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Student Comments—Course Evaluations

Note: No comments have been deleted—this is the complete record of all student responses.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences – English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Fall 2014
Course Title : SHORTFORM CREATIVE NON- FICTION	Course ID : CRW 4930-004, Reference Number 90367	

Course Comment:

Great class. It should be continued.

Short Form Creative Non-Fiction is hands down the BEST class I've taken at USF.

Love the class - but creative nonfiction is still not my favorite way to write. I do however, still respect the field. Like all kinds of writing, it's not easy. :)

Engaging subject

Killer class. I learned a lot.

After taking this class I feel that I am prepared with the tools to successfully write creative non-fiction. Even if I haven't completely mastered all the skills (though I feel I have vastly improved in most, if not all of them), I now have the tools so I can work on the skills on my own. In addition to being an improved writer, this class was also enjoyable. The other students were encouraging and hard working. Overall, this class was a hugely positive experience and I have no suggestions for improvement.

The class has helped me grow immensely as a writer! I really liked the way that it was centered around course objectives. I really enjoyed all of the supplemental things we used like This American Life and Brevity Magazine. Laskas was not my favorite book, but I can see the value in learning from this writer. Overall I really enjoyed the class and looked forward to going to it every Tuesday!

Instructor Comment:

Despite my struggles with the class, Professor Heather Sellers has done an outstanding job helping me and the rest of the class do better. I have learned more from her than I have from most of my entire tenure in college. She continues to show her interest and enthusiasm in the subject, and does the same for every student. She's a great encourager, even through corrective criticism.

Dr. Sellers is fun, smart, and full of life. There's never a dull moment in her class. She is one of the only teachers that I've had who is willing to go that extra mile for students outside of class in order to ensure their understanding and success of/in the course. She approaches the subject with a new outlook that is easier to understand. I can honestly say she is the best teacher that I've had within the Creative Writing program at USF.

She's neat. Always excited about what she is teaching and engaging.

Best teacher I've had in all four years at USF, by far.

Dr. Heather Sellers was, above all, one of the best professors I had ever had. Not only was she extremely passionate about the subject matter of the class, but she went great lengths to make sure she helped out each and every student. It felt like there wasn't one student in that class who was favored above the others or one who didn't receive as much attention from Dr. Sellers as another did. Dr. Seller's assignments to better our writing were incredibly helpful, as well as her patience at our continues mistakes in writing. Dr. Sellers made me feel very special when she would point out the strengths in my pieces, as well as the weaknesses. She was undeniably nice, friendly, inviting, approachable - hands down, one of the best teachers I'd ever had, and I recommend her to anybody wanting to go into the field of Creative Writing. I've learned so much in this class.

Dr. Sellers was passionate, caring, and devoted. She has a wonderfully open mind about writing which I think lacks in a lot of creative writing instructors. Would recommend to all.

Was a tremendous experience. She is a professional and communicates her ideas very well. Encourages creative expression and helps to fine tune the craft. One of my favorite courses at USF.

As a very scared writer she was extremely helpful in facilitating creativity while also showing us the best way to do things. She was always open and willing to help.

I really liked the class and felt that I learned a lot! i really think my understanding of writing has improved ten fold, and the course concepts really zeroed in what I need to do to help me be a successful writer.

Dr. Sellers is by far the best professor I've taken at USF. She greatly respects her students and genuinely cares about them and wants them to grow as writers. I learned so much in this class under her direction. She is encouraging, but not afraid to tell you what you need to work on. I also appreciated how she was willing to work with each student's personality type, whether they were extroverted or introverted. She knows how to bring out the best in every writer.

Amazing, motivating professor! I really feel like I have learned a lot from her! I would love to take another class with her!

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Fall 2014
Course Title : NONFICTION WRITING	Course ID : CRW 6236-001, Reference Number 93525	

Course Comment:

This course, taught by Heather Sellers, is one of the most productive classes I've had in the MFA program.

The course was very well structured and ideas were always communicated clearly. The class was organized very well so that we always accomplished as much as we could in the time we had.

Great, great class.

Again, this is an amazing course!! I loved it. It is such a (new) genre that has been overlooked in terms of importance and it was fascinating to study the works of authors who have been doing it so well for so long, while mining their work for intricate craft details.

This writing course was well-designed. The syllabus is specific and rigorous. We were able to workshop our own creative texts while engaging with craft in written responses to nonfiction books. For these craft response, Dr. Sellers asked us explain what we were learning about craft. These exercises were so clearly designed to help my growth as a writer that I never begrudged the work.

Outstanding class! I learned so much. Rigidly structured but in all the right ways.

I would like to take this class five more times. If I've learned anything, it's that there is so much more to learn.

Instructor Comment:

Heather Sellers is one of the most dynamic and effective teachers I've ever had. She knows her craft inside and out, and shares her knowledge and experience with zest and enthusiasm. It has been a privilege to be in her class.

Dr. Sellers was clear, structured, and supportive throughout the semester. I've learned so much from this course and feel that I've actually progressed in my skills. Dr. Sellers was absolutely wonderful to work with and I would definitely recommend her to other students/would take her classes again in the future.

Super happy with this professor. Very clear with her assignments and expectations.

This was an amazing class and I learned so much. I am a better writer for taking the class and Dr. Sellers was instrumental in teaching us craft and technique. It was the hardest and most rewarding class I've taken at USF.

Dr. Heather Sellers is the most influential professor I have ever encountered. My writing practices have evolved due to her brilliant instruction. Her workshops create a unique balance of kindness and constructive critique. The classroom environment was nurturing and productive. Every Wednesday, I left her classroom feeling inspired to complete her rigorous coursework. This class has made my decision to study at USF worthwhile. I am so happy to have had the opportunity to learn from her wisdom.

Heather is wonderful! She goes above and beyond to meet the need of every student. Her classroom atmosphere is warm and welcoming. No complaints!

Professor Sellers is hands down the best professor I have ever worked with. She empowers us. She treats us as equals and is inclusive of people from all walks of life. She meets us where we are and helps us individually, without judgment, always focusing on improvement. But she is also honest, and has taught us how to be kind but honest with feedback. She brings 111% of her energy to class. We leave inspired and energized. She is real. She tells us what we really need to know. We work rigorously on our craft. And wow, her class is rigorous! I've read and written more than I ever have in any other class. Her knowledge of writing and the industry is immense. I am leaving with the best piece of writing I have ever written, and with the knowledge, tools, and motivation to keep working on my craft. This class was a lifesaver for me. I think the best part is that Prof Sellers has nurtured a writing community within class. We are each other's eyes. We've organically worked up to helping each other and collaborating, and we have formed a support group that I know will last long after the semester ends.

Dr. Sellers made this course engaging, challenging, interesting, and fun. She is great at giving detailed instructions and letting us know her expectations of the quality of our work. She is always punctual, well-prepared, and enthusiastic. She is an excellent teacher. One of the best I've ever had.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Spring 2015
Course Title : WRITING FOR CHILDREN AGES 8-12	Course ID : CRW 4930-901, Reference Number 14808	

Course Comment:

Excellent books. Loved the gender/racial diversity in the characters. Absolutely superb. Favorite books were Tiger Rising, Ghetto Cowboy, and Graveyard Book. Highlights of the class were visits from local author Greg Neri and also Naomi Nye. Dr. Sellers gave us information on how to find an agent and how to edit our books. Much appreciated information, as this is the one area where I think USF fails its creative writing students. There is little to no information about the publishing industry taught as part of the curriculum.

