

*The Writing Program's*

# TEACHER TRAINING

## Orientation Schedule

Fall 2011  
University of Massachusetts Amherst

\*Please be sure to bring *Other Words: A Writer's Reader, The Handbook for Instructors, and Student Anthology* everyday.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2011 - Berkshire Dining Commons

8:30-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-10:15	Welcome Introduction to Orientation— <i>Peggy Woods</i> Introduction Exercise – <i>Resource Center staff (RCS)</i>
10:15-10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-11:00	Introduction to UMass First Year Students – <i>Deirdre Vinyard</i>
11:00-12:00	What We Talk About When We Talk About Writing— <i>Haivan Hoang</i> Philosophy of Writing & A Look at the Units (begin talking about teacher persona – how to present on 1 <sup>st</sup> day)
12:00-1:00	Lunch with Resource Center Staff (focus on teacher persona)
1:00-1:30	Introduction to Unit I & the Writing Process (generating, revising, responding, reflecting, publishing/circulation)— <i>Peggy Woods</i>
1:30-2:45	Beginning Unit I: Inquiring into Self: Blowing Things into Proportion— <i>Pat Zukowski &amp; Nick Sansone</i> Self in Contradiction— <i>Peggy Woods &amp; Christina Jones</i> Contexts that Make Me— <i>Haivan Hoang &amp; Amanda Waugh</i> Self as Writer – <i>Anne Herrington &amp; Anne Bello</i> My Self in Words— <i>Deirdre Vinyard &amp; Kate Litterer</i>
2:45-3:00	Introduction to WP Website, Database, & SPIRE— <i>Christina Jones</i>
	<b>Assignment—2-3 page draft of Unit I due</b> From <i>Other Words</i> , select a reading for your Unit I assignment.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2011 - Berkshire Dining Commons

8:30-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-9:15	The Role of Revision in <i>College Writing</i> — <i>Peggy Woods</i>
9:15-9:45	Reflection and Revision— <i>Deirdre Vinyard &amp; Amanda Waugh</i>
9:45 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 – 10:30	Role of the Student Anthology in College Writing and Revision— <i>Pat Zukowski</i>
10:30-11:15	Reading to Revise— <i>Haivan Hoang &amp; Nick Sansone</i>
11:15-12:15	Peer Response & Revision— <i>Anne Herrington &amp; Kate Litterer</i>
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch Break
1:15-3:00	Teacher Response & Revision— <i>David Fleming &amp; Christina Jones</i>
	<b>Assignment:</b> Read Student Portfolios for Evaluating Student Work Session

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2011 -- Berkshire Dining Commons

8:30-9:00	Breakfast
9:00-10:00	The Role of Grammar & Copyediting— <i>David Fleming &amp; Anne Bello</i>
10:00-11:00	Examining the Neutrality of the Penguin Handbook — <i>Diversity Committee</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:15	Evaluation of Student Work— <i>Haivan Hoang &amp; Peggy Woods</i> (Part 1)
12:15-1:15	Lunch with Course Director & Resource Center staff
1:15-2:45	Evaluation of Student Work— <i>Haivan Hoang &amp; Peggy Woods</i> (Part 2 – including grading policies, record keeping & looking at entire semester portfolio)
2:45-3:00	Presentation from Writing Center – <i>Donna LeCourt</i>

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 – FINE ARTS COMPUTER  
LAB 444 /BURKE LOUNGE NEWMAN CENTER**

9:00-10:45	Using Technology in College Writing – 444 Fine Arts Computer Lab – <i>Christina Jones</i> Introduction to SPARK, SPIRE, UDrive, What to do on lab days
10:45-11:00	Presentation from GEO
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break and move to Burke Lounge at the Newman Center
11:30-12:30	A Look at the Students in College Writing -- <i>Colby Fisher, First-Year Experience Program; Kathy Weilerstein, Undergrad Advising &amp; RAP; &amp; Melissa Woglum, Commonwealth College</i>
12:30-1:30	Lunch Break into tables based on interest and questions
1:30 – 2:00	Our Role and Your Role – <i>Haivan Hoang</i> First Day Logistics
2:00-3:00	Looking towards 1 <sup>st</sup> day and beyond – Resource Center Staff Arc of Course Sharing of lesson plans Orientation evaluation

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2011

### ***Writing Program General Meeting***

12:30 – 3:00pm Engineering Lab II Room 119

All members of the Writing Program are required to attend the General Meeting. We will begin with lunch and conclude with a group photo. This is the only time during the semester that we gather as a program. Important information concerning the curriculum, Writing Program policies, and other information crucial to the semester is discussed.

### ***UMass Teaching Assistant Orientation***

You are invited to attend a voluntary one-day Teaching Assistant Orientation (TAO) organized by the University's Center for Teaching under the auspices of the Provost's Office and the Graduate School. Registration begins at 8:00am at the Campus Center Auditorium. Sessions begin at 9:00am and continue until 12:30pm. The orientation gives a general overview of teaching at UMass as well as workshops on such things as managing the first day of class, balancing work, studies, and life, and leading effective discussions. The morning provides the opportunity to meet and talk to graduate student teachers from other departments of the university. For more information regarding sessions and to register go to: <http://www.umass.edu/cft/development/tao.htm>.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

### ***Course Director Groups***

11:15-12:30pm, For Locations see Course Director List