



Offering teacher-centered professional development experiences to educators in *Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Green, Lawrence, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties in Western Pennsylvania since 1984.*

**APPLY NOW for the Western Pennsylvania Writing Project's Invitational**

## **SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS**

**July 6– 30, 2010**

**8:30-3:30, Monday-Friday**

**Meets ACT 48 requirements and includes at least 6 graduate credits\* from the University of Pittsburgh.**

**\* 3 additional credits are available for a Continuation Course taken after the Summer Institute.**

**Open to all teachers—from K-college in all content areas.**

An intensive four-week professional development program in the teaching of writing that invites you to

- Find your voice as a writer
- Discover yourself as a teacher leader
- Enjoy being part of an ongoing teacher-centered, teacher-led learning community
- Learn how best practices in the teaching of writing can meet the demands of high-stakes testing
- Find strategies you can use in your classroom in the coming school year
- Learn to create and present authentic professional development to colleagues
- Become a teacher consultant for the Western Pennsylvania Writing Project and a member of the National Writing Project's network of educators.

**About the National Writing Project:**

In nine recent independent studies, in every measured attribute of writing, the improvement of students whose teachers participated in NWP professional development exceeded that of students whose teachers were not participants.

Visit [www.nwp.org](http://www.nwp.org) for more on recent studies.

### **Summer Institute Participants Say:**

"Life changing... it really has been. It will change how I teach from now on."

—J. Jay Slosky, Alderdice High School, Pittsburgh Public Schools, Math Teacher

"The institute had a tremendous impact on my personal writing, my knowledge of how to teach writing, and my interest in being a writer."

—Catherine Hayden, Charleroi Elementary Center, Charleroi Area School District

"The SIT empowered me as a professional and a leader."

—Nicole Homich, Northside Urban Pathways Charter School

### **Teachers:**

Be among twenty Western Pennsylvania teachers selected to participate in the twenty-sixth invitational Writing Project Summer Institute at the University of Pittsburgh. Find out how the Writing Project can help you in your teaching, learning and writing.

### **Administrators:**

Find out how the Writing Project can help improve writing and learning in your school or district.

**Partial to full fellowships are available. Additional stipend of \$500 provided to all participants who complete a follow-up Continuation Course. Many teachers also receive support from their districts.**

**Open to all teachers K-16, all content areas.**

**Applications will be accepted from November 1 until April 3.**

**Visit [www.wpawritingproject.org](http://www.wpawritingproject.org) for further information and to download an application, or call 412-624-6557.**

**The Western Pennsylvania Writing Project** is a site of the **National Writing Project**, a member of the **Pennsylvania Writing Project Network** and a program of the **School of Education** at the **University of Pittsburgh**.

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