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ISI 2018 Applications

The application portal for ISI 2018 is now open! Be sure to get your application in before January 15, 2018. A link to the application can be found below your newsletter, or on our website at: middletnwritingproject.org

BIG CHANGES AT MTWP!

We are sad to announce that this May, Dr. Ellen Donovan will be stepping down from her position as co-director of MTWP. However, we are happy and excited to announce that taking her place will be Dr. Suze Gilbert, who currently teaches undergraduate and graduate courses for the College of Education Department at MTSU. Many of you may already be familiar with Dr. Gilbert, as she has presented at MTWP's Fall Writing Conference several times throughout the years.

For those of you unfamiliar, Dr. Gilbert was born and raised in Middle Tennessee, and before making her way to MTSU she taught middle school Language Arts for Rutherford County and Lebanon Special School District. It was in that 6th grade

classroom that she found the inspiration to further her own education, and fell in love with teaching writing. Along with teaching, she is currently the Graduate Program Director for the Master's in Curriculum and Instruction at MTSU, and spends her free time outdoors with her high school sweetheart and their 3 kids: Anica, Isabella, and Charlie Mack.

Her goals for MTWP include continuing the work of helping teachers discover the tools they need to be successful teachers of writers and leaders for change, to continue opening doors for learners all over Middle Tennessee, and help them find their voice. She hopes MTWP can continue to grow in our leadership. She's looking forward to working with teachers and being challenged to think more deeply about leadership, growth, and the teaching of writing.

The 2017 Fall Writing Conference was a success! Thank you to everyone who could attend, and a special thank you to everyone who was able to present and help educators across Middle Tennessee grow as writers and as educators. We hope to see you all again next year!

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