



Hudson Valley Writing Project PROFESSIONAL WRITING SEMINAR

Friday, May 1st – Sunday, May 3rd, 2009

This spring HWVP will sponsor its third Professional Writing Seminar for educators at the Soyuzivka retreat center in Kerhonkson, NY. Seminar participants will enjoy uninterrupted blocks of writing time, structured peer response, and consultation with Robert Yagelski, Associate Professor of English Education at SUNY-Albany and Director of the Capital District Writing Project. This working retreat is designed for educators who have a formed idea/topic for writing about their work, materials to draw on when writing (e.g., notes, student work), and, ideally, a preliminary working draft. Registration includes writing consultation, lodging for two nights (double occupancy) and all meals. Single rooms are available for an additional charge. Participants may document 15 inservice hours through the Mid-Hudson Teacher Center. The seminar is limited to 20 participants.

Robert Yagelski has a Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Composition from Ohio State University. He is the author of *Literacy Matters: Writing and Reading the Social Self*, and of numerous articles in such journals as *College Composition and Communication*, *English Journal*, and *Radical Teacher*. Bob's research has focused on understanding literacy as a social activity and writing as technology.

TO APPLY FOR THE HVWP PROFESSIONAL WRITING SEMINAR:

Provide your contact information: Name, school affiliation, email and home addresses, home/work/cell phone numbers

Respond to the following questions (limit: 2 pages):

1. What topic are you planning to write about? Why?
2. What is your interest in participating? What would you like to achieve?
3. Whom do you envision as your audience for this piece? Do you have a particular publication outlet in mind?
4. How would you describe the potential relevance of your writing to your colleagues? Your school community?
Or, if applicable, to your writing project community.

Applicants must be able to attend the entire program from 6:00 pm on May 1st to 12:00 pm on May 3rd.

Costs: Educators: \$425 / National Writing Project Teacher Consultants: \$225.
There will be an additional charge of \$60 for a single room.

Application Deadline is Monday, March 16, 2009.

Applicants will be notified regarding selection in a timely manner.

Submission Instructions:

The Professional Writing Group is coordinated by HVWP Co-Director Kathy Yeager, a literacy specialist at Marbletown Elementary School and Denise Maltese, an eighth grade English teacher in the Onteora School District, both of whom have published writing about their professional lives.

Email applications as Microsoft WORD attachments to Kathy Yeager (ecriver04@earthlink.net) and Denise Maltese (Emaltickler@aol.com) or mail two copies of your application to: Kathy Yeager, 211 Clifton Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401