This class was far more interesting and helpful than initially anticipated. I thoroughly enjoyed this class.

This class should be taught again and again!

As for the class material, I feel that the reading material really illuminates the subject of writing for the Middle Grade.

What an awesome class idea! Seriously, one of the best classes I've ever taken at USF. It has shaped my entire future.

Such a fun and engaging class. I feel like a better writer after having taken this course.

Great course for any creative writing major! A must-take!

Great class, very very helpful towards my future.

Excellent class, very informative and instructive. I learned more about crafting fiction in this class than I did in my Fiction 1 class. I wish USF offered more novel-based writing classes. The Fiction classes (form and technique, 1 & 2) only teach you how to write short stories, but I know most of the CRW students here at the school want to write novels, not short stories. It was also great to learn how to write in such a specific genera. From the tools I learned in this course, I feel that I also understand how to read and analyze other genres to be able to write books in them as well. Offer more classes like this!

Instructor Comment:

Dr. Sellers is among very few professors I've had at USF who really have a passion for sharing knowledge. There is not an ounce of ego present. She genuinely wants her students to succeed and she has a wonderful way (via course concepts) of getting the message to the class. We get it now. I count myself lucky to have had her as my teacher.

This was one of the best instructors I had at USF. I learned a lot from her and would recommend her to other students.

I love this class. I really appreciate the strict, scientific, and structured approach to the class. I will 100% recommend this class to others.

She's amazing! Best teacher I've had! She explains how to publish and how to write with great detail. Everyone should take her. So smart and so dedicated.

Professor Sellers is a sociable, passionate, and knowledgeable professor. When I enter her classroom, I feel that my presence is valued. Each class, I feel that I learn something; not just from the class material or from the reading, but from the professor, my fellow classmates, and myself. I feel strongly inspired every time I enter the class, and I feel like I've found a direction I'd like to take in my literary career. I thank you, Professor Sellers, for making my experience in this class a memorable, and dare I say it, a life changing one.

Nothing but respect for Dr. Sellers, if I wasn't graduating this summer I would have loved to take more classes from her. Very clear and direct with what she wants and expects from classmates.

She is wonderful and so helpful. It is easy to see that she genuinely cares about her students.

What can I say besides "Wow!" I loved this professor and this course! Her expectations of her students were clear and her communication of course material and topics were phenomenal! By far one of my top favorite professors at the university!

The best professor I have ever had. I am amazed at what I have learned in such a small amount of time.

Dr. Sellers is a fantastic professor. Her class is structured and she's amazing at teaching structure in her writing. She's generous and cares about her students. Organization is my greatest weakness in writing and Dr. Sellers has helped me more with it than any other professor ever has. Give her a raise.

Dr. Sellers runs an organized class. She doesn't just instruct her students, she teaches them how to learn. Very knowledgeable about subject, and pushes students to understand and apply. She is very encouraging, but also honest. She won't accept your second-best work, but shows you specific ways to improve your writing. She

cares deeply about each of her students. She runs the best, most productive workshops. Dr. Sellers is honestly the only reason I have stayed at USF. She is by far USF's most valuable creative writing teacher on staff.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Spring 2015
Course Title : POETRY II	Course ID : CRW 3321-001, Reference Number 10931	

Course Comment:

It's an extremely helpful class that helps writing and reading and communicating in all areas of school and life. Top notch course!

Poetry 2 allowed me to expand my love and growth in poetry. I truly learned a lot.

At first I felt like I was back in Form & Technique of Poetry, because we worked on sonnets for an absurdly long time. I was proven wrong, however, when I realized what those exercises were doing to my writing. Learning form again for my last poetry class was a really helpful exercise. After our training was over, I found myself leaning back on what I had learned. I would suggest being more forceful about separating the Fiction and Poetry tracks, especially in Fiction II and Poetry II classes. While some fiction writers can float easily over to Poetry and adapt, others really struggle to compete with the poets in the room. (And vice versa I imagine.) Sometimes I felt like it really discouraged what I could be learning or accomplishing in class, as this is a conversation and workshopped based course, and some fiction writers I workshopped with couldn't help me improve my work as well as the poets.

I have grown so much in this class. Everything was challenging but fair and rewarding. Would highly recommend to anyone.

Poetry 2 was similar to form and technique as well as poetry I with the exception of difficulty. While the set up was similar the level of writing and expectation had gradually risen. With that in mind I believe I am fully capable of understanding and implementing poetic techniques because of it.

Course concepts were helpful in grounding the poems, but I struggled with understanding how to work them into my pieces. Enjoyed the poetry live reading assignments. Loved the chapbook assignment. I wish we had read more published poems/books.

My only suggestion for Professor Sellers would be to add more constructive comments onto the poem drafts. As encouraging as the nice comments were, I would have loved more input, without needing to go to office hours.

Instructor Comment:

Continue to over explain assignments, it really helps :) I would recommend taking poetry with Dr. Sellers to anybody, whatever major they may be.

I loved the set up of Heather's class. We had a structure and stuck to it throughout the semester and it really helped to create a welcoming and stable environment. I think the only suggestion I would make for Heather would be to possibly allow students to ask one or two questions during workshop so that if they have something specific they are looking to improve that wasn't mentioned, could also be covered.

Can she teach more of my classes? Please. I loved how the class is set up to where she teaches us how to teach and discipline ourselves. Always got something that was either constructive criticism or a piece of advice to improve my writing. And she's also hilarious. I have grown much more than I would have expected to grow both as a student and as a writer.

Dr. Sellers is a great professor. She really cares about her students and their performance in the class. She has a great class structure that proves to be successful.

Dr. Sellers is a wonderful teacher who really pushes and expects a lot from her students. She is supportive, takes the time to make sure we know the concepts of her course. She is very clear about her expectations and

the expectations we should have for ourselves. She shows genuine interest in our lives and futures, as well as our work. She really pushed me past the boundaries I had set for myself and I produced a chapbook I'm extremely proud of. This is a TINY suggestion, but I would encourage her to avoid the word "emo" as a joke in future classes. Many creative types are prone to depression and other mood disorders. Joking about being "emo" could trigger those people or make them feel dismissed. Though that obviously isn't Dr. Sellers' intention (she is a wonderful and bright spirit in our classroom!), it's something to keep in mind.

Heather Sellers is the most amazing, caring, and passionate creative writing professors I've had the pleasure of learning from. She is important for USF to have and keep. Never lose her. I will always recommend her to any student.

I feel that I could get a better idea of where I can improve if the teacher provided input on my turned in poems beyond YES's or praise

I can describe Dr. Sellers as nothing less than zealous in regards to her craft. Her enthusiasm towards us was unrelenting. She was as fair as she was firm in her expectations of us throughout the course. She definitely made us rise to the occasion but as an aspiring scholar I'm grateful to have had the opportunity.

