

# MISSOURI WRITING PROJECTS NETWORK

**THE MISSOURI WRITING PROJECTS NETWORK (MWPN), THE STATE'S CONSORTIUM OF NATIONAL WRITING PROJECT (NWP) SITES, IS COMMITTED TO INCREASING STUDENT LEARNING BY IMPROVING WRITING INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT IN ALL SUBJECTS AND AT ALL LEVELS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. EACH SITE OF THE MWPN UNDERGOES RIGOROUS ANNUAL REVIEW AND REAUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING.**

Firmly committed to the belief that teachers are the key to educational change, the MWPN works to improve the teaching of writing in these ways:

- Each MWPN site identifies and selects master teachers of writing from all levels of instruction in its geographical area.
- Each MWPN site brings these master teachers together on its campus for intensive Summer Institutes. At these Institutes:
  - ◆ Teachers demonstrate their most successful classroom practices.
  - ◆ Teachers study current theory and research in the teaching of writing.
  - ◆ Teachers write to experience writing in a variety of forms.
- Under the sponsorship of each site and/or the MWPN, a Teacher-Consultant cadre of NWP alumni from the Institutes conducts workshops and school-based in-service programs for classroom teachers from kindergarten through college.

Although each MWPN site is autonomous, all base their programs on the following National Writing Project assumptions (online at [www.writingproject.org](http://www.writingproject.org)):

- ◆ Writing is pivotal to learning, to academic achievement, and to job success.
- ◆ Writing instruction begins in kindergarten and continues through university.
- ◆ Universities and schools in collaboration provide powerful programs for teachers.
- ◆ Effective teachers of writing regularly write themselves.
- ◆ Exemplary teachers make the best teachers of other teachers.
- ◆ Teachers are the key to reform in education.
- ◆ Professional development begins when teachers enter teaching and continues throughout their careers.
- ◆ Writing is fundamental to learning all subjects.
- ◆ Real change in classroom practice happens over time.



- ◇ Missouri Writing Project, University of Missouri
- ◇ Gateway Writing Project, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- ◇ Greater Kansas City Writing Project, University of Missouri-Kansas City
- ◇ Ozarks Writing Project, Missouri State University, Springfield
- ◇ Prairie Lands Writing Project, Missouri Western University, St. Joseph

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# Missouri Writing Projects Network

**The Missouri Writing Projects Network is a consortium of five National Writing Project sites around Missouri. For further information regarding opportunities available to teachers, please contact the site in your area.**

## Gateway Writing Project

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Since 1978, the Gateway Writing Project has offered Summer Invitational Institutes and in-service workshops in urban, suburban, and rural schools. Courses and professional development programs emphasize building teacher knowledge and skill in teaching writing, using technology in writing instruction, recognizing cultural diversity, and conducting action research. GWP also offers an 18-hour Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing. The University of Missouri-St. Louis and Harris-Stowe State University co-sponsor GWP. Information and application materials for the Gateway institutes and courses are available on Gateway's Web site.

## Greater Kansas City Writing Project

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Since its first Invitational Institute in 1983, the Greater Kansas City Writing Project has provided comprehensive educational programs in the teaching of writing at all levels. The Summer Invitational Institute and the Open Institutes bring together teacher-leaders from across the Kansas City metropolitan area to share their expertise on the teaching of writing and offers graduate credit in English or education. During the year, GKCWP provides professional development workshops in schools, as well as on-campus weekend courses and various reading, writing, and action research groups for teachers. Our Youth Programs include a writing contest and conference for middle school students and their teachers in the Spring, and the annual Student Writing Project is a writing camp for grades 4-12 offered every summer on the UMKC campus.

## Ozarks Writing Project

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The Ozarks Writing Project recently received national funding as a permanent site of the National Writing Project. The OWP will hold its second summer invitational institute for teachers in Springfield and surrounding rural areas on May 3, June 16—July 11, and September 27. OWP Teacher Consultants will also offer a Youth Writing Camp in collaboration with the Carthage School District in June. The OWP serves area teachers and school districts through professional development opportunities such as in-services and Literacy Academies.

## Missouri Writing Project

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One of the earliest sites in the nation, the Missouri Writing Project conducted its first Summer Invitational Institute in 1977. MWP offers a variety of courses and prepares teachers to develop as writers and serve as curriculum leaders. Application criteria and deadlines for the MWP Summer Institutes are available online. Applications should be mailed to Amy Lannin; 303 Townsend Hall; UMC; Columbia, MO 65211. In addition to the summer institute, MWP offers an Advanced Institute and sponsors teacher writing groups, youth writing conferences, and in-service workshops for teachers.

## Prairie Lands Writing Project

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Sponsored by the St. Joseph School District and Missouri Western State University, Prairie Lands Writing Project (PLWP) works to improve student writing and the teaching of writing throughout northern Missouri. Our PLWP Teacher Consultants conduct in-service workshops at area schools, participate in writing groups, complete classroom action research projects, and sponsor forums and workshops related to writing and teaching writing. A special feature is PLWP's Youth Writing Project, which includes sponsoring an annual High School Writing Day and summer writing camps, grades three-eight. Check the PLWP website for up-to-date information and application procedures for institutes and graduate courses.