

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Iowa State University

For Curriculum Committee use		
Semester(s) this course was previously offered:	Proposal Number:	W11-13

COURSE PROPOSAL

Please complete this form with the understanding that you may revise the course description and topics before the catalog is finalized. To see a catalog from last semester, go to the OLLI at ISU Web site: http://www.isualum.org/en/olli_at_isu/

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1. **Course title:** Memoir Writing: Everyone has a story

2. **General field of interest** (e.g., Science, Music): Creative writing

3. **Curriculum Committee contact person:** Shirley Shaw

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4. **Instructor or coordinator:** Lynn Avant

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Brief background of instructor (all or part of this will be used in the catalog):

BA social Work; MPA public administration

Work: social work/director Story County United Way

Trainer and program manager at ISU—Business college, poli sci dept/College HCS

Creative writing: since 1999/published poetry/member of Inkspots writing group at Ames Public Library/taught memoir writing class at Heartland Senior Center.

5. **Course description** that can be used to advertise the course in the catalog (you may revise this later if you wish).

Memories are our most cherished heirlooms. This course is designed to help you put your past on paper in a focused and interesting format. It is a workshop course with writing exercises during class time and writing assignments between class sessions.

6. **Specific topics** to be covered in the number of classes proposed:

Reasons we write memoirs

Memory maps and side roads

Obligations to our readers

Bringing characters to life

Creating time and place

Becoming our own editor and critic

Think narrow, write tight

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7. Preferred

class size: 15 or less 16-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 55 or more

8. Preferred session

(include year) : Sept.-Nov. Jan.-Feb. March-May

9. Preferred number of

weeks and sessions: 4 weeks 6 weeks 8 weeks
 Once a week Twice a week

10. Check preferred class time. Put N/A where you are not available.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Comments
9:00-10:30	N/A			X	Need a 'workshop' room set-up i.e. tables with space for writing in U or square shape.
11:00-12:30	N/A	X		X	
1:00-2:30	N/A	X	X	X	
3:00-4:30	N/A	X	X		

11. Recommended textbook (if any): N/A

Where to obtain: _____
 Cost of textbook: _____
 Students will pay: Instructor OLLI at ISU when registering

12. Copying:

If a large quantity of printed materials is proposed, materials may be offered as a packet to be handed out at the beginning of the semester. Cost of printing, if substantial, may be added to cost of course.

Estimated number of pages to be copied for each session: **30-45 (copying is of submitted assignments for each class. Could be paid by participants)**

13. Requested equipment

Please check choices. (A more detailed form will be provided for your use before classes begin.)

DVD player LCD projector 35mm slide projector
 VHS player Elmo (opaque) projector Lapel microphone
 CD player Overhead transparency projector Laser pointer

14. Please list any potential guest presenters and city in which they live:

N/A

15. Is travel reimbursement requested? Yes No