com/64/C001/026.html> for a more detailed discussion of this grammatical point.

### **■Quotation of the Month**

“All good writing is swimming under water and holding your breath.”  
- F. Scott Fitzgerald

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