Quarter: Spring 2017  
Course Title: Writing for the Youngest Audience: Little Children, Big Emotions  
Course Code: WSP 16  
Instructor: Elissa Haden Guest & Lynn E. Hazen

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Course Schedule:  
2 Saturdays:  
April 22 & April 29, 2017  
9:45 am - 3:30 pm

Grade Options and Requirements:  
• No Grade Requested (NGR)  
  o This is the default option. No work will be required; no credit shall be received; no proof of attendance can be provided.  
• Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)  
  o Students must attend & participate in both class sessions.  
• Letter Grade (A, B, C, D, No Pass)  
  o Students must attend & participate in both class sessions, and complete a short piece of written work (to be discussed further in class).

*Please Note: If you require proof that you completed a Continuing Studies course for any reason (for example, employer reimbursement), you must choose either the Letter Grade or Credit/No Credit option. Courses taken for NGR will not appear on official transcripts or grade reports.

Tentative Weekly Outline:  

Week 1 - Saturday, April 22, 2017  
• Introduction to board books, picture books, early readers & young chapter books  
• Young children and their emotions  
• Writing exercises  
• Memorable & empathetic characters  
• Pacing, page turns, & building tension  
• Q & A
Week 2 - Saturday, April 29, 2017

- Developing your own voice
- New and expanded writing exercises
- Humor & dialogue
- Capturing emotion
- Publishing info, advice, and Q & A

Required Text(s): none

Recommended Text(s):
- Kelly DiPucchio, *Gaston*
- Carson Ellis, *Du Iz Tak?*
- Elissa Haden Guest, *Iris and Walter*
- Global Relief Fund, *Global Babies*
- Lynn E. Hazen, *The Amazing Trail of Seymour Snail*
- Meg Medina, *Mango, Abuela, & Me*
- Phyllis Root, *Oliver Finds His Way*
- Maurice Sendak, *Where the Wild Things Are*
- Mo Willems, *Elephant and Piggie: There is a Bird on Your Head*

First assignment for Week 1 (April 22, 2017):

2. Read as many books as you can from the optional recommended reading list (above).