

Welcome to 3999G, a writing course that focuses on the discovery and cultivation of our creative writing capacities. This class is rooted in poetry, but we will go beyond the poem itself—we will spend time exploring how poetic tools and approaches are used in other genres like short stories and personal essays. By closely examining different texts, engaging with writers' thoughts on craft, and opening ourselves to creative exploration, we will begin to refine our writing practices and styles. We will take the tools we have gathered and experiment with them in our own work. Students can expect to spend a significant amount of time writing and refining their pieces. Because this is a workshop course, participation is vital. We will be learning how to give and receive constructive feedback. As such, it will be critical that we create a welcoming and supportive shared space.