

*Writing In Depth: An Academic Writing Retreat*  
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## More of what our Writers are saying!...

*The retreat allowed me to flesh out and thoroughly develop an action plan for writing, gave me space and time to write, and coupled the writing with relaxing and being with nature. Great job! Thanks Maurice and Michelle!!*

-R. P., The Ohio State University, Dissertation Writer

*The retreat helped me rest and focus. It allowed me to learn concrete steps to finish my work and helped me hone in on the process of writing, remembering who my audience truly is and to reflect on the contribution of my work in my specific field.*

-K.C., Pacifica Graduate Institute, Dissertation Writer  
(Graduated 2014!)

*I would recommend---especially to folks who are perhaps "stuck" or having difficulty in getting started with the writing process. Engaging with and hearing from others is helpful. The supportive environment also helps motivate.*

-Tenure Track Faculty, Journal Article Writer

*"These activities definitely helped me have a balanced experience of writing productively. I also liked that they were optional and no obligation was attached. "*

*"The space provided everything I needed to be relaxed, nourished, distraction-free, and productive."*

*"The fires and walks helped me to clear space for writing."*

*"It was great to have lots of space to work in, both inside and outside. And what a treat to have delicious home cooked meals 3 times a day!"*

*"I appreciated that the workshops engaged with concrete obstacles and strategies and I liked that they were short and stayed on schedule."*

*This retreat gave me an incredible gift. It reminded me that I love writing and that I am good at it. Thank you!*

*-Kate, Dissertation Writer  
(Graduated 2013!)*

*Now I feel like the process of writing a dissertation can be a positive one that is within reach. It was so helpful to learn that others share my concerns, fears, and challenges and still survive, in fact, progress and thrive. This workshop was very empowering.*

*-MFA Thesis Writer  
(Graduated 2012!)*

*I would participate again. It was worth it to me to be in the presence of so much great work going on in the world. My faith in the great beauty of our youth is renewed and the elders of the group also contributed to the spectrum of wisdom brought by the leaders. Having all ages at the retreat was great.*

*-Writer from Bozeman, MT*

*I got in touch and discovered my writing complexes, eliminated blocks, and created a structure for my spirit to complete my dissertation with grace and ease. The people I met and the relationships that were created can only be described as ...nothing less than priceless.*

*-Dissertation Writer*

*"Fires were an excellent evening activity. Great for community and cohort support."*

*"Thank you so much Maurice & Michelle for this wonderful experience. You all are great."*

*"It was helpful to be with a group of other people who were also writing and to remove other distractions. I got lots done."*

*"The Spirit House, land & overall calm and peaceful atmosphere at Hope Springs were very supportive elements."*

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*I would definitely recommend this retreat to a fellow writer, especially colleagues working on their dissertation. The retreat provides a nice, supportive environment to work through ideas and write. For a few days, one is able to leave their busy life, come into a beautiful space where their mind and body are nourished, and get work done!*

-Dissertation Writer

*In my time as a graduate student in an effort to become a scholar, I have made so many excuses that prevented me from writing. This was largely due to fears I was unable to understand or grapple. Writing in Depth helped expose those thoughts of uneasiness and provided me with the proper mind frame to disseminate ideas and knowledge that I hope will impact the world in a meaningful way.*

-Dissertation Writer

*Writing in Depth gave me the support, nurturing, and helped with specific goals in order to complete my dissertation. I can actually see an end in sight and I feel more confident. Also helpful to realize how hard I've been on myself for setting up unrealistic goals.*

-Dissertation Writer  
(Graduated 2014!)

*Will help get the wheels started when they may have stopped spinning at some/any point in the writing cycle. The retreat offers a calming, peaceful, and nurturing environment in a community of friends and facilitated by two people who are genuine in their desire to help others.*

-Faculty Writer

*"I was pleased with the time I had to write. It was just enough to get a lot done, but not too much so that it felt isolating or unstructured. I loved that we had indoor and outdoor spaces to write."*

*"The workshops were fantastic. I was worried when I saw how short they were, but they were transformative."*

*"Academic writing is very isolating—to come together as a positively-intentioned, like-minded groups is a plus, getting away from distractions, pure nature environment."*

*"Michelle and Maurice, I am so thankful to you both for your time and for planning such a helpful retreat. I can tell that a lot of care has gone into every detail, and I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to be here. Thank you! Elizabeth"*

*Please Consider Joining Us!*

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