ENGL 2903
Summer 2021
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Course description: This online blended course familiarizes students with creative approaches to writing fiction. Students will learn different strategies for writing pieces of different lengths and forms. We will explore how to use poetic and non-fiction techniques in fiction, including our own personal experiences and interests for inspiration. A variety of interactive, engaging, sometimes out-of-the-box prompts will be provided throughout the term. Ideas about assignments, texts and topics will be shared on Brightspace and during our weekly Zoom workshops. We will read, discuss and write about exemplary short stories, poems, life writing, and texts about writing by writers from a variety of backgrounds and perspectives. Students will also consider recent critical debates about what it can be like to be a writer in contemporary multicultural society.

Our asynchronous activities will include watching pre-recorded lecture videos, contributing posts and replies on discussion forums, and engaging with and completing writing prompts and assignments. Our synchronous activities will include weekly workshops held on Zoom.