Intelligent and knowledgeable about poetry, very helpful in office hours. Clearly expresses expectations of course concepts in poems, but could be clearer about how course concepts can be worked into poems. My one concern with Dr. Sellers is that she is sometimes too sarcastic that it makes it difficult to know when she is being serious.

Dr. Sellers is an enigmatic, exciting teacher who knows her subject matter backward and forward. She did an outstanding job of giving the fluid subject of poetry a solid ground from which to learn further. She appreciated our work and celebrated it. She helped me understand what really works in a poem and what really does not. Before this class I had never really been forced out of the comfort zone of free verse and I am extremely thankful I was.

Very funny and exciting. Always energetic and ready to work. Would really rather have more comments on poems. Just say "good" doesn't tell me anything about what I am doing right or what I am doing wrong. Would like more full class workshops. Better input from classmates.

I absolutely LOVED this professor!

Professor Sellers is hands down the best creative writing professor I've had at USF. She is tough and she pushes her students but at the end of the semester I felt like I could write a hundred times better than I could at the beginning of the semester.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Summer 2015
Course Title : FORM/TECHNIQUE OF POETRY	Course ID : CRW 3311-902, Reference Number 56879	

Course Comment:

The class is really fun, and not intimidating at all.

Good intro level poetry class. Hit sweet spot of info dumps and practical experience.

I wasn't sure about this class at first but I definitely enjoyed it. The material was fun, challenging, and pushed me to write some of my best work.

This class was very informative and useful in developing my skills as a poet. It thoroughly covered different forms and concepts to use in poetry.

Excellent class. I'm glad I was able to take it during the summer.

It's a wonderful class to open your mind with.

Instructor Comment:

Prof. Sellers is an amazing professor. Not only is she a great instructor that made me fall in love with poetry, which happens to be the single most disliked of all the genres for me, but she was also compassionate and understanding. I experienced the death of my sis-in-law, traveling issues from work as a working single mom, and a short hospital stay due to my blood pressure, but I never missed one of the 6 week classes, and this was mainly because of Prof. Sellers. I wish she could be cloned, so that all USF professors could be this amazing!!!

Very fun and enthusiastic teacher.

She was an amazing. Tough but fair when it came to the class but flexible as well when it came to helping students succeed. Just wonderful.

Doctor Sellers is a fantastic teacher! It's very clear to see that she is enthusiastic about poetry and even more so about teaching it. I would definitely consider taking another one of her classes.

Wonderful professor with a clear love of the class.

Really enjoyed the class. I liked small groups better than hot seat workshop, but I had a good small group. I liked the exercises to write bad poems or random poems. They were fun and weren't something that I would think to do on my own. Great job making students aware of what, when, and how assignments are due.

Heather Sellers is a poetic genius! She makes the class inviting.

I loved this class and I truly feel as though I've learned a lot.

Heather Sellers is a wonderful and enthusiastic professor who is always willing to help her students. She is extremely knowledgeable and very clear with her expectations.

Awesome teacher. Some of the classes were cut early, but other than that, I had a great time in the class.

She was awesome and so helpful. She gave handouts that included poems that aided in my learning poetry, which I knew very little before attending class. I feel more confident in taking Poetry I in the Fall.

She is one of the most enthusiastic and creative professors I've ever had. Ever. I had a great time in her class.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Fall 2015
Course Title : SPEC. TOPICS CREATIVE WRITING	Course ID : CRW 6025-001, Reference Number 89827	

Course Comment:

This course was incredibly helpful. I'm walking away with so much knowledge pertaining to teaching creative writing and to writing as well.

The content was always practical, never stuffy. Everything we read and did was intellectually stimulating and applied to my work as a teacher. Creating the textbook at the end of the class allowed me to see how much I've learned over the semester, as I brought all of the pieces together. Working with ATLE and being recorded teaching was one of the most valuable take-aways from this class. I hope the other professors who teach this class in forthcoming semesters adopt this activity/practice. I liked the idea of the teaching circles and definitely see the value in them, but in practice I didn't end up doing much with my group. It seems like other groups really relied on their circles, though, so perhaps it was the "chemistry" of my group. Perhaps using these circles would be more effective for groups that don't click as well if we did more assignments or had more structured consistent contact with each other throughout the semester.

At times I felt like I was drinking from a fire hose, but the learning made the intensity worth it. The volume of work is immense, yet I somehow have a big smile about it. The final products we walked away with are not only useful in our academic careers, but also much more refined than I ever expected thanks to Heather's

insistence and support. She also required us to have two of our live, in-class teaching sessions recorded by ATLE, and then we met with ATLE professionals to talk about our teaching. This thoughtful (albeit nerve wracking) task took me right out of my comfort zone and into a learning situation. This course was impressively conceived and executed.

Very useful course.

This class is invaluable. It sets USF's MFA program apart. I most especially enjoy that the professor was able to teach the class in the most useful, practical way.

Instructor Comment:

Excellent! Prof. Sellers is an exceptional teacher. She gives the best of herself to her students, and in return, brings out the best in them. She knows her subject matter inside and out. She is always prepared, always enthusiastic, always full of energy. Warm, kind, and funny. She's one of the best teachers I've ever had.

Great Professor. Stimulating course. Professor Sellers continues to provide engaging and content-rich courses.

The best teacher to be teaching teachers. Heather didn't simply deliver content, but instead modeled teaching, making each moment and everything she said a "teaching moment." She was intent on and succeeded in making the course practical to our own classes and future teaching careers. Heather holds a high intellectual standard and work ethic for her students while maintaining kindness and approachability. She is sincerely a superb teacher.

Always maximum learning happening with Prof Sellers. Thank you!

She was wonderful to work with and provided us with much-needed guidance and confidence pertaining to our abilities. She also gave us wonderful teaching tools to move forward with. It was a rewarding experience that provided us with the ability to structure our own classrooms according to personal pedagogical ideals, as well as giving us the creative freedom to use the artistic preferences that are involved in our own personal teaching endeavours.

Heather Sellers is an outstanding professor. Never have I been in a classroom like hers; every student wants to participate because, even if they aren't precisely correct, Heather guides conversations toward a positive learning outcome. When I was lost on an assignment, she made time to hear what was on my mind, offered simple and clear questions and feedback, and encouraged me to come back to her office with an update. I respect and appreciate her.

Extremely caring and engaged professor.

Dr. Sellers is an authentic and passionate teacher. She gave me exactly what I needed to be a better teacher.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Fall 2015
Course Title : FORM/TECHNIQUE OF POETRY	Course ID : CRW 3311-002, Reference Number 82980	

Course Comment:

This was my favorite class

My favorite class so far at USF. Never knew I would love poetry so much.

I loved this course and would recommend it to anyone who has an interest in poetry. I learned so much that I never knew and I feel like I have really grown as a poet from my topic choices to my actual writing.

It might be helpful to offer pointers on the presentation of poems on top of the instruction about writing them. Amazing class as it is, though. :)

This class taught me so many useful skills that otherwise I would not know. It taught me how to write effective, innovated poetry.

