



***NEW* 2-day workshop • *NEW* format**

(not included in our Spring 2017 Class Schedule!)

Memoir Writers' Retreat

Instructor: Elizabeth McNeil, MFA, PhD

2-day intensive workshop

6 sessions + optional reading

- **Tue., May 9, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- **Wed., May 10, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
w/optional reading 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Administrative Conference Room

Friendship Village, Tempe

2645 E Southern Ave., Tempe, AZ 85282



Retreat: This 2-day writing retreat is open to writers from absolute beginners to those who have been writing for their whole lives. Through readings, writing exercises, developing your own short memoirs, and in-class group critiques, you will enjoy the discovery and delight of the writing process. The retreat features 6 sessions that are designed to highlight key moments over the span of your life. You are welcome to write in prose, poetry, or mixed-genre—whatever form you feel best fits your unique memories and how you want to tell them. Participants must register by Monday, April 10.

Once registration is complete, Elizabeth will distribute a syllabus and reader, with clear instructions regarding the readings, exercises, and writing assignments for each session. You will then write and email the assigned memoir for each session to Elizabeth by the stated deadline. Next, Elizabeth will distribute the memoirs for each session. You will print, read, and comment on everyone's work, then bring the syllabus-reader and the marked-up memoirs to the retreat. In each session, we will briefly discuss the assigned readings and exercises, then spend the majority of the session sharing our comments on each participant's memoir.

Instructor: Elizabeth McNeil, MFA, PhD, teaches in the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts at ASU's downtown Phoenix campus. She received a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing and PhD in American ethnic and women's literature from ASU, where she has taught since 1989. In addition to a scholarly monograph and two edited volumes, she has two poetry collections, *Why We Need to Come Home* and *Ms. X's Ocean*.

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