

Advanced Memoir Writing

Course Description

This course is a logical continuation of a basic memoir writing course that has been offered at OLLI for several years. It continues to explore creative writing techniques but also helps get students closer to the ultimate goal of publishing their memoirs. The course, like its predecessor, involves writing in and out of class.

Weekly Layout:

Introduction; review course objectives

Sharing examples of previous memoir writing

Ways to improve creative writing

Using enhancements, including photos, other illustrations and dialogue

Outline a publishing project, the primary course goal

First phase of the publishing project: childhood memories

Second phase: adolescence

Third phase: Ages 18-30

Fourth phase: Ages 31-65

Last phase: retirement and beyond. Also, complete book cover illustration

Discuss and critique your completed book

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