**Faculty Writing Retreat**

May 23-25, 2016

*Write. Focus. Build Community.*

*Need to get started or make headway on a writing project before the summer months?* This three-day retreat offers uninterrupted work time, a distraction-free work place, a supportive and collegial community of peers, and sessions on the habits of mind and resources that support writing productivity. Join us to connect with other faculty writers on campus, work in small groups around individual needs, and reflect on the routines that will support your success.

*Co-sponsored by The Center for Teaching and Faculty Excellence and the Writing Across the Curriculum program.*

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Commitment and Application Process

Each participant is asked to:

* Participate in all three days (9am to 5pm) of the retreat;
* Choose a specific project to focus on during those three days;
* Commit to producing the best possible work during the retreat;
* Work supportively in small groups on individual projects;
* Listen to, encourage, and productively challenge other faculty writers in attendance.

*Lunches and space to write (privately and with groups) will be provided*.

Participation in this event is limited to 20. (Please note: should slots begin to fill, preference will be given to faculty in their first three years at Mason.)To apply, please submit a one-page application that includes the following information:

1. Your name, position, department, and length of time in appointment.
2. A description of your project and project status (i.e., early planning, drafting, ready for feedback, etc.)
3. A description of how the Writing Retreat would help you move forward with your project.
4. A description of your goals for the three-day retreat.
5. The intended audience for your project (i.e. which conference, publisher, etc.) and your timeline.
6. A description of your writing process (where, when, and how you usually write).
7. A statement that verifies that, should your application be accepted, you would be able to commit to participating from 9:00am-5:00pm, May 23-25, 2016.
8. Your meal preference (please indicate all that apply: non-vegetarian, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free).

Submit applications electronically to wac@gmu.edu.

Deadline: May 10th, 2015.

Applications will be reviewed by the retreat facilitators, the Director of the Writing Across the Curriculum program, and the Director of the Center for Teaching and Faculty Excellence. Participants will be notified of selection by May 17th, 2016.

Please e-mail retreat facilitators with questions: wac@gmu.edu.