

PROGRAM STAFF

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HOW TO APPLY

Applications can be submitted online at go.jcu.edu/yww.

Applications must include:

1. Application form*
2. Code of responsibility*
3. Parental consent/Emergency form*
4. A one-page essay telling us why you would like to attend the JCU Young Writers Workshop (in your own words, with your signature at the bottom)
5. A sample of your creative writing (1-3 poems or 4 pages of fiction or non-fiction)
6. A \$100 non-refundable deposit

*Download and print the application forms at go.jcu.edu/yww.

Applications are due by **March 15, 2025**. Scholarships may be available.

Young WRITERS WORKSHOP



JULY 14-19 2025

*A writing workshop for students
entering grades 8-12*

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 **John Carroll**
UNIVERSITY

THE PROGRAM

The John Carroll Young Writers Workshop (for students grades 8–12) will take place on July 14– July 19, 2025, on the campus of John Carroll University, directed by award-winning creative writing faculty from John Carroll University. We offer both day camp and overnight options.

Students participate in a rigorous and inspiring program that provides an introduction to the art and craft of poetry and short fiction. In morning and afternoon sessions, students study with acclaimed writers, engaging in writing-intensive exercises designed to address the elements of craft. They participate in lively workshop sessions in which they discuss each other's work to spur revision. Over the week, students have individual conferences with Dr. Philip Metres about their writing, and then submit writing for the YWW anthology, published on the final day of the camp. Families are welcome to attend the final reception and reading.

DAILY SCHEDULE

9–10 A.M. STORIES

10–11 A.M. GUIDED WRITING

11 A.M.–NOON STORIES WORKSHOP

NOON–1 P.M. LUNCH AT CAFETERIA

1–1:30 P.M. CONFERENCES

1:30–2:30 P.M. READING/TALK

2:30–3:30 P.M. POEMS

3:30–4:30 P.M. GUIDED WRITING

4:30–5:00 P.M. POEMS WORKSHOP

Overnight Option

5:30–6:30 P.M. DINNER AT CAFETERIA

6:30–8:30 P.M. GAMES (OR FIELD TRIP INTO CLEVELAND!)

8:30–10:30 P.M. FREE WRITING/READING TIME

11:00 P.M. LIGHTS OUT

For overnight campers, check-in will take place at 3–5 pm on Sunday, July 13, 2025. Campers stay in air-conditioned dorms, sharing doubles. Girls and boys reside in separate halls.

John Carroll University undergraduate interns who stay in the dorms are in charge of evening activities including games, use of the campus pool and facilities, movie showings, and one field trip downtown. All meals are served at the John Carroll University cafeteria, which has vegetarian and vegan options available. Check out will be directly after the reading on Saturday, July 19.

COST

JULY 14 - JULY 19, 2025

Day Camp Option (9:00 am - 5:00 pm): \$500

Overnight Option: \$1,000

THE FACULTY



Philip Metres is the author of nine books of poetry and prose, including *Sand Opera* (2015). A recipient of the Lannan Fellowship and two Arab American Book Awards, he is professor of English and director of the Peace, Justice, and Human Rights program at John Carroll University.