This class helps build intimate relationships with students, which I find key in student development.

This course was excellent in terms of setting us up for continuing in any creative writing class- the skills I learned in this class will follow me in all of my writing here on out.

Instructor Comment:

Dr. Sellers is the most amazing teacher I have ever had. I learned so much from her

Dr. Sellers is the best professor I have ever had at USF. She is very passionate and has made me passionate for poetry through her class. I am incredibly sad that there are no more spaces left in her poetry 1 class for next semester. She has had a huge impact on my writing.

I couldn't click all of the "excellent"s above fast enough. Dr. Seller is incredible. I am actually taking two of her courses in the Spring because she has made such a positive impact on my experience at USF.

I really enjoyed Professor Sellers as an instructor. She was very enthusiastic, resourceful and interesting. I loved how organized she was during the whole course. She was very detailed and that made keeping up with everything super easy.

I really dislike writing poetry but Dr. Sellers is a great professor and I found myself enjoying this class anyway. I would love to take her class with Flash Fiction.

She is hands down one of my favorite teachers that I have ever had. She's engaging and makes the class fun and enjoyable. I'm not a huge fan of poetry, but she made the class fun for me.

She is very passionate and really makes the students excited to learn!

Dr Sellers is one of the best professors I've ever had. She's very organized, very passionate about her subject and her students, and very clear in her communication of expectations and assignments.

The only teacher who actually didn't make me hate Poetry. Her quirkiness is the best thing that happened to the course.

She is very good at what she does. She made poets out of everyone in the class just as promised.

Awesome, hands down favorite professor of the semester. Took a group of students that vaguely thought they knew poetry at the beginning of the semester and molded them into very great poets in the end.

She really cares about her students and makes sure that they have the tools to succeed. She's a fantastic professor.

The best professor I have ever had. Dr Sellers is truly passionate about the topics and has a knack for teaching. All of the skills learnt in this class will help me with my future writings and career.

She is an amazing teacher and I will recommend her to future students.

Heather Sellers was a professor that I had always wanted to take a course with, and I'm so glad I did. She made us all feel like we could be a great poet, all it took was practice. I really appreciated Professor Sellers for challenging us and supporting us.

ampa - Arts & Sciences - English	nstructor : Sellers, Heather	course Term : Spring 2016
Course Title : POETRY I	Course ID : CRW 3312-002, Reference Number 18219	

Course Comment:

Great class. I feel like my skills have developed and I have a good understanding of the course.

I think that CRW 3312 does a good job of transitioning from Form and Technique into a more advanced course. I enjoyed the reading material, and the course schedule, as well as the work that we were assigned throughout the course.

I wish I could have written more poems

Great class! Can't wait for poetry 2!

This class is awesome. I think you could push people to write just a little bit more in the class. I feel like I wrote more in Form/Tech. But maybe I'm just not remembering correctly.

great class 10/10 would recommend.

I thought this was going to be much more workshop-based.

Instructor Comment:

Great professor!

In college it's rather rare that you find a professor who legitimately cares about her students, but Professor Sellers is the most caring instructor I've ever had. She really wants her students to do well and will do anything in her power to help out a student in need. She facilitates learning very well and engages the entire class with a non-judgmental atmosphere. I never feel embarrassed to speak my mind or ask a question with Professor Sellers. She offers critiques of student work in a way that encourages them to try again without ever making them feel inadequate in their abilities. Sellers also relates to her students as fellow writers instead of a strict "teacher-pupil" relationship and stays humble when she addresses the class. Heather Sellers is the best instructor I've ever had at the University of South Florida and I will miss taking her class very much.

Incredible human being. If I could be taught every subject from her, I would. She is the kind of teacher that makes you eager to learn. I've never met anyone quite like her, but I feel lucky that I did.

Dr. Sellers has been my favorite professor that I've taken to this day. She has challenged me to grow as a writer, and as an individual, and I am thankful for the two semesters I have been in her courses. She is incredibly knowledgeable, supports and encourages her students, and provides constructive feedback. If I could take her course each semester, I would. She is the reason that I love poetry as much as I do!

She is very engaging and enthusiastic about her subject. Great professor.

She is amazing and wonderful. I recommend her to anyone interested in poetry. I know the end of this class does not mean the end of my time with her. She is willing to help her students at all times. I love her feedback and appreciate her help.

Dr. Sellers has to be one of my favorite professors. Her lectures are always interesting and informative, she has a wonderful way of bringing across her message through perfect, original metaphors. Those are my favorite! She always has personal comments for all the students that make you feel very special. She is amazing.

Dr. Sellers has been a pleasure to meet and to have been taught by. She brings a high caliber of intelligence with her genuinely warm and humorous character. I would recommend any creative writing student to take her courses. I hope to visit in office hours once the class is over

I'm only sad that this will likely be my last class with you. You've been an incredible help and encouragement to me as a poet and a person, inspiring me with a passion for writing and a passion for teaching -- for people. I've learned way more than I could summarize, and likely more than I will ever realize from your classes.

Dr. Heather Sellers is the most considerate and concerned professor I've ever had the pleasure of learning with. Her love of poetry oozes out of her every pour.

What a wonderful, understanding and caring woman. I wanted to do better in her class not only for me, but for her.

The best professor in the English department. She teaches you how to learn. I love her use of course concepts that teach us the language of the craft. She genuinely cares about each student individually. She's the best at what she does.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Spring 2016
Course Title : FLASH FICTION & MICRO MEMOIR	Course ID : CRW 4930-902, Reference Number 11592	

Course Comment:

This class is great and fits well into current trends in creative writing.

This was a fun alternative to the same old, same old Poetry or Fiction. This course is a nice hybrid of all three of the forms. Really enjoyed taking it.

Plenty of opportunities to practice writing and improve the skill.

Great class, this should be a degree requirement. Very educational and a fun subject.

Awesome course. I'd take it again.

Not your mummies memoir class, 10/10 would recommend.

No matter what type of writer a student wishes to become, I highly recommend this class. The course concepts are valuable on a sentence level, making every word count. The quality was outstanding. I am grateful I had the opportunity to take this class with Dr. Sellers. It made all the difference in my writing.

Instructor Comment:

Dr. Sellers is a great professor who taught me a lot about writing. Her selections of the texts for the class were great and the assignments made sense for the class. On the other hand, I felt that the workload for the class was a bit much for a creative writing class.

Dr. Sellers is amazing! She uses great tips for the class to better their writing. Mine has improved in one semester.

I was really reluctant to take this course because of the time. Like it was almost like pulling teeth to get me to sign up for this class, because I work Monday mornings and then I have to rush over to Tampa. But, let me tell you it was worth feeling exhausted the next day. Dr. Sellers is one of the best, if not the best, creative writing

teachers I have ever had. I've learned so, so much from her. I honestly wish I could take more classes with her, but sadly this is my last semester at USF as an undergraduate.

Dr. Sellers was an amazing professor. If I wasn't graduating this semester I would try to take another class with her.

Engages students in the material and gives great feedback on work that promotes improvement!

