

College Application Essay Writing Workshop

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About Instructor

"Stuart Patterson is the Chair of the Shimer Great Books School at North Central College. He has been teaching writing at the collegiate level for over 15 years. For the past two years, he has been advising students in North Central College's Lederman and Community Scholars programs, which place advanced high school age students in college courses and provides guidance for college placement. His current research interests include Cao Xueqin's *Story of the Stone* and its ongoing role in Chinese life."

Course Description

"Crafting a Personal Essay is offered to help upper level high school students become comfortable with the project of writing pithy, meaningful, stand-out personal essays, primarily for use in college applications. We will practice especially the twin arts of drafting and editing, making every word count in a genre in which brevity is at a premium. We will practice exercises designed to help students generate ideas and to practice a variety of rhetorical strategies for presenting them effectively. Students will write short pieces in class and read and critique each others' work to develop their critical eye for excellence in writing, their own and others'."

Schedule

Session 1 (06/12-07/16), SUN, 10:00 am-11:50 pm