

MFA AT EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Creative Writing Program

Newsletter... March... 2020.....



Welcome to Spring!

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There is no visiting writer this month, so I've compiled a short list of some pretty cool videos on reading and writing.

- Michelle Kuo: The healing power of [reading](#)
- Jacqueline Woodson: What reading slowly taught me about [writing](#)
- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: The danger of a single [story](#)
- Andrew Stanton: The clues to a great [story](#)
- Elizabeth Gilbert: Your elusive creative [genius](#)
- Shonda Rhimes: My year of saying yes to [everything](#)
- JJ Abrams: The mystery [box](#)
- On reading in a digital [age](#)

I hope you find these short videos insightful, educational, inspirational, and entertaining.



Kudos, Published, and More!

Libby Patrick

Congratulations Libby (Current MFA)! for your piece “Selective Mutism in Autistic People Isn’t Called Selective Mutism—It’s Called ‘A Facet of Autism’ and Doesn’t Get a Name” getting published over at [Anastamos](#), Chapman University’s literary journal.

Aunties Events

3 Minute Mic
03, 06, 2020
8:00pm

Trisha Pritikin: *The Hanford Plaintiffs*
03, 14, 2020
7:00pm

Sophie Egan: *How to Be a Conscious Eater*
03, 20, 2020
7:00pm

Buddy Levy: *Labyrinth of Ice*
03, 27, 2020
7:00pm

Inland Northwest Writers feat. Sharma Shields, Ben Goldfarb, Aaron Bobrow-Strain, Alexis M. Smith, Johanna Stoberock, and Emma Noyes
03, 28, 2020
6:30pm

Marc Cameron: *Stone Cross*
03, 31, 2020
7:00pm



Writers in the Community

Good News from Writers in the Community

WITC is having a great Winter Quarter. Almost all of our high-priority community placements are covered this quarter in addition to a couple of sites in the schools. While WITC is visible in the community, it isn't as visible internally on campus. To give you a sense of what has been happening with WITC, here are some snippets from current WITC interns.

Taylor Galdi and **Claire Walla** are teaching at the Airway Heights Correction Center (AHCC). They have found the men to be hard-working and generous with their feedback to each other. AHCC is a male-only medium security prison in Airway Heights.

Libby Patrick has been teaching at the Women's Hearth, which is a day shelter for homeless and abused women. Libby did an exercise that used the word "couch" as a launching point. She was impressed with the level of emotional intensity that the women described various couches that were once part of their lives.

Haley Ward restarted a former WITC site at The Recovery Café. Haley's class at the Café is growing. She started off with two students, then had three, then last week had five students. The mission of the Recovery Café is to serve people who are recovering from addiction.

Ben Caldwell is teaching at Shaw Middle School. The teacher he is working with at Shaw shared with him that one of his students, who has faced more issues than any child should ever have to face, really opened up and flourished in his classroom.

Michael Dundrea is teaching at North Central High School. Michael's weekly workshops on Wednesdays are on top of a North Central Creative Writing Club that meets Thursdays.

Jenn Jussel taught at the Pediatric Wing at Sacred Heart Hospital this quarter. Jenn developed new ways of braving the ice and initiating one-on-one creative writing sessions in the rooms of children who are hospitalized.

Keith VanBezooyen returned this quarter to the Veteran's Medical Center. Administrators at the Vet Center were thrilled to have him back because of the excellent work Keith did with the vets in the in-patient psychiatric ward at the Center during his earlier placement.

For a variety of reasons, several of these placements will not be covered in the Spring Quarter. If you are interested in a placement with WITC for the Spring, I can let you know about the whole range of possible teaching positions with WITC. Feel free to contact me at: emaleegillis@gmail.com.

-----Emalee Gillis, WITC Student Director

Letter from the Editor

To All MFA People,

Get out there and write and have fun, but be safe. And make sure to stay up-to-date on the Coronavirus over there in Seattle.

See ya on the flip side,
Mirium Arteaga



Submissions

Below are some links to the various literary magazines that are open to submissions, and an article about submitting to literary journals.

- Poets and Writers: https://www.pw.org/literary_magazines
- The Write Life: <https://thewritelife.com/where-to-submit-short-stories/>
- Medium: <https://medium.com/@jyssicaschwartz/77-publications-with-open-submissions-for-short-story-poetry-23b9beadab63>
- Jane Friedman: <https://www.janefriedman.com/submissions-literary-journals/>



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