Dr. Sellers is a fantastic professor who really cares about the topic but cares even more about her students. Unlike most professors, Dr. Sellers has background information on the education process and caters to each individual student's needs. I have had her for two classes now and I really wish I could have had her for more. I always learn and gain so much from her classes and I leave each semester wishing I could go back and learn more. She really is one of the most fantastic professors I've ever had and I highly recommend her.

I am grateful that I met her in the course. She is a special person who encourages my life?

I think doing more in class assignments would be beneficial. I enjoyed the two in class writing assignments we did, they helped spur new writing ideas. I liked the magazine presentations because its often difficult to find places to read flash fiction or reputable poetry. Is it possible to have a submission to a magazine as a class requirement?

she is fun and amazing and interesting. she makes this class very fun and interesting! I love her!!

Dr. Sellers is very enthusiastic about teaching. It's very refreshing to enter her classroom.

She is extremely committed and lovely. She truly cares for all of her students and is totally awesome.

Dr. Heather Sellers has the most love for her craft of any professor I've ever had and it shows in the growth and progress we all as a class have made this semester.

Heather is a wonderful instructor, she knows how to meet the students on their level and generate interest in the craft she's teaching. Personally, I think taking at least one of her classes should be a requirement for a Creative Writing degree.

Dr. Sellers is very knowledgeable in Flash/Micro. She also made a subject that I was scared to death of, intriguing and interesting. There was a variety of types of assignments, and the instruction was of good quality. She made sure that all assignments and course concepts were readily available. She treated the students with respect. I enjoyed this class. I would highly recommend this professor and this class.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Fall 2016
Course Title : FORM/TECHNIQUE OF POETRY	Course ID : CRW 3311-002, Reference Number 82914	

Course Comment:

Essential for understanding poetry. You need this class to not only write better, but read better as well

Though the material gets increasingly more difficult (I did not enjoy writing certain poems), I understand why it was necessary to teach. It is a very interesting course, and has been my favorite to attend all semester. Would recommend to friends.

I think that the textbook was cheap and really helped with the concepts. The poem forms really help me develop as a poet by opening my mind to forms in addition to free verse and by establishing rules so that I may purposely break them later on. I found that the annotations and readings of "professional" poems also helped create an understanding of how it should be read and written.

Super great way to be introduced to poetry, dives headfirst into the art form and allows for total understanding of the student puts in the work. Really fun.

Good intro class to poetry.

Really enjoyed all the poems and writing them.

Strict class in which we learned new forms, and had to follow it, but had a fun time doing it. Definitely a great class to take. Sharpens your creativity while meeting strict forms.

This class is all about forms. Some of them are ridiculously monotonous and I found myself writing for a grade rather than writing for myself, but that was to be expected in an introductory course to poetry.

It was an enjoyable class from start to end, and at no point did I feel that time was wasted. The topics discussed in class were spoken about in depth in a way that was not confusing. The assignments and projects were interesting.

Instructor Comment:

Best teacher I've ever had. Engaging, knowledgeable, fun, just super great. I wish I wasn't graduating so I could take more classes with her

Professor Sellers is by far the best and most teacher I've had this semester. She completely changed the way I felt about reading and writing poetry, making it into something I both understood and enjoyed, and her teaching has been the most helpful towards my own writing. The concepts that she "invented" and would teach us I have used in many of my other writing classes, even the non-poetry ones. I would recommend her to everyone thinking about taking any kind of creative writing course.

Such a great teacher, the material is easy to understand with the textbook and her lessons. The poem forms are at times difficult but I feel like she does a good job of explaining the information, making it fun, and develop our technique with each poem assigned. I felt like the projects and revision were very informative and enjoyable.

best professor in college thus far

Made poetry interesting, gave me new perspectives on what I did or didn't like in poetry.

Professor Sellers is one of the best teachers I've ever had the opportunity to learn from.

I hated poetry when I started the class and I still hate it, but Dr. Sellers makes me want to take Poetry 1.

I really enjoyed how she was always so ecstatic to teach the poems and how much she really enjoyed all our poems.

Dr. Sellers is an amazing professor, she is dedicated and enthusiastic about her craft. She made learning strict poetry forms fun, and brings in excellent examples of poems to follow from. I thoroughly enjoyed coming to class each day. Never had a dull day with Dr. Sellers.

While I didn't always agree 100% with some of her rules regarding poetry due to the inherent subjective nature of poetry and art as a whole, I felt that it was easy enough to write assignments to her requirements.

Instructor Comment:

While engagement in this class was definitely heightened because of your (/Heather's) excitement, I did think there were times where student voices might have been spoken over without clear openness for discussion in response. Additionally, I think there's a component of feedback given/discussions in office hours where it's clear that you (/Heather) have a clear direction you want the piece to go but want the student to get there on their own--I'm not sure you can have it both ways.

Dr. Sellers is engaging and energetic in the classroom. Her course objectives are clear and her expectations for her students are high.

Dr. Sellers has consistently created and provided the most interesting, engaging, and challenging curriculums. I am in my last year and have surpassed my necessary credits but wouldn't miss taking a course of hers while I'm here. Each time I take a course with Dr. Sellers I come away with having read, learned, and produced more than I thought I was capable of.

Dr. Sellers is the best professor I've ever had. She's completely changed my understanding the best possible way. She was always willing to meet over the phone to help.

Dr. Sellers is a wonderful, well-prepared teacher who knows how to inspire and engage her students. I learn a ton in her classes, and she motivates me to push myself. She makes herself available to her students in and out of class. She's been a dream to study with over the last 3 years!!

Heather Sellers has single-handedly made my graduate studies worthwhile. She walks into every class with clear learning-outcomes, which she teaches through a variety of approaches that embrace different learning styles. As her student, it is so clear that Dr. Sellers has thought deeply about every lesson individually and how they build throughout the semester to provide us with a foundation of knowledge. She respects us and always communicates what she is learning from us as well. I wish that other professors would put even half of the care and effort into their courses as Dr. Sellers.

Hands-down, best instructor I've had at USF. Her enthusiasm for writing and professional development is contagious.

Dr. Sellers taught me an amazing amount about the essay in the short span of this semester. She is a wonderful leader in the classroom, modeling course concepts not only in the texts we cover, but also in her own work. I love her seriousness. She helps me believe that the writing we do matters. She accepts nothing less. Inspiring course. Thank you :)

Loved this class. Favorite of the semester. Dr. Sellers is a great instructor, and I learned A LOT in her course. The use of course concepts as a sort of language through which we discussed readings and writings was

extremely helpful and enlightening. Reading list was great. High expectations lead to quality work practiced and produced.

Dr. Sellers is an animated and engaging professor. I particularly enjoyed the spotlight on professionalism and I hope she continues to do this in the future. I also loved how Dr. Sellers makes herself available to students outside of class and I wish I had taken more advantage of this. My line of thinking had been that I shouldn't bother Dr. Sellers unless it was urgent, but now I realize how beneficial it can be just to check in with her.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Spring 2017
Course Title : MICRO MEMOIR/FLASH FICTION	Course ID : CRW 4930-003, Reference Number 13811	

Course Comment:

The class provides a very direct approach to condensed writing, which is very valuable in today's world. People don't want to waste their time reading long, drawn out fluff. There is no room for fluff in this class. It was an incredible learning experience.

