

## [Tutor Schedule for Fall Semester 2009](#)



**Ann Russell** is the Writing Center Director and the Writing Program Director for Madonna University. She is new at Madonna, having started in August 2006. Ann has taught writing at various Michigan colleges, but most of her experience was in the University of Michigan system, where she also directed a writing center and a writing assessment program. She left teaching for a while and worked as a journalist, ending as the editor of two community newspapers. She has also been a freelance writer, and has published more than 35 "genre" short stories.

Ann has an A.B. in English and German from the University of Michigan-Flint, an A.M. in English Education from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. in English (Rhetoric and Composition) from Michigan State University. Her dissertation topic was a history and case study of Michigan's oldest writing center, which Ann directed for several years. Ann lives in East Lansing with her family.



**Scream**, a blow-up figure inspired by Edvard Munch's renowned painting of the same name, is the Writing Center's official mascot. He is on long-term loan from Tom Ward, Frances FitzGerald's husband. Scream represents the way many students feel when they initially receive writing assignments. Fortunately, the gifted Writing Center tutors understand this, and can help students with writing-related anxiety by helping them improve their writing skills and confidence.



**Frances FitzGerald**, coordinator of the Writing Center, tutors at both Madonna University and Oakland Community College (OCC), Orchard Ridge. Like Diane Baumgartner, she has earned her tutor certification through the CRLA. She also teaches composition classes at Madonna and OCC. Frances has a BS in psychology from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, MI, and an MA in English from the University of Illinois, Chicago. Learning from her students is one of the aspects she enjoys most about tutoring and teaching. She and her husband live in Farmington.



**Jeri-Ann Dolch:** I was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I have a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Multicultural Studies from Madonna University (MU). I am currently a student at MU and expect to graduate this year with a MATESOL. I have enjoyed the last 13 years tutoring K-12 students in a variety of subjects in a local public school. I also have had a great experience tutoring ESL students in the ESL Writing Lab at Madonna, and am look forward to working with fellow Madonna University students at the Orchard Lake site of the University Writing Lab.



**Qolette Jackson** is a graduate student in the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) program at Madonna University. She received her BA in English Literature from Michigan State University, and left with a passion for learning languages and cultures. During her spare time, she can usually be found with her nose in a sappy romance novel or scribbling her own works of "art." Her past tutoring experience includes international students, refugees, and undergraduates, and she is thrilled to be a part of the staff at the Writing Center.



**Marian Woyciehowicz Gonsior** is currently an adjunct assistant professor in the ESL Program at Madonna University. In addition, she has taught ESL at Oakland Community College and the University of Detroit Mercy. At UDM she also served as the assistant coordinator of the American Language and Culture Program. She holds an MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Madonna and an MA in Spanish from New York University. Writing is her first love, so some of her favorite moments are those she spends talking about writing with students and colleagues.



**John Allasio** is a sophomore here at Madonna and is studying for a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is 19 years old and was home-schooled from third grade through high school. His interests range from playing hockey and soccer to collecting guns and knives to philosophy and theology. He works at a small market during the summer and winter breaks. He is very involved at church as an altar boy, and he also volunteers at the Mound Rd. Correctional Facility.



**Holly Kuhnle** is a sophomore who is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree in Sign Language Studies. She enjoys going on vacation to Disney World with her immediate and extended family. One of her passions is music, which she has pursued by touring twice with the Young Continentals (a ministry group that performs concerts at various churches) and has seen over half the United States this way. A former home-schooled student who at one point hated writing, she is very thankful to several Madonna instructors for rebuilding her confidence and restoring her love of writing.



**Susan Ruellan, MA TESOL** taught EFL/ESP in France from 1991 to 1999 in diverse educational settings, including adult education, vocational training, and civil aviation. In the US, she has taught ESL/EAP at the undergraduate level. Susan has written articles about audience, teacher commentary, textual borrowing, and narratives about the challenges L2 learners experience. In 2008, she published her first children's chapter book. At Madonna University, she has supervised ESL tutoring and teaches ESL 4230, the ESL Research Writing Course.



My name is **Katie Marzec**, and I am a graduate student at MU. I received my BA in English/Speech and my elementary teaching certificate from Madonna and am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Learning Disabilities. I am a middle school English teacher at Sacred Heart School in Dearborn and am the advisor of the Ladywood High School Cheer Program. In addition to coaching and teaching, I love choreographing routines for other teams throughout the state. Cheers!



**Cynthia Burgess** is majoring in psychology with a focus on mental health. Writing has been her hobby for several years. She also has a passion for singing, and was in choir from first grade through high school. She loves horses, but is still learning how to stay on top of them. After graduation, she plans to earn a Psy.D. in psychology (doctorate in psychology).



