

2018 Writing Intensive for Hollins Graduates (or all-but-thesis students) in Children's Literature

Dates: Arrive, Saturday, July 21; Depart Campus, Friday, July 27

Yearning for a return to the place, program, and people who helped you find your voice, your story, your community?

The second non-credit Writing Intensive will be the ideal time for you, our M.F.A. and M.A. graduates (and soon-to-be graduates finishing your thesis) to be enveloped in the supportive and caring Hollins community. Starting with the optional Francelia Butler Conference on July 21, the Writing Intensive will give structured time under the guidance of Professor Nancy Ruth Patterson for serious writers to polish the manuscript they've been working on or jump start a new one.

The core of the Intensive would be a twenty-hour (very) advanced writing tutorial. Limited to six participants on a first-registered, first-served basis, the Writing Intensive participants will exchange up to 120 pages of work with the professor and other writers in the class by May 15. Participants will critique that work before arriving on campus and discuss each other's manuscripts in depth during the workshop. Workshops in publishing procedures, conferences on polishing query letters, access to the graduate faculty, and individual conferences will supplement the tutorial work. Hollins' 2018 Writer-in-Residence and National Book Award Winner Kathryn Erskine has agreed to review up to 20 pages of manuscript for each Writing Intensive participant. She will consult about it via Skype or phone during her two-week residency at Hollins in June and early July.

We hope you can come early for the highly anticipated Alumni Reunion July 15 – 20, where alums will gather to catch up and wish retiring program director Amanda Cockrell well!

Here is what participants in last year's Writing Intensive Workshop had to say about it:

In a single week of workshoping with my peers, I have solid direction, renewed energy, and a crystal-clear game plan of how to make my thesis manuscript query-ready. I cannot recommend this intensive enough for anyone serious about advancing your writing career, reconnecting with the magic of the Hollins campus and community, or anyone in need of a refresh button to get back in the driver's seat of your own writing.

I left a better writer with more colleagues in the craft and clear next steps to improve my manuscript to make it ready for publication. I would do this again in a heartbeat!

...having a chance to be back on the most beautiful campus surrounded by such a positive community of faculty, staff, and students was not one to be missed.

Even though it has only been a week, I felt fully immersed in the creative wonderland that is Hollins.

It is a class for serious writers to hone their work for publication.

I signed up for Writing Intensive hoping to get guidance for finishing my creative thesis, but I left with vastly more.

This writing intensive was a brilliant idea, exceptionally executed, and a truly magical experience.

For more information, email ckoon@hollins.edu. **Registration/payment deadline April 2, 2018.**

Details and Fees

Workshop Tuition: \$1,000 (Deposit of \$500 due March 2; remaining balance must be received by April 2, 2018)

Housing: \$225 (single in Tinker with A/C & linen packet)
Housing is available first-come, first-served.
Rooms may also be available at the Country Inn & Suites
(www.countryinns.com/roanokeva).

Meals: Dining Services will be open Monday through Friday.
Participants may pre-pay at the rate of \$101.50 or may choose to purchase meals as desired at a cost per meal as follows:
Breakfast - \$6.50; Lunch - \$8.00; Dinner - \$9.25

Instructor: **NANCY RUTH PATTERSON**

Nancy Ruth Patterson's five novels for children have been honored on Master Reading Lists in 10 states, and three have been adapted and performed for the professional stage. Upon retiring after 33 years as a teacher and administrator with Roanoke City Schools, she joined the adjunct faculty of the University of Virginia, teaching graduate courses in literature for children and young adults as well as memoir writing. She has spoken at more than 500 national conferences and workshops and has written numerous articles on the craft of writing. At her 2002 induction into the Virginia High School League's Hall of Fame, Patterson was cited as "one of the most sought-after writing teachers in the country."

