



# MAY NEWSLETTER

## Join Our July Workshops

LET THE CREATIVE WRITING COMMENCE!

### DETAILS:

\$600 per week, for 15 hours of instruction with published writers. These small-group creative writing workshops will be held Monday-Friday, 3-6pm or 4-7pm, with optional Saturday Shares (student readings!) each Saturday afternoon.

Join us for drafting original work in each genre, as well as genre-specific deep-dives! **Literary discussion and textual analysis will complement each workshop, as students will study the style of great writers and workshop their pieces with their peers.**



Students ages 8-18 are welcome to apply. We will structure the classes according to enrollment and utilize various learning spaces to optimize each workshop experience. If our Creative Writing workshops fill up quickly as we imagine they will, we will run another series in August!

## **SCHEDULE:**

Short Story Writing (July 3-8) — "How to Write Short"  
Poetry (July 10-15) — "Awakening the Heart"  
Nonfiction & Journalism (July 17-22) — "Writing Reality"  
Personal Essay Writing (July 24-29) — "Sharing Your Story"



One genre per week; each student can choose the weeks they attend.

## **RESERVATIONS:**

Register on our [www.academicpathways.com](http://www.academicpathways.com) homepage using the Payment for Sessions button.

## Meet Our Teacher for Week 4 - Personal Essay Writing



Kristi Ferguson is a researcher and emerging nonfiction writer who was born and raised in Brazil. Kristi received her PhD in Cognitive Psychology from Ohio University and has worked in the fields of defense and technology. In addition to publications in academic, peer-reviewed journals, Kristi's creative work has appeared or is forthcoming in a variety of online literary journals and magazines. She lives outside Washington, D.C. in Arlington, Virginia.

Ms. Kristi will lead us in explorations of personal narrative, helping students to mine their life experiences for moments of awakening, joy, and resilience.

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*Also joining us this summer before she leaves for Harvard...*

Ms. Helina—Reading & Writing, English, Verbal Test Preparation (SAT, SSAT, ACT, & more)



Miss Helina is so excited to work with students at Academic Pathways and SpiderSmart! She is a student at Harvard University and graduated from Richard Montgomery High School.

In high school, Miss Helina excelled in a variety of Honors, AP, and IB courses. She also worked on the school newspaper as a writer and later an editor of the Social Justice section. Through her time as an editor, she worked closely with other students and taught them vital writing skills.

Miss Helina has always been an avid reader and she also loves math. Miss Helina is very passionate about learning and she is thrilled to share that love of learning with her SpiderSmart and Academic Pathways students!

*Wishing you a happy start of summer from all of us at AP!*