

HOW WRITERS WRITE POETRY 2015

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL ONLINE ~ OPENING APRIL 13, 2015



The International Writing Program at the University of Iowa is opening a new MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) for writers around the world: **How Writers Write Poetry 2015**. This free and open online course, beginning on April 13, 2015, offers an introduction to the study and practice of writing poetry. The seven-week course presents a diverse collection of short video talks on poetry by acclaimed poets. A team of teaching moderators will lead 24/7 online discussion of course topics and writing assignments. No writing experience is necessary; the online course is designed to encourage participation among nonnative speakers of English.

We are reaching out to American Spaces and Corners around the world in an effort to make our MOOC courses accessible in areas with unreliable internet connectivity. We would like to invite you to host a group of participants in your area, providing them with a space to use and discuss the course materials. It would not be necessary for you to teach the course—we will provide all the course materials for distribution.

Course materials can be downloaded starting April 13, 2015 at this link and can be used to host a local group at any time:

<http://www.distancelearningiwp.org/>

The welcome video and open registration page for the MOOC may be found here:

<https://www.canvas.net/browse/uofiowa/courses/how-writers-write-poetry>

And all are welcome to join our How Writers Write Poetry 2015 Facebook group here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/253304364874280/>

The University of Iowa is renowned for its creative writing programs, and Iowa City is a UNESCO City of Literature. Our MOOCs open a very special community to international participants. Last year the International Writing Program brought together 16,000 people around the world within its creative writing and literature MOOCs. We would love to welcome aspiring writers in your region into **How Writers Write Poetry 2015**.

If you would like to host a local group, we would be delighted to support you! Please feel free to spread the word to your community. If you have any questions or requests for assistance, you can reach Susannah Shive, IWP Distance Learning Coordinator, at susannah-shive@uiowa.edu.

