The Minnesota Writing Project, an affiliate of the National Writing Project, presents its Twenty-fifth Annual Invitational Summer Institute and Retreat

The Institute offers you many opportunities to

♦ Become part of a community of writer-teachers
  Experiment with different genres
  Experience peer feedback
  Discover multiple writing processes

♦ Strengthen your professional voice on current theory and practice in literacy education

♦ Discuss current teaching challenges
  Assessment
  Digital literacies
  Diverse learners

♦ Expand your leadership potential for influencing literacy policy

♦ Establish connections with the National Writing Project and other organizations that shape the educational landscape

For further information call MWP at 612-625-6323 or go to mwp.umn.edu

Who:
* Teachers of any subject, at all levels (kindergarten through college), who are interested in literacy education

When:
* July 6-24, 2015
* Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 3:00

Where:
* 10 Nicholson Hall
  University of Minnesota

Credit:
* Graduate credit included.

What:
Summer Institute participants give teaching demonstrations, participate in writing groups, and form literacy study groups.

Retreat:
* A retreat from June 24 to 25 will kick off the Summer Institute.

“MWP was a transformational experience. There are so many new and effective things that I’ve seen and learned that I will not teach the same way after the institute as I had before the experience.”—2014 Participant

“I’ve never before had the opportunity to learn from and be creative with a group of active teachers from other districts for a sustained amount of time. I’ve built a network of people to be a school-year support system that wouldn’t have been possible with other short-term PD opportunities.”—2014 Participant

“The Minnesota Writing Project is a growing group of professionals who are passionate about the art of teaching writing. It is forward-thinking and student-centered. I will use my experience as a participant as a model when I teach. I know now, firsthand, how it feels to be valued as a learner and writer.”—2014 Participant

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Nomination/Application Process:

If a current member of MWP is familiar with your teaching, that person may obtain a nomination form from MWP for you. Otherwise, you may apply yourself by sending us, in a single envelope, all the items listed below:

1. A brief résumé
2. Supporting letters from
   • a teacher colleague
   • a principal, supervisor, or dept. head
3. A letter of application in which you describe:
   a. your beliefs about literacy instruction, including attention to meeting the needs of diverse learners or writing in the content areas, if applicable
   b. what goes on in your classroom that is evidence of your beliefs and strengths
   c. what you hope to gain from your participation in the Institute
   d. how your experience will benefit your school, district, or college

Deadline for Applications: Applications are being accepted now and are due by February 6, 2015. If necessary, interviews will be conducted in March/April. Mail applications to:

Minnesota Writing Project
10 Nicholson Hall, U of MN
216 Pillsbury Drive, S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455

For the Invitational Summer Institute, we can only consider applicants who are available for the entire program (July 6-24) and the Retreat (June 24-25).