

# SCIENCE WRITING WORKSHOP

Science writing for the lay reader

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**Carl Zimmer** is described by the *New York Times Book Review* “as fine a science essayist as we have.” His award-winning writing appears regularly in publications including *The New York Times*, *National Geographic*, *Science*, and *Discover* (where he is a contributing editor).

An associate fellow of Morse College, Zimmer speaks regularly about science at universities and museums, as well as on radio programs including *Fresh Air* and *This American Life*.

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 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 to be chosen 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](http://www.eeb.yale.edu)) will be used for communication, particularly to send out selected articles for discussion in the plenum session.

**Reading Assignments before the first session will include:**

- Selections from *A Field Guide for Science Writers*
- Selections from the Best Science and Nature Writing 2008
- Additional articles from newspapers and popular magazines

**Meeting Times:** **Monday, January 26, 2008 - 10AM—Noon**  
**Monday, February 2, 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 Yale University graduate students. Please note that Mr. Zimmer will evaluate article by the first 25 registered students only. For information and/or registration, please call, 203-432-3837. For further information on Carl Zimmer, please see [www.carlzimmer.com](http://www.carlzimmer.com).