

THE NEBRASKA WRITING PROJECT

The Nebraska Writing Project is a network of teachers, kindergarten through college, devoted to the improvement of writing and the teaching of writing. Our core beliefs are:

The best teachers of writing are writers themselves.

Teachers provide the best instruction for other teachers.

Anyone, no matter their ability level, can improve their writing in a supportive context with other practicing writers.

True school reform comes through democratic partnerships across grade levels.

Teachers, students and communities benefit when teachers form networks with other teachers and draw on collective expertise.

The mission of NeWP is to improve writing and the teaching of writing throughout Nebraska.

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2017 SUMMER INSTITUTES



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA- LINCOLN

Lincoln Summer Institute


June 5 – June 30

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Teaching of Argument

June 12 – June 29

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information about the NeWP and its exciting programs, visit our website www.unl.edu/newp or Facebook. 

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a two-page letter of application AND a one-page supporting letter of nomination from a teaching colleague, preferably from a past participant in NeWP. Please include the following information:

- What Institute you are applying to.
- What you are currently doing with writing in your classroom.
- What you might have to share with other educators about teaching writing in your school and community.
- What you especially want to learn from other educators.
- Provide *complete* addresses, phone numbers for home and school and a *current e-mail* address.
- **Early admissions** applications must be received by **November 10th**, with notification by December 15th, 2016.
- **Open admission** applications have been extended to **April 1st**, 2017 with notification by April 28th, 2017.
- **Submit** applications to:
Dr. Robert Brooke, Director
202 Andrews Hall, UNL
Lincoln, NE 68588-0333
or
by Email:
rbrooke1@unl.edu
(402) 472-1807



Writing is a gateway to students' emerging role in our nation's future as participants and decision makers in a democratic society. Because writing can support a high level of learning in all core subjects, it matters in any classroom where inquiry, knowledge and expression are valued and recognized by students and teachers.

--National Writing Project, *Because Writing Matters*

THE NATIONAL WRITING PROJECT

NeWP is Nebraska's oldest site of the National Writing Project. Currently, the National Writing Project has nearly 200 sites nation-wide, and generates over 100,000 program hours per year. For more information, visit the National website at: www.nwp.org

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LINCOLN SUMMER INSTITUTE

June 5th – June 30th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Open to teachers of all disciplines and grade levels. This is NeWP's premiere program, following the National Writing Project's Invitational Institute model. Participants in the institute will:

- participate in their own writing;
- share their best teaching practices for writing;
- engage in inquiry and research into aspects of writing.

Institute activities include: writing exercises, visits with local experts in the teaching of writing, participant presentations on their best practices of teaching writing, professional development, practice using various computer technologies to support writing, writing workshops, institute anthology.

FACILITATORS

Dr. Lauren Gatti, UNL
Dr. Shari Stenberg, UNL
Maggie Deschaine, Lincoln North Star High School,
Secondary facilitator
Kate Leonard Barr, Lincoln Cavett Elementary,
Elementary facilitator

STIPEND

Nebraska teachers admitted to the Lincoln Summer Institute may qualify for up to \$1000 stipend which helps offset the cost of 6 UNL graduate credits in English or Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education.

TEACHING OF ARGUMENT

June 12th – June 29th 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Grant supported institute for teachers of grades 4-12, for 3 UNL graduate credits in English or Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education. Past participation in a NeWP Summer or Rural Institute is required. Institute expects teachers will commit to trying National Writing Project's 4 cycles of argument writing in 2017-18 classes.

Institute activities include: exploration of public, personal, and academic argument writing; hands-on experience writing arguments and participating in creative argument activities; practice working with informational and multimedial texts; collaborative inquiry into argument writing pedagogy and approaches to teaching argument that foster mutual understanding, civil discourse, and inquiry rather than only "winning."

FACILITATOR

Dr. Rachael Wendler Shah, UNL
Derek Funk, Lincoln East High School
Lauren Funk, Pius X High

STIPEND

Nebraska teachers admitted to the Teaching of Argument Institute may qualify for a \$1000 stipend, offsetting most of the cost of 3 graduate credits.

LOCATION

Both 2017 Summer Institutes will be held in Andrews Hall on the UNL City campus: