To: Faculty Members
From: Paul Sawyer, Director, John S. Knight Institute
Subject: Faculty Seminar in Writing Instruction - Call for Applications
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The Faculty Seminar in Writing Instruction provides a small group of Cornell faculty with an opportunity to explore the relationship between teaching and writing while developing or refining new or existing courses. Participants receive a $2000 stipend. The call for applications is attached.

Facilitated by Dr. Elliot Shapiro, the 2013 Faculty Seminar will consist of an intensive two-day workshop held on May 30 and 31, followed by two half-day meetings scheduled for June 4 and 6. The seminar will have no more than eight participants.

Participants are typically either working on a new course or revising an existing one. These courses may be designated as writing courses but they need not be.

Since 1986, the Faculty Seminar in Writing Instruction has provided dozens of Cornell faculty members with an occasion and an incentive to reconsider teaching practices and to examine the role of writing at every level of the university curriculum. The seminar also gives faculty an opportunity to discuss teaching and writing with colleagues from a range of disciplines. Departments represented among Faculty Seminar participants in recent years include: Africana Studies; Anthropology; Asian Studies; City and Regional Planning; Classics; Communications; Education: English; Food Science; German Studies; Government; History; Horticulture; Human Development; Landscape Architecture; Molecular Biology; Music; Performing and Media Arts; Philosophy; Physics; Romance Studies; Science and Technology Studies; Sociology.

We welcome applications from faculty of any rank; we particularly invite applications from faculty who are new to Cornell. The call for applications appears on the following page.

If you have questions about the seminar, please contact Elliot Shapiro at elliot.shapiro@cornell.edu.
2103 Faculty Seminar in Writing Instruction: Call for Applications

John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines
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**Stipend**: Participants receive a stipend of $2000.

**Responsibilities**: All participants will:

- Participate in an intensive two-day workshop scheduled for May 30 and 31 and follow-up meetings scheduled for June 4 and 6. Preparation for the workshop will include preliminary reading and writing. In preparation for the follow-up meetings, participants will be expected to produce (or revise) course materials and review materials produced by other participants.
- Write an evaluation of the program after it is completed.
- Fulfill modest service expectations, which generally includes judging applications for Knight Institute prizes.

**Application deadline**: December 3, 2012

**Application materials**: Interested faculty should send the following:

- CV
- Application letter. The application letter should describe your interest in the seminar and explain what you hope to accomplish during the seminar. For example, an instructor teaching a new course might describe the course; the role writing might play in it; and how the seminar might help prepare for it.
- A brief sample or samples of professional writing. The writing sample or samples may take any form or genre: they may be published pieces or works in progress. (They will not be shared without permission).

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