MEMOIRS AND FAMILY STORIES

Wednesdays, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
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The most compelling story you can tell is often your own. Memoirs, family history, and personal essays are excursions into the self, but surrounding yourself with a community of like-minded writers can help you craft your personal narrative for an audience, even when that’s only family and friends. This Writing by the Lake course offers seasoned and aspiring writers alike the opportunity to write, discuss and workshop memoirs and family stories both short and long. Whether your goal is relating a single incident or an entire life history, and whether you’re writing with publication in mind or just friends and family, “Memoirs and Family Stories” will help you hone in on the structure and details that will bring your experience to life on the page.

This small-group seminar meets on the Lake Forest College campus for two hours once a week during the last part of June and then in July, after the July 4th holiday. In addition to a supportive environment of fellow students crafting their own life stories, the course also includes an individual end-of-term writing evaluation and a “Next Steps” meeting with Professor Martin for each student.

The course is led by Zachary Martin, formerly Editor of Gulf Coast: A Journal of Literature and Fine Arts and Visiting Assistant Professor of creative writing and publishing in the Lake Forest College Department of English & Creative Writing.