Best class

Excellent, versatile course.

Very interesting course. I'm glad I was able to take it.

Awesome class and great readings that really show you how to write. This class most definitely should be offered every semester.

Best class ever.

The textbook was interesting and I loved the stories in it, so I wished that we engaged it the textbook more. Overall, i loved the use of readings to teach us about our own writings.

I LOVE THIS COURSE! By far the best creative writing course I've taken during my time at USF. I highly recommend establishing this as a regular course or a frequently offered special topics class.

I really enjoyed this form of writing. Coming in I wrote some flash fiction in the past but this was on a whole other level. I wish I had utilized the book a bit more but other than that I really had a good time with this class.

Instructor Comment:

I feel like when a professor views a course evaluation and everything is marked excellent, they tend to disregard it because they think the student did not put any thought into it. This could not be further from the truth. Heather Sellers truly is an excellent professor in every way.

She is extremely clear. Very passionate about her students and her subject. She is very organized. She has a plan for every class, and is careful not to waste any time. She's honestly my favorite professor of all time.

One of the best teachers out of the whole English department. I have learned so much from her than any other professor. She loves what she does and it shows. I'm very upset I only had her for one semester, but I'm very blessed that I had the chance to be taught by her

She is one of the best professors that I've had the pleasure to have at USF, and the BEST out of all creative writing instructors.

Dr. Sellers is a very good teacher. I had her for this class and CRW 3312 Poetry 1. She inspires her students to be the best we can when writing. I actually purchased the textbook she wrote so that I can take some of her knowledge and expertise with me when I graduate. She is an asset to the Micro Memoir/Flash Fiction program.

Amazing professor. She really cares about her students and facilitates insightful instruction.

Brilliant professor, very knowledgeable in the writing field, and so skilled in making the material easy to understand and fun to learn. Has the class laid out wonderfully; every meeting is a delight. She is so helpful and is always willing to sit down and go over your writing one on one with you. I learned so much from her teaching style. I could keep going on about how great Doctor Sellers is but I really don't know how the right words to describe how cool she is.

She's amazing and beautiful and I love her.

She's so funny which helps with engagement in the course. Dr. Sellers's teaching is both structured and very open, this allows for a lot of honest discussion about pieces and good constructive feedback.

I cannot say enough positive things about Heather Sellers. She cares so deeply for students and is effective when teaching us how to succeed. If I wasn't graduating this semester, I would take her classes over and over and over again.

Dr. Sellers is an amazing professor. She is inspirational and helps you make your writing to where you want it to be. She makes writing a lot less stressful. Not only is an amazing professor but she is a wonderful person. I will miss having Dr. Sellers as a professor.

ampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Spring 2017
Course Title : POETRY I	Course ID : CRW 3312-002, Reference Number 17930	

Course Comment:

While the class wound up being really fun in the end, I thought there needed to be more balance on the workload. The first half of the semester was heavy on papers/essay type assignments with a lot of intense requirements (20 paragraphs response for three chapters of a book for example). While the second half has been bringing in one or two poems a class period (Way easier). it wasn't hard or boring to write the papers/assignments, it just seemed tedious and to people who are trying to figure out what genre is their niche I could see people having a misinterpreted view from the big papers like that.

This course was really fun and informative.

The course was engaging and challenging at times. The expectations were clearly expressed. More professors should use the structure of this class to help with their creative writing classes because this set up of the course really allowed for students to grow in their own ways and work clearly/focus on their interests while still meeting course requirements.

The textbooks help develop my poems throughly.

Less reading about others poetry and more writing of personal poetry.

Instructor Comment:

Inspiring, best professor I've ever had

She is literally such an intelligent woman and so passionate. I LOVED having her as a teacher. She was constantly meeting me in office hours, giving me one on one time for REALLY helpful feed back. Then would ask my opinions on how class went and how she could change/fix things to make it a better learning environment. College is expensive but this is a class where I felt like my money was really being spent on a valuable class. I don't think I could say it enough--she rules.

Very qualified. All my profs and peers told me to take her since I transferred to USF. I wish I had taken her sooner. She's one of my favorites professors.

Dr. Sellers is not only enthusiastic and engaging in the classroom, she invites students to be engaged in their own writing and the writing community outside of the classroom. Her office hours are always held and she frames the time any way the student needs it. Her teaching style is also interactive and geared towards making sure every student is comfortable and in the best possible learning environment.

Dr. Sellers is a wonderful, thoughtful and inspirational teacher. She understands the art of poetry and can give her students a plethora of ideas on how to write honestly. I was going to drop Dr. Sellers in the beginning of the semester, but she talked me into sticking with the class and I am better for it. She offered the best text books that give her students a glimpse into writing the best poetry we can.

She is one of the most wonderful professors I have ever had. She is very thorough and clear about her expectations and she is very willing to help students reach those. She challenges each student in regards to their own needs and makes the class an interesting and "sacred place for poetry". Being able to further my study in poetry from Form and Technique to Poetry 1 with Dr. Sellers has really allowed me to grow in my writing. I would recommend her to anyone and everyone because she will be able to facilitate a love of the subject within them.

The work was really great, her technique was on point.

Dr. Sellers was a great teacher and I learned so much from her. She was always active and engaging with the class. Her passion for poetry seeps from her pores and that makes the class so much more interesting when you're learning from someone who lives what they teach.

Professor Sellers is a good teacher with strong techniques, she cares for her students but sometimes a bit too much and can come on a bit strong. My biggest reflection would be on focusing on developing students on a path that isn't too confined.

Heather Sellers is phenomenal. She is a great teacher who is passionate about poetry and willing to help students whenever they need it. She really puts her best effort out to make sure we not only succeed but enjoy the class.

Instructor Comment:

Dr. Sellers is an outstanding instructor. She is passionate about the course content and provides new and interesting ways of considering course concepts. She is regularly available to students outside of class and supports student goals.

Dr. Sellers is an amazing instructor. She is always willing to help outside of class whether that is through email or office hours. I can tell that she genuinely cares about each and every one of us. I enjoyed every one of her classes and always learned so much from her lectures.

Dr. Sellers has a very calming presence and makes every student's opinion feel valid. She is respectful of students, allowing them to pass when called upon for an answer or observation. She is also great at being available to students outside of her normal office hours.

Dr. Sellers makes her students feel so welcome in the course, each class is a joy, and she builds such a strong community among her students.

Professor Sellers is an excellent and caring instructor, and has taught me an incredible amount about the subject at hand

It was truly a delight to learn from Dr. Sellers. I looked forward to every class, knowing her exuberance and spirit would make the class feel like a friendly gathering of poetry enthusiasts. She always went above and beyond, looking for ways to tailor our education so we could get the most out of the class.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Fall 2017
Course Title : FLASH FICTION & MICRO MEMOIR	Course ID : CRW 4930-003, Reference Number 87268	

Course Comment:

This is a great class

I'm so happy this course is offered and think it should be a CRW requirement

Very interesting, challenging but in a good way. The only issue would be the workshops. They felt a little useless because no one really agreed on what concepts were and so the feedback was all over the place on what was good and what wasn't. I have had stories come back to me as needing to be redone according to Dr. Sellers that students would tell me were perfect.

