



Penn Literacy Network/University of Pennsylvania

Penn Literacy Network will offer the following PLN course during the summer of 2018. The cost is \$1750 (representing a \$200 discount) and successful completion earns each participant .75 course units = 3 continuing education graduate credits.*

Participants will earn a Summer 2 semester grade upon successful course completion.

PLN 18D: Transacting and Composing Text with Memoir Writing

Facilitator: Beth Schulman

Dates and Times: Monday, July 30, Tuesday, July 31, Wednesday, August 1, Thursday, August 2, and Friday, August 3, 2018, 9:00am – 4pm

Location: 3440 Market Street, PLN 3rd floor conference room

This course explores transacting with text and composing text through the personal lens of memoir writing. Teachers gain the tools to help students become successful memoir writers.

“Bridging the Gap: Reading Critically and Writing Meaningfully to get to the Core” by Lesley Roessing is the primary text used in this course. Roessing states that students who read and write memoir "discover who they are, analyze how they got there, and consider what they can become. This authentic writing helps even the most reluctant writer find his or her voice because it is writing that matters and all writers have stories to tell.”

Participants read and closely examine, "The Gold Mailbox" by Beth Schulman. Schulman's memoir, a heartfelt story of struggle and resilience, is the "mentor" text to Roessing's book. The PLN frameworks provide the theoretical foundation for this course: The Four Lenses of Learning and The Five Reading Writing Talking Processes. These evidence-based frameworks shape how participants examine texts as they reflect on classroom memoir writing lessons.

Participants purchase Roessing's text and Schulman's memoir before the course begins to bring to each class session.

**How do I register for the PLN credit-bearing courses noted above?
Complete the following by the deadline: April 5, 2018. Limited numbers
(First come, first served.)**

- ✓ Go to the PLN homepage at www.gse.upenn.edu/pln and click the registration button on the left side of the screen. Follow the instructions to complete the form and click submit (see attached “How to Register Online” document for more complete directions).

- ✓ Send the following to Iris Sanchez at sanchezi@upenn.edu
 - An email indicating that you are interested in taking the course and that you have registered online or that you plan to do so by the deadline.

Billing Information:

Participants will receive an email from iris Sanchez (PLN’s Administrator) in mid-July to inform them of billing and payment information.

You may:

- Pay by check.
 - Write checks to The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania. **Include your Penn ID number on your check.**
 - Mail at least **2 weeks before the due date** to:
University of Pennsylvania/Tuition
PO Box 785551
Philadelphia, PA 19178-5551

- Pay by credit card (Mastercard, Discover, or American Express):
 - Use the following link to request a Penn Key username and password (**see the attached detailed instructions for this process**)-
<https://pennkeyrequest.apps.upenn.edu/pennKeyRequest/jsp/fast.do;jsessionid=4FB8F513BCEAB9D3CE7A937827E96FEE>
 - Use your PennKey to log on to PennPay (Penn’s electronic billing and payment system)- <http://www.sfs.upenn.edu/billing/index.htm>
 - Please be aware that the credit card companies charge a service fee (2.75% for Mastercard and Discover, 6% for American Express).

****Due to a change in the internal reporting system at the University of Pennsylvania, this course will be reported on your transcript with the following ratio effective July 1, 2017: 0.375 credits = 1.5 continuing education graduate credits.***