

ARCHIVE: CREATIVE WRITING 2005-2006

- FACULTY FELLOW **DANA JOHNSON**

Project Title:	Short Story Readings
Project Description:	Award-winning author Dana Johnson read selected stories from her own work, as well as the work of other writers.
Site/# of Presentations:	Air Force Village West – 1 Magnolia Rehabilitation and Nursing Center - 1 Plymouth Tower Retirement Community - 1
Site/Audience Reached:	Air Force Village West – 25 Magnolia Rehabilitation and Nursing Center – 15 Plymouth Tower Retirement Community - 15
Total # of Presentations:	3
Total Audience Reached:	55
Fellow's Bio:	Dana Johnson is the author of <i>Break Any Woman Down</i> (University of Georgia Press), which was the recipient of the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction, and was a finalist for the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award (Debut/First Fiction category) and for the Patterson Fiction Prize. Her short stories have appeared in <i>Missouri Review</i> and <i>American Literary Review</i> , and are forthcoming in the anthologies <i>Shaking the Tree: A Collection of Fiction and Memoir by Black Women</i> (W. W. Norton) and <i>The Dictionary Of Failed Relationships: 26 Stories of Love Gone Wrong</i> (Three Rivers Press).

- GRADUATE FELLOW **MARIA DE LOS ANGELES ESTEVES**

Project Title:	Storytelling as Music
Project Description:	This project was based in oral storytelling, using stream of consciousness and music improvisation. Students were given prompts to general writings, after which each student told their stories and improvised without their writings. After the performances, students received their writings back and edited their text. For the final performance, students were divided in groups: some students improvised music, while others told their stories.
Site/# of Presentations:	Hyatt Elementary School – 5 Mira Loma Middle School – 5
Site/Audience Reached:	Hyatt Elementary School – 125 Mira Loma Middle School – 100
Total # of Presentations:	10
Total Audience Reached:	225
Fellow's Bio:	Maria de los Angeles Esteves received a Music teaching and Piano instructor degrees from the Conservatorio de Musica de San Martin in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1989 and 1991, respectively. She also received her BM in Composition from the Royal Conservatory of the Hague in Holland in 2001. She studied Music Education (Orff Method) and taught music in kindergarten, elementary schools, conservatories, and private lessons. She is currently pursuing her MFA in Creative Writing & Writing for the Performing Arts.

- GRADUATE FELLOWS **VICTORIA PATTERSON**

Project Title:	Creative Writing as Exploration
Project Description:	The goal of this project was to encourage and excite students to learn to utilize writing for exploration by designing interesting and entertaining writing prompts, which fostered inquiry, exploration, discussion, and debate. Victoria engaged the students in different writing activities from short, informal stream of consciousness to longer stories and essays. The students

either shared their writing or kept it private, as long as the students become comfortable with words on paper. The students also kept private journals, and were encouraged to make their own personal connections and discoveries. Victoria also shared with the students her fiction and non-fiction, and her personal history as to how writing helped her through her teenage years.

Site/# of Presentations: Chemawa Middle School – 3
Lincoln High School – 3
Sherman Indian High School - 4

Site/Audience Reached: Chemawa Middle School – 105
Lincoln High School – 52
Sherman Indian High School - 46

Total # of Presentations: 10
Total Audience Reached: 203

Fellow's Bio: Victoria Patterson is pursuing her MFA in Creative Writing. She received her BA in English from UC Riverside.

- UNDERGRADUATE FELLOW **MARLENE HOFFMAN**

Project Title: Creative Writing 101

Project Description: The goal of this project was to teach students the difference between poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction, and the basic elements of creative writing, such as using figurative language and different examples of imagery, simile, and metaphor. The students were also trained to write on a daily basis by doing 5-7 minute free-writes and to keep a journal.

Site/# of Presentations: Vista del Lago High School – 7
Jurupa Middle School - 3

Site/Audience Reached: Vista del Lago High School – 222
Jurupa Middle School - 90

Total # of Presentations: 10

Total Audience Reached: 312

Fellow's Bio: Marlene Hoffman is pursuing her BA in Creative Writing, and a minor in English.