This course should be mandatory for all creative writing majors! The structure of this course and the skills gained through doing the assignments hits at critical points many students continue to lack in their writing. Not only did these skills help me prosper in this class, they also translated over to my other writing classes -- and I saw much improvement. While many of the classes tend to focus on the overall story, this class really tears the writing apart and brings to attention little things and techniques that really help the writing shine and gives life to it.

So far, out of all the classes I have had in Creative Writing, this is the class I have learned the most in. This is the class that has impacted my writing the most. I can't say more about this class, it was incredible. Everybody needs to take this class.

This class was a wonderful and interesting introduction to a style of writing I had previously not known. Micro memoir is now my favorite genre to read AND write. I wish there were more classes on this subject. This class

challenges students to be precise, make close observations, and gain deeper understanding of metaphor. I am thrilled to have taken this class.

Class was very structured, with clear concepts and straightforward scheduling. Loved the multi-colored paper.

Great class and should be offered more often!

The course was set up nicely. I liked that we started with concepts we would focus on in our pieces and annotated other flash to understand how to use it effectively. I also liked that when we finished the concepts, we moved into stories and saw how others use it in their published work. I loved the workshops and how we revised several stories several times to make it better and better. This class really made me appreciate workshops since I got great feedback. Overall, I loved the class and have grown to love flash fiction. Lastly, please keep Citizen and Glen Rock on your reading lists. They were so good!

Instructor Comment:

One of the best I've ever had!

Dr. Sellers is an exceptional professor who genuinely cares about the well-being of her students. She motivates students to improve their craft of writing flash fiction and micro memoir. She never fails to come to class organized and updated on current publishing opportunities. Dr. Sellers is also very passionate about writing and reading flash and micro, which is showcased in her teaching and effective feedback on our work.

The most inspiring and shaping course I've ever taken. Dr. Sellers cares so much about each student and their understanding/development. This course grew my writing exponentially and revived my faith in my own work.

Some concepts were still a little difficult to perform even towards the end of the semester, but for the most part Dr. Sellers was very good at providing as much info on concepts as she could.

Dr. Sellers may just be the best Creative Writing teacher I've ever taken at USF. This was the first class that I wished I could take every day of the week (Monday - Thursday) for a whole year. Everyday she made sure there was a new thing to learn. Every teacher should take a page from her teaching methods. The organization of the class was perhaps one of my favorite qualities of the class -- that she put great effort into making sure it was flawless -- as it took much of the stress of as I knew exactly what to expect from each class. She also did "surveys" to assess possible points of confusion among the students and addressed them. Dr. Sellers took an interest in each individual student as a PERSON, not as just another student. Thank you. I literally tell everyone looking for a professor that she is a MUST to really inspire a future career in writing.

Dr. Sellers is an outgoing and vibrant professor who really enjoys what she does. She is passionate about helping students and helping them grow as writers.

She's an amazing teacher and makes every effort to nurture every student's creative side.

She made clear what was due and when it was due. Dr. Sellers shifted her teaching based on the needs of the students. Great Professor.

I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to take a class with Dr. Sellers. Not only is she an incredible teacher, but an incredible person as well. Always willing to help, she offers students challenging and interesting work that lets students reach into their own potential and grow as writers. Her teaching style is wonderful- she allows you to better understand both the world and yourself through observation. Of there were a chance I

could be in her class every day for the rest of my life, I would jump on it. I am so so grateful for all she has taught me. Her patience and innate ability to see people as they are is something I can only aspire to.

Possibly the best English teacher I've ever had. Really pushes for your best, and is your biggest cheerleader. Organized and thoughtful, helpful even for problems outside of class. Would take professor again!

One of the best writing professors I've had in a long G time. She's exceptional.

This was my first class with Dr. Sellers and I'm bummed I won't be able to take another one of her classes. She is so enthusiastic and her passion really shows. She really wanted to help us craft our work and pushed us out of our comfort zones. She was always willing to listen to her students and give helpful feedback. I never even knew how much I'd like flash until I took this class and now I love reading and writing it. I have Dr. Sellers to thank for that.

Campus - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Spring 2018
Course Title : POETRY II	Course ID : CRW 3321-002, Reference Number 19996	

Course Comment:

Amazing class and work assigned in this class. I loved every minute of it.

I have learned a lot about revision, modern poetry techniques, and generally how to be a better poet.

Please keep this curriculum the same! It is just difficult enough to maintain active interest and involvement in the material while not becoming cumbersome enough to alienate students.

I would have loved more time to workshop. It's felt very rushed at times which was my only criticism of the class.

Poetry II has been great help with my writing. I am not a poet, but I feel this class has expanded on my ability as a novel writer. I highly recommend this course to anyone.

Great learning environment. Thorough class explanations and expectations.

I highly recommend anyone interested in writing take this class. Information was well organized and clearly explained.

Instructor Comment:

I have really enjoyed your class, you are incredibly inspiring and I wish I could take it again.

Dr. Sellers is easily one of the best professors I have had at USF.

Professor Sellers is the best professor in Cooper Hall (I haven't had any classes outside this building to make a grander comparison). She is steadfast with her curriculum which is not only foreign to all of my other classes but having consistency also makes completing the assignments a breeze. Dr. Sellers also has the experience and motivation to make poetry a passion for her students. She is intelligent, thoughtful, and encouraging. Her effect on students is apparent in our end of class review process; the students are asked what we learned and each class everybody learns something important to them. There are never um's or ah's when this question is asked, when we are in Professor Sellers class we will learn something new every session because she makes the material and activities meaningful and important to us. We really are fortunate to have her as faculty and

also as our poetry mentor. Thank you Professor Sellers! Sadly, I have one strong complaint. Dr. Sellers expressed extreme bigotry and unethical characterization of people with disabilities. I almost stormed out of her class when she expressed her viewpoints. I guess every diamond has to have one flaw.

One of the best professors I have ever had at USF.

Dr. Sellers is one of the best professors I have ever had at USF. She has made my experience in the English department much more enlightening. She engages students, gives clear direction and structure, and has a great passion for the arts.

Dr. Sellers was a great professor. She was so thorough with her explanations of what was expected of us. She was extremely understanding and made time for us whenever she could.

Heather Sellers is by far one of the most passionate teachers I have ever had. She was a joy to learn from. Her advice was always well delivered and thoughtful.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	structor : Sellers, Heather	ourse Term : Spring 2018
ourse Title : NONFICTION WRITING	Course ID : CRW 6236-901, Reference Number 13305	

Course Comment:

This nonfiction workshop allowed me to closely examine effective storytelling structure in a variety of nonfiction pieces. I developed a clearer sense of storytelling in my own writing and how to effectively hook an audience into a piece. I would encourage all MFA students regardless of their genre of study to take this course.

I adore this class and wish I could take it again!

