



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– 31, 2009**

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

**Earn six University of Pittsburgh graduate credits toward Level II Certification.**

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

**An intensive four-week professional development program in the teaching of writing and the uses of writing in teaching 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, Allerdice 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. At a recent staff meeting at my school, I felt the responsibility to speak up about a matter of conflict between administration and the teachers. After the meeting, other teachers applauded my initiative, encouraging me to continue taking that type of leadership role."—Nicole Homich, Northside Urban Pathways Charter School

### **Teachers:**

Be among twenty Western Pennsylvania teachers selected to participate in the twenty-fifth 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.

**Tuition and Fees: \$4,029. Fellowships are available based on need. Many teachers are fully or partially reimbursed by 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 **Department of English, School of Arts and Sciences** at the **University of Pittsburgh**.

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