- UNDERGRADUATE FELLOW **MADISON JENNINGS**

Project Title: Writing and the Power of Expression

Project Description: The goals of this project was to introduce students to writing as an outlet for expression, how to use writing effectively in school, and how to use writing to help through rough periods in one's life. Students were given an open prompts, which served as their chance to respond freely as a creative emotional outlet.

Site/# of Presentations: Arlington High School – 8
Sky Country Elementary School – 2

Site/Audience Reached: Arlington High School – 264
Sky Country Elementary School – 38

Total # of Presentations: 10
Total Audience Reached: 302

Fellow's Bio: Madison Jennings currently pursuing a double major in Creative Writing and English, and a minor in Classical Studies.

- UNDERGRADUATE FELLOW **GERVEL JONES**

Project Title: Fiction in New Ways

Project Description: This project introduced students to fiction by doing a variety of exercises using music, art, dreams, and imitation to write their own pieces. Each session was divided into writing, reading, experimenting, and sharing work. The last session was a spoken word program where students were able to read their favorite pieces. A keepsake book was also created for the students using pieces of art combined with written word.

Site/# of Presentations: Gluck Day of the Arts
Edgemont Elementary School - 1
Longfellow Elementary School - 1
Sunnymeadows Elementary School - 1
Town Gate Elementary School - 1
Jurupa Middle School - 6

Site/Audience Reached: Gluck Day of the Arts
Edgemont Elementary School - 70
Longfellow Elementary School - 70
Sunnymeadows Elementary School - 80
Town Gate Elementary School - 67
Jurupa Middle School - 162

Total # of Presentations: 10

Total Audience Reached: 449

Fellow's Bio: Gervel Jones is pursuing her BA in Creative Writing, with an emphasis on Fiction.

- UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWS **CHRISTINE KITANO**

Project Title: Creating Reality: An Introduction to Fiction Writing

Project Description: This project encouraged students to explore their creativity in fiction writing. Each workshop session included exercises to stimulate creativity as well as basic guidelines to writing fiction. The focus of these workshops was realistic fiction, and personal recollection was utilized to examine what makes a story realistic and interesting. Christine encouraged sharing and class participation through interactive games and activities.

Site/# of Presentations: Castle View Elementary School – 5
Edgemont Elementary School - 5

Site/Audience Reached: Castle View Elementary School – 160
Edgemont Elementary School - 175

Total # of Presentations: 10

Total Audience Reached: 335

Fellows' Bio: Christine Kitano is pursuing her BA in Creative Writing.

- UNDERGRADUATE FELLOW **SHERRI WYATT**

Project Title: The Elements of Fiction Writing

Project Description: Sherri introduced students to some of the elements that comprise a story, such as characterization, setting, and plot. Each session with the students involved lecture and in-class exercises, with homework given at the conclusion of each session. At the following session, the class assessed the homework, and Sherri introduced the next element of fiction writing.

Site/# of Presentations: Town Gate Elementary School - 10

Site/Audience Reached: Town Gate Elementary School - 330

Total # of Presentations: 10

Total Audience Reached: 330

Fellow's Bio: Sherri Wyatt is pursuing her BA in Creative Writing, with an emphasis in Fiction. She studied English and Creative Writing at City College of San Francisco, and has tutored students in Math.

- VISITING GUEST ARTIST GREG KUND

Project Title: **School Journal**
Project Description: The goal of this project was to provide an avenue for students to use written and artistic expression creatively. The goal was to have every student publish one piece of work in a bound booklet. All students that participate received a copy of all works published from their grade level.
Site/# of Presentations: Alcott Elementary School – 25
Site/Audience Reached: Alcott Elementary School – 875
Total # of Presentations: 25
Total Audience Reached: 875
Fellow's Bio: Greg Kund has a strong interest in the development of arts programs in schools, and is a member of a non-profit foundation dedicated to enriching, enhancing, and developing arts activities in schools. He is a Research Associate in the Entomology Department at UC Riverside. He received his BA in Biology from UC San Diego.