

Workshops for Students and Community Members

Old Oak Festival, Friday, April 5, 2019

Tusculum University



- Workshops are free
- Materials provided
- Lunch provided for students and chaperones
- Each student chooses two workshops: one AM, one PM
- RSVP by Wednesday, April 4, please—art workshops fill especially quickly
- Reservations and questions:
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Art as Activism: Creating Art for Social Change—Artists have often been at the forefront of activism, enhancing our understanding of social issues through a myriad of creative forms, such as songs, poems, street performances, signs and banners, and even something as simple as—a button. This workshop will explore how artists and everyday citizens creatively express themselves in times of social change by analyzing a few key historical examples of protest art *and* creating our own activist art in the form of buttons and signs.

Dr. Katherine Everhart earned her PhD in Sociology from Vanderbilt University and has been an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Tusculum University since 2017. Her dissertation examined the role of art and culture in the 62-day occupation of the University of Puerto Rico in 2010.

Playwriting—explore the art and craft of playwriting

Dean Wayne Thomas received his MFA in scriptwriting from Georgia College. His plays have been produced in various community, collegiate, and professional settings. He served as Assistant Drama Editor for Arts and Letters and edited Drama submissions for the Tusculum Review. He is Dean of the College of Civic & Liberal Arts and Acting Dean of the College of Science, Technology, & Mathematics

Drawing—learn drawing techniques and complete studio drawings

***Limited to 25 students**

Bill Bledsoe, Assistant Professor of Visual Communications and Design, has been an art instructor for 27 years and a working artist for more than 40. He worked as an artist for the United States Air Force in Europe, assistant to art direction for Walt Disney, and a freelance artist/designer for the NFL. He has been recognized by the Tennessee Arts Council as one of the 100 Outstanding Artists in the state, by Good Housekeeping for Outstanding Children's Book Illustration, and by ETSU as an Outstanding Alumni in the Arts.

SM-Art! Sensational Mathematical Art—explore mathematical art in this hands-on workshop with money origami, pop-ups, and optical illusions.

Dr. Tricia Hunsader is the Dean of the School of Education. Dr. Hunsader is a graduate of the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in finance, a Master of Arts in elementary education, and a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction with a specialization in mathematics education. She has worked as an elementary and high school mathematics teacher, a mathematics education professor, and is the Dean of the School of Education at Tusculum University.

Flash Fiction—an easy way to bloom as a writer. Whether you write everyday or have never tried, please join me as we create fiction....in a flash!

Ms. Vicky Johnson is an Assistant Professor of English at TU where she predominantly teaches writing and Appalachian Literature. She is a proud alum of Tusculum and East Tennessee State University. Her favorite mottoes include: "The Tassel is worth the hassle", and "I've never seen a U-Haul behind a hearse!"

Stream Biomonitoring—What can aquatic insects tell us about the condition of our local creek? Come get your hands dirty in College Creek and learn how to sample aquatic insects, identify common groups, and use that information to understand the impact people have on stream ecosystems.

Conor Keitzer, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science at Tusculum University, earned his Ph.D. in aquatic science from Purdue University and worked for three years as a postdoctoral researcher in the Aquatic Ecology Lab at the Ohio State University. Conor has over a decade of experience working to understand and conserve our freshwater ecosystems and the animals that call them home.

***Limited to 15 students**

East Tennessee in the Civil War—Are you interested in your region's role in the U.S. Civil War? Although Tennessee voted to leave the Union in 1861, East Tennessee remained loyal to the Union, and was quickly occupied by Confederate forces. This workshop will explore the outbreak of the war and our region's unique position during the sectional conflict. We will read a variety of first-hand accounts describing life in-and-around Greeneville, as well as Confederates' efforts to root out Unionist sympathizers.

Dr. Jeffrey Perry received his Ph.D. in History from Purdue University and is currently an Assistant Professor of History at Tusculum University. He teaches courses on early America and the Civil War Era.

Political Jeopardy—Could you pass a U.S. citizenship test? Come show off your government knowledge. Join current Tusculum students and faculty to discover layers of historical and political understanding.

Dr. Mary Cooper is Assistant Professor of Political Science and Director of the Honors Program at Tusculum. She completed her M.A. in International Relations and Ph.D. in Political Science at Yale University.

Fabulism: Extending the Boundaries of Non-Realistic Artistic Fiction—Feel compelled to write about a nightly transformation into a deer, about growing up next door to a pack of wild boys, about joining the mermaids (and your mother) under the sea? Then you, too, might be a fabulist. Explore short stories that have literary merit *and* embrace the bizarre, and experiment with techniques for crafting fabulist stories.

Heather Elouej, who earned an MFA in fiction writing from Washington University in St. Louis, is an Associate Professor of English. Elouej's fiction was selected by Michael Martone to receive an AWP Intro Award, and works of her short fiction have been published in such literary journals as *Conjunctions*, *Salt Hill*, *Cimarron Review*, *Cream City Review*, *DIAGRAM*, *Unstuck*, and elsewhere. She currently serves as Editor of *The Tusculum Review*.

Video Production—create and edit original video

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Lanna Monday, the Visual Communications program coordinator and faculty representative at Tusculum University has served higher education for the last 14 years. Prior to her service at TU, she was the Strategic Communications Coordinator for the University of Virginia's College at Wise and a communications faculty member as well as a media specialist and broadcasting instructor for Southwest Virginia Community College. Before joining higher education, she was a corporate marketing and media specialist for a wood flooring manufacturer. Monday was a producer/director for several weekly motor sports shows on ESPN II, Speed Channel, ESPN International, and the Outdoor Channel. She has earned multiple national honors for her work in television and marketing, including Telly Awards, Addy's, and Print Best Awards. She is a three-time recipient of the NISOD Excellence in Teaching Award.

Morning Workshops 9—11 AM

Afternoon Workshops 12:15—1:45 PM