The CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAMS

True Writing.

ABOUT THE CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAMS

As a student in Hamline’s Creative Writing Programs (CWP), you’re joining a series of outstanding programs in the heart of a dynamic and rich literary community.

You have at your fingertips not only the resources at Hamline—the only university in the United States with three fine arts programs in creative writing and an award-winning national literary magazine—but the cultural and literary bounty of the Twin Cities.

MASTER’S DEGREES

MFA in Creative Writing (MFA)
A multi-genre exploration in fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction.

MFA in Writing for Children and Young Adults (MFAC)
Low-residency
A deep immersion in the craft of writing picture books, middle grade literature, young adult literature, and the fantasy/graphic novel.

“My time in Hamline’s MFA program wickedly and completely shaped my life. I went from working in a tech group to being a faculty member at Mankato State and a successful teen lit author.”

GEOFF HERBACH MFA ’06
Award-winning author of the Stupid Fast trilogy
Assistant professor of creative writing, Minnesota State University Mankato
FINELY-HONED CURRICULUM

The Creative Writing Programs at Hamline integrate foundational elements of the craft with advanced application based on effective learning strategies developed over 30 years.

LITERARY JOURNAL OPPORTUNITIES

Gain invaluable experience by serving on the editorial boards of Hamline’s national, award-winning magazine, Water~Stone Review; the online literary journal for undergraduates, Runestone; or the student-run magazine, rock, paper, scissors.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Scholarships and assistantships play an important role in helping students finance their education. CWP provides several scholarships for both MFA and MFAC students as well as a variety of teaching assistantships for MFA students.

ENGAGING WORKSHOPS

The Creative Writing Programs at Hamline offer something for every writer. Students can work with nationally-known writers at the annual Water~Stone Review Summer Writing Workshop. Additionally, CWP offers The Writer’s Life Lecture Series, presenting workshops on different topics for developing and working writers such as how to get published, building a successful web presence, and how to find teaching opportunities.

COMMUNITY OF WRITERS

Students in the Creative Writing Programs experience the close-knit kinship of a community of talented writers, form lifelong professional and personal relationships, and join a network of award-winning authors, editors, and publishers.

The instructor said,

Go home and write a page tonight. And let that page come out of you—Then, it will be TRUE.

— Langston Hughes from Theme for English B

AWARD-WINNING FACULTY

MFA
Megan Atwood
Swati Avasthi
John Brandon
Emma Bull
John Colburn
Laura Flynn
Patricia Weaver Francisco
Carolyn Holbrook
Deborah Keenan
Mary Logue
Jim Moore
Mary François Rockcastle
Sheila O’Connor
Julie Patterson
Katrina Vandenberg

MFAC
Swati Avasthi
Marsha Wilson Chall
Matt de la Peña
Kelly Easton
Laura Flynn
Emily Jenkins (e. lockhart)
Ron Koertge
Mary Logue
Jacqueline Briggs Martin
Claire Rudolf Murphy
Marsha Qualey
Phyllis Root
Laura Ruby
Gary D. Schmidt
Eleanora E. Tate
Jane Resh Thomas
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