

SCIENCE WRITING WORKSHOP

Science writing for the lay reader

Sponsored by the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology



Carl Zimmer (Yale '87) writes regularly for the *New York Times* and a number of magazines, including *Discover*, where he is a contributing editor. He is the author of six books about science. He won the National Academies 2007 Science Communication Award.

This two session workshop, led by Carl Zimmer, will introduce graduate students to science writing for a broad non-scientist audience.

First session: Lecture and discussion about science writing. We will examine the challenges of presenting complex scientific research to a non-specialist audience. We will discuss how to communicate in newspapers, magazines, television, radio, and the Internet. Students will be assigned a 500-word article about a paper from a prominent science journal.

Second Session: In a plenum session, students will discuss their articles and discuss the challenges of the assignment. A few student articles will be distributed to the entire class for close analysis.

The internet (www.eeb.yale.edu) will be used for communication.

Reading Assignments before the first session will include:

- Selections from *A Field Guide for Science Writers*
- Selections from the Best Science and Nature Writing 2007
- Additional articles from newspapers and popular magazines

Meeting Times: **Wednesday, January 30, 2008 - 10AM - Noon**
Wednesday, February 6, 2008 - 10AM - Noon

Meeting Place: **305 Bass, 266 Whitney Avenue**

Each Participant will receive a certificate upon completion of the workshop. The workshop is open to all graduate students. Please note that Mr. Zimmer will only evaluate articles by the first 25 registered students. Other workshop participants are welcome to complete the assignment and join in the plenum session discussions.

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