

Title: Poetry Workshop

Location: Florence-Central Unit, Death Row

Summary:

This proposed course builds on the successful methodology of previous poetry workshops in Florence-South (2016-present), Florence-East (2013-2016), and Florence-North (2009-2013). These workshops employed a group writing and criticism process that begins with initial presentation of new writing by inmates; typing out and re-presenting the writing in a class handout the following week; and supportive criticism accompanying successive drafts. The educational outcome lies in the creation, encouragement, and long-term sustainment of a creative writing culture within a prison unit. This proposal parallels Death Row writing projects in other state prison systems, such as Spoken Pen in Arkansas, the RMSI Unit 2 writing group in Tennessee, and Arts from San Quentin in California.

Time: Weekly. Friday 10-11:45am.

Duration: September 2019-June 2020. There will be an anticipated 30-32 class sessions during this period.