

Schedule for Nonfiction Workshop

English 242, Section 1 – Spring 2013

AA=Angela's Ashes
FBB=Full Body Burden
TBL=This Boy's Life

DATE	ASSIGNMENT DUE THAT DAY
Jan. 23	1. Introduction to the course
Jan. 30	2. Write 2-pager: tell a story in the voice of a toddler Presentation: strategies for writing memoir by Jessica Keaton
Feb. 6	3. Read: AA Ch 1-2 Write 2-pager: memories of my first day of school Presentation: on Frank McCourt by Kelly Harrison Student's Choice Memoir Presentation: Jessica Keaton 7 p.m. Jayne Anne Phillips reading
Feb. 7	12 p.m. Jayne Anne Phillips in conversation
Feb. 13	4. Read: AA Ch 3-7 Write 2-pager: a Valentine's Day remembered Presentation: discuss narrative voice, p.o.v. in AA by Jan McCutcheon Student's Choice Memoir Presentation: Steve Wong
Feb. 20	5. Read: AA Ch 8-11 Write 2-pager: tell the story of a childhood fright from the p.o.v. of the child in present tense Presentation: discuss characterization, pacing & narrative devices in AA by Adnan Alam Student's Choice Memoir Presentation: Amanda Morin
Feb. 15-18	MFA exam
Feb. 27	6. Read: AA Ch 12-19 Write 2-pager: tell the same story of a childhood fright reflecting back as an adult Presentation: discuss structure in AA by Chris Krohn Student's Choice Memoir Presentation: Jan McCutcheon 7 p.m. Susans Steinberg & Straight reading
Feb. 27	Thesis proposals due to CAM for those taking Fall 299 credits
Mar. 6	7. Read: FBB Ch 1-2 Write 2-pager: recount a family holiday using sensory details; tell us what these details say about your family Presentation: on Kristen Iversen by Jen Clem Student's Choice Memoir Presentation: Nicole Mangiardi

- Mar. 13 8. Class cancelled
- Mar. 20 9. Write 2-pager: an episode with the birds and the bees
- Mar. 25 - 29 SPRING BREAK!**
- Apr. 3 10. Read: FBB Ch 3-4
Write 2-pager: use humor to describe learning to [cook, type, drive, swim, ride a bike, etc.]
Presentation: discuss narrative voice, p.o.v. in FBB Nicole Mangiardi
Student's Choice Memoir Presentation: Kelly Harrison
7 p.m. Dana Gioia reading
- Apr. 4 1 p.m. Dana Gioia in conversation
- Apr. 5 Thesis proposals due to the Graduate Committee for those taking Fall 299 credits
- Apr. 10 11. Read: FBB Ch 5-6
Write 2-pager: use drama to tell a narrative from your high school days
Student's Choice Memoir Presentation: Adnan Alam
- Apr. 17 12. Read: FBB Ch 7-Epilogue
Write 2-pager: paint a portrait of one of your more colorful relatives
Student's Choice Memoir Presentation: Chris Krohn
7 p.m. Carmen Giménez Smith reading
- Apr. 22 7 p.m. Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni reading
- Apr. 24 13. Read: TBL Fortune & Uncool
Write 2-pager: describe a grown-up love affair
Presentation: on Tobias Wolff by Amanda Morin
Presentation: discuss narrative voice, p.o.v. in TBL by Valerie Cruz
7 p.m. Cathleen Miller reading and book launch party!
- May 1 14. Read: TBL A Whole New Deal & Citizenship in the Home
Write 2-pager: dramatize a scene from your week
Presentation: discuss characterization, pacing & narrative devices in TBL by Steve Wong
Student's Choice Memoir Presentation: Jen Clem
- May 8 15. Read: TBL Citizenship in the School & The Amen Corner
Write 2-pager: this is what I learned about writing memoir this semester
Student's Choice Memoir Presentation: Valerie Cruz
- May 15 Final Reading, Party, & Tearful Farewells