**Lisa Sue Morrison** is an undergraduate student in Madonna University's nursing program. Previously, she spent 20 years as a private banker/branch manager for a national bank. Lisa holds securities, broker and insurance, and real estate licenses. Lisa recently lost both her parents, which sparked her desire to become a nurse. Lisa will graduate May 2011, and plans to pursue her MSN. Lisa enjoys writing and loves Madonna's Writing Center. She believes the Writing Center has helped tremendously during the transition to her second career in nursing. Her cat, Grace, often "helps" Lisa to write papers and study.



**Cassie Yarnall** is a sophomore at Madonna University, majoring in Sign Language Studies. She is involved in the Residence Hall Council, Project Earth, Campus Ministry, ADAM, and anywhere else she finds to help out around campus. She is also a member of the Madonna cross country team. When she is not running, working, or doing school-related activities, Cassie loves to spend time with her sisters and friends, practice her signing skills, and dance in the rain. This is Cassie's first year working in the Madonna Writing Center, and she is very excited to see what this year will bring!



**Kelly Kheen** is a senior majoring in mathematics. Wanting to help promote the importance of a strong English background for the science and mathematics disciplines, she decided to join the wonderful staff of the Writing Center. Also, Lisa Morrison made her apply. When Kelly has free time, she enjoys reading, cooking, computers, music, hanging out with her friends and family, and, of course, math. Kelly attributes her youthful looking skin to an obsessive avoidance of sun exposure.



**Theresa Gase** is starting her second semester working in the Writing Center. As a sophomore undergraduate at Madonna, she is double majoring in Theology and Math. Her aspiration is to be a high school teacher. While at school she lives on campus, but her home town is Sidney, Ohio. It's a small town about three hours south of Livonia. In her spare time, she especially enjoys reading, running, and baking.



**Fatima Salemassi** received her BA in Spanish and Sociology, and MA TESOL from Madonna and is currently an adjunct instructor in Madonna's World Languages Department, Spanish. In addition, she is a state certified teacher and this last summer, 2009, Fatima earned a certification in international studies. Fatima is doing research on the influence of web-based composition, such as blogs or online discussion boards, on the development of writing skills. Fatima is a former ESL student of Madonna.



**Cari Ann DeLamielleure** is a senior, due to graduate in May 2010. She is graduating with a BA in English/Journalism, a minor in Sociology and a Community Leadership certificate. She is currently working on her third internship this semester at FAITH Publishing Service. In her two years at Madonna, Cari has created and coordinated the Campus Ministry Information Service, as well as directing the '09/'10 CM choir. She enjoys playing the piano, singing and wearing fuzzy socks. After graduation, Cari hopes to be working in publishing and one day finish a Culinary Arts degree. Basically, she is awesome.



**Cecilia Marie Zondlo, OSF** is a Bernardine Franciscan Sister out of Reading, PA. She has a BA degree from Villanova University with a major in English; a BA degree in French from Worcester, MASS and a BA Degree in Religious Studies from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI. She taught many different subjects at Divine Child High School in Dearborn, MI for 25 years. Among these were English and Yearbook Journalism. She coordinated the publication of the yearbook for 18 years. Currently, she volunteers two days at week at Mercy Education project in Detroit teaching adult women who need their GED language arts. She also tutors Madonna University SWEEP students writing skills.



**Christine Dixon** is a sophomore music major. She enjoys playing the piano and singing. She also has a habit of scribbling poetry on any piece of paper she comes across. She enjoys chocolate in any form and hopes to change the world.



**Lynette Mitan** is a graduate student in the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) program, focusing on Adult Education. After receiving a BS, *magna cum laude*, in Human Resource Development with a Major in Instructional Training and Design from Oakland University, she authored a popular meditation CD, recognized by Rose Cancer Center (Dr. Chas. Main) and Fetzer Institute. She then 'hit' the public speaking circuit in and outside of the USA. Lynette's background includes teaching ESL for Oakland Literacy Council; writing for *Quality Lifestyle Publications* and *The Detroit Native Sun*. She is a published author and produced/hosted her cable program "Living Life to the Fullest" for several years in over (20) cities including the Detroit Educational channel. Presently, she teaches physical fitness to the cloistered Dominican Sisters at the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament and her passions include helping others reach their goals, travel, parasailing, and eating great food!



**Saniyah Ahmed** is Pakistani but was raised in Saudi Arabia. She's majoring in psychology. She started attending Madonna University in fall 2008. She wasn't aware of the Writing Center until she was enrolled in an English class and she was asked to take her paper to the Writing Center. Thanks to all the hard-working tutors who have made her feel so comfortable about writing, she has actually become a tutor herself. She looks forward to being a tutor and providing the same service to other students.