



Monthly Newsletter

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News Updates

Our Spring Mini-Conference is April 16 from 9:00-noon. This is an excellent opportunity to learn from the inquiry projects recently completed by 2015 ISI Fellows! Check out just some of these titles and topics!

- Developmentally Appropriate Writers' Workshops in Education Courses
- Teaching As a Writer Teaching Writers
- Promoting Engaged Reading and Responsible Research in the First-Year Composition Classroom through Metacognitive Reading & Writing Blogs
- Differentiated Coaching through Reflective Practice
- Close [Reading] Encounters of the Second Kind: Using Cues and Clues to Interact with Texts
- Music as Mentor Text: Bridging English and Music

Register at www.middletnwritingproject.org/professional-development. Send purchase orders to PO Box 213 MTSU 1301 E. Main St. Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

Writing Retreat. On May 21 from 9am-6pm, Aaron Shapiro and Agapi Theodorou-Shapiro will host our second annual event, "A Space to Write: Finding & Creating a Space for Writing." This will be an excellent opportunity for you to bring finished and unfinished writing projects as well as ideas for projects you want to begin! Participants will be given time to write, revise, read, and receive feedback from other writers. The cost is \$50 (\$40 for returning participants and TCs) and includes breakfast, lunch, and supplies. To register, go to www.middletnwritingproject.org/professional-development.

Summer Writing Camps are June 6-16. Registration is now open! If you have a student (or your own child) who is interested in writing and wants to join other students with a similar interest, send them to <http://www.middletnwritingproject.org/youth-writers-camps>. Space is limited, so encourage parents to register their students!

Summer Seminars are coming! We will be hosting the following:

- Diving into Writing (Grades K-2)
- Diving into Informative/Explanatory Writing (Grades 3-5)
- Diving into Argumentative Writing (Grades 6-12)

Check our website for updates and registration information.

Teacher Feature

Janolyn King attended ISI in 2009 and is currently the Assistant Principal at Cascade Middle School in Bedford County. Janolyn loves to teach and model the process of writing to young learners, and she is igniting a fire in her students for learning about reading and writing and the way these two tasks contribute to their futures. In her newest role as an administrator, she has provided professional development on vocabulary instruction and close reading instruction. Janolyn is married to Patrick King, a retired sailor, and they are the proud parents of one son, Tobiaz. As a family, they enjoy reading, traveling, and finding new and eclectic restaurants.

