The University of New Hampshire is internationally known for its work in writing. Beginning in the 1960s, Donald Murray urged teachers to treat all students as writers: they need subjects that engage them and helpful responses from other students and the teacher. Murray’s colleague and friend, Donald Graves, extended those ideas by showing how the elementary classroom could become a writer’s workshop. His book *Writing Teachers and Children at Work* has transformed how writing is taught in schools.

The UNH Writers Academy is a place where students are treated as writers. They can put their creative juices to work and improve their skills in a relaxed yet challenging environment. Students will write daily and exchange ideas with other young writers. They will discover various writing styles and meet professional authors who will share their own experiences about becoming successful writers.
Registration Fee $210

- Click on [www.unh.edu/youthprograms](http://www.unh.edu/youthprograms) to review important registration information. Enrollment opens February 15 for the Writers Academy.

- Students are grouped by grade they will enter: 5-6, 7-8, 9-12, and Cartooning Gr. 6-8. Three similar high school groups are offered each week. If you have a preference, note the instructor.

- All sections are scheduled Monday-Friday, 8:30-2:30, in Hamilton Smith Hall, Durham. NO additional supervision is provided before and after the program. Please plan accordingly. Carpooling is strongly encouraged.

- For more information, visit: [cola.unh.edu/english/program/writers-academy](http://cola.unh.edu/english/program/writers-academy)

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Featured Guest Authors

**Lisa Bunker** works full time as a writer and trans activist. Her first novel, *Felix Yz* is about a 13-year-old fused with an alien (2017). Her second novel, *Zenobia July* involves a teenage trans girl with a troubled past who solves cyber-crimes (Spring 2019). She has two grown children and lives in Exeter, New Hampshire, with her partner. You can find her on Twitter @LisaBunker and on the Web at: [www.lisabunker.net](http://www.lisabunker.net)

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**Ralph Fletcher** has been a mentor to teachers and young writers everywhere. Students know Ralph as the award-winning author of many books, including *Fig Pudding*, *Twilight Comes Twice*, *The Writer’s Notebook*, and *Marshfield Dreams*. In addition to many teacher professional books, he recently published *Joy Write* (April 2017) and *The Writing Teacher’s Companion, Second Edition* (July 2017).

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Week 1: June 25-29, 2018
Gr. 5-6 with Karen Atherton/Pam Murphy
Gr. 6-8 Cartooning with Branden Wood
Gr. 7-8 with Ashley Healey/Tomasen Carey
Gr. 9-12 (3 high school groups are offered) with: Laura Smith; Laure deConstant; and Paul Durham

Week 2: July 9-13, 2018
Gr. 5-6 with David McCormick/Mary Ellen Webb
Gr. 7-8 with Mark Holt-Shannon/Alicia Spates-Messier
Gr. 9-12 (3 high school groups are offered) with Christian Gompert; Clark Knowles; and Sarah Cook

Week 3: July 16-20, 2018
Grade 5-6 with Ashley Healey/David McCormick
Grade 7-8 with Pat Boyle-Steed/Sarah Cook
Gr. 9-12 (3 high school groups are offered) with Dennis Magliozzi/Kristina Peterson; Clark Knowles; and Chris Pirk

Instructors (in alphabetical order)

Tomasen M. Carey is a Senior Lecturer in the English Department at the University of New Hampshire where she is the Field Coordinator of UNH Learning Through Teaching and the Director of UNH Writer’s Academy. She is the voice behind the blog, Conversation Education conversationeducation.com.

Karen Atherton was a student of Donald Graves at UNH where she learned to use the Writing Process in her classroom. She has over 25 years of experience teaching elementary and middle school, currently in Barrington, NH.

Pat Boyle-Steed has been an educator for more than 30 years, sharing her passion for writing with both children in classrooms and adults in corporations. She recently taught middle school writing and reading in Plaistow, NH.

Sarah Cook taught middle and high school in Roxbury and Brookline, MA, as well as rural Vermont. She was also a GED instructor for the Exeter Adult Education program. She currently teaches middle school in Stratham, NH.
Lauren de Constant has been a literacy educator for more than 25 years and currently teaches middle school in North Hampton, NH. She loves working with young adults as they develop their individual voices through the power of language. Paul Durham wrote, *The Luck Uglies*, a trilogy for young readers that was named a 2015 ALA Notable Children’s Book and won the 2014 Cybils Award for Speculative Fiction among other awards. His next series will be published in 2018. Paul lives in Exeter, NH, where he writes in an abandoned chicken coop.

Christian Gompert has 14 years of experience as a high school educator, currently teaching literacy skills and movie making at Coo-Brown Northwood Academy. He believes that choice, risk-taking, and positive feedback are essential in bringing the movie of our minds onto the page.

Ashley Healey is a proud graduate and educator of UNH. She currently teaches elementary school in Stratham, NH, where she enjoys working with students who share her passion for reading and writing.

Mark Holt-Shannon has taught middle school for more than ten years. He has published a scattering of essays and stories and works as a freelance photographer in the New Hampshire Seacoast.


Dennis Magliozzi and Kristina Peterson both teach high school in Exeter, NH. Dennis has an MFA in Poetry from Vermont College of Fine Arts and is currently enrolled in the Philosophy of Education program at UNH. Kristina is an avid reader of YA fiction and believes in the importance of student choice in both reading and writing.

David McCormick and Mary Ellen Webb have been elementary school educators for more than 20 years. They currently bring their experience to Lee, NH, where they build learning communities in multi-grade classrooms.

Pam Murphy has taught elementary school in Barrington, NH, for more than 20 years. Her classroom was a research site for Donald Graves. She works hard to see and honor the individual strengths in all her students.

Chris Pirkl has been teaching middle school for ten years. He is an avid reader especially young adult fiction (check out what he’s reading at: [bit.ly/PirklGoodreads]). He enjoys nurturing his students’ creativity and sharing his passion for reading and writing.

Laura Smith, a former high school teacher and coach, now teaches writing and the teaching of literacy at UNH, including a course in teaching young adult literature. She enjoys helping writers build their work, sometimes piece by piece, toward a variety of genres.

Alicia Spates-Messier has been teaching for over ten years mostly as a middle school language arts teacher. She also taught creative writing, public speaking, and technology. Most recently, she is a consultant for the Learning Through Teaching program at UNH and loves to combine the arts and technology with writing.

Branden Wood offers a Cartooning session and has been a middle school teacher for more than 15 years. He is currently writing the *Letters of Charles R. Ziegler*, which is accompanied by Brian Defferding and Thomas Mauer (2009 Harvey Award Nominee for Best Letterer).