The reading material was really comprehensive and illustrative of course concepts. I feel like we covered a wide range of voices and styles. I found a few new favorite books in this class.

This was one of the toughest courses i've taken here at USF, but in that good way. It was both enlightening and challenging.

This course is so amazing in the fact that I have learned so much. The course concepts are guiding, and I like that it focuses on story-telling. The books and essays supplemental to the course were great learning tools, and the journals were helpful for learning the market (and the interviews paired well with AWP timing!). I learned so much and have seen my writing grow. But I would say that sometimes this course is very, very work heavy. For example the last week, having 2 journal reviews, a revision, two fan letters, and a cover letter and bio felt a bit crammed together, especially when the workshop turn around felt a bit rushed for the revision. Otherwise, fantastic class. would take over and over again.

I enjoyed the pre-class sessions to help explain course concepts. It was helpful, though I still think having some brief definitions in the initial syllabus glossary would be helpful. Especially since some students might have a hard time making it to "pre-class". There are a lot of readings, but they did seem to serve a purpose, and I appreciated the close readings that we did of them in class. Covering the material in class made them seem worthwhile to engage with closely on our own.

Instructor Comment:

Dr. Heather Sellers is an outstanding instructor and a highlight in my experience as an MFA student. Each class period is a carefully prepared gift grounded in course concepts. She makes the learning outcomes for each day very clear and these are regularly achieved by students. Furthermore, the workshop model in the classroom allows students to learn course concepts through peer writing—an effective and engaging use of class time. She encourages individual appointments for more in-depth feedback and makes herself very available to students.

Dr. Sellers genuinely cares about us, not just as students, but also as people. This sets her apart from other instructors I've had. I appreciate all of the course concepts she has shared and will carry them with me always.

Dr. Sellers is absolutely incredible as an instructor. Her lessons are always insightful and productive. She is more than outgoing when it comes to mentoring writers. Her personal investment to the writing community at USF and to creative writing as a discipline is astounding and I feel like my writing has developed so much as a result of Dr. Sellers' commitment.

Dr. Sellers is a transformative professor. The attention to detail, the wisdom, the course structure are unparalleled. In addition, Dr. Sellers is a wonderful advocate for her students.

Dr. Sellers is one of the kindest and most brilliant instructors here at USF. She truly cares about her students, their work, and how the two come together to facilitate learning and growth. SO thankful for her support and guidance -- it's made me more professional, a better writer, a better student.

Dr. Sellers gives great feedback. She is incredibly encouraging, and is especially helpful in person. I have never spoken to a student, in this class or any other, who has not found her incredibly helpful when we meet 1-on-1. She is also a gifted instructor, as her explanations of important concepts are clear and highly applicable.

Tapa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Summer 2018
Course Title : FORM AND TECHNIQUE OF POETRY	Course ID : CRW 3311-700, Reference Number 57675	

Course Comment:

I was not expecting to enjoy this course as much as I did, but it was really exciting and enjoyable. I would take it again!

Covers wide array of relevant topics

The final exam is a little unclear and too comprehensive, as we did not cover everything on it in class.

My only discontent is that assignments were due at noon, which often coincided with me working that day and thus being unable to complete and/or submit an assignment within the appropriate time frame. Most online classes that I have taken have their assignments due at midnight in order to accommodate those of us who work as well as study. I completely respect the professor's decision to not allow late work, but in the future I would ask that those of us who are balancing work and their studies are taken into consideration.

I did feel limited by some of the prompts at times, it felt more as though I was just trying to do something very specific and designated just to complete the assignment rather than feel like I could be truly expressive and creative.

I did not like the fact that assignments were due at/before noon. Considering this is a summer course, I think this deadline is hard on students who work summers, or students who try to travel.

The class was easy but still challenged me, I'm glad I took it over the summer, as I feel a 16 week course would have been dragged out and extensive.

Instructor Comment:

She is very kind to everyone and her passion for the course makes you want to learn more.

I was a little worried taking a poetry class, but this class was awesome. The instructor was well organized, expectations were set clearly... good stuff!

Should divide course material more efficiently

This course taught me to appreciate and try new forms of poetry. I even published 2 on my blog and my fans love them. Ms. Sellers course was awesome!

She is a very kind person, cares about her students, is passionate about the course, and does a great job explaining the material.

The Professor did a wonderful job conducting the class in an engaging and interesting manner. I greatly enjoyed the course material and the overall structure of the course.

Very enthusiastic and gifted when it comes to poetry and the poetic form, both reading and teaching it.

Professor Sellers helped create an understanding of poetry as being down to earth and unpretentious, practical language by encouraging us to write about real experiences.

Change the due time from 12PM to 11:59 PM.

I didn't really communicate with Heather much, and maybe that's a good thing because I understood and was succeeding in the course.

Dr. Sellers works extremely hard to provide an environment that promotes professional learning.

The best instructor. Thoroughly knowledgeable and genuinely excited about communicating this wisdom to students. Dr. Sellers has been consistently outgoing in helping with course related work as well as general academic and creative work. I wish I could take Dr. Sellers every year.

As a new student in the program, I was initially intimidated, but Dr. Sellers' warmth and general enthusiasm for the course made it not only enjoyable, but also worthwhile. I struggled, but I grew and learned so, so much.

Dr. Sellers is a fabulous instructor who is motivated to encourage her students and facilitate their growth.

Dr. Sellers stimulates passion and dedication in each of her students by displaying the same qualities. She gives ample time and detailed instruction for each assignment, while making sure that the students know that her expectations for performance are high. The instruction was always set up in a way that promoted student engagement. She also made ample time for student questions and concerns by offering a review session before almost every class. I have modeled many of my teaching behaviors after Dr. Sellers because of how in-depth

her expectations are and how they are communicated, along with how happily and sincerely she addresses her students. I will continue to take her classes any chance I get.

Dr. Sellers is the best professor I have ever had. I love classes with her. She challenges us, she respects us, she makes us think, she supports us, and she helps us grow. There isn't much more I could ask for.

Dr. Sellers is one of the most passionate instructors whom I have ever had at any level of education. She puts an incredible amount of time and energy into the preparation of her courses/lesson plans. But by far the best thing about her is meeting with her 1-on-1 in her office; I have never talked to a student who met with her individually and did not leave said meeting feeling encourage, excited, and directed (directed meaning having been given a specific direction in which to take their piece(s) and steps for pursuing this).

Dr. Sellers is truly one of the best professors at this university. She works SO hard for her students every day: planning complex lessons, grading quickly and providing helpful feedback, and making herself available outside of class. She is an exceptionally brilliant scholar and teacher: I learn more in one semester with her than I do in two or three semesters with other professors. I cannot say enough good things about her.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	structor : Sellers, Heather	Term : Fall 2018
Course Title : HYBRIDS AND EXPERIMENTS	Course ID : CRW 4930-003, Reference Number 86286	

Course Comment:

Taught me where I belong in the world of writing.

This was one of my all time favorite creative writing classes. I think it was one of the most comprehensive, well thought out and inclusive classes offered. I feel like I've gained more out of this one class to add to my portfolio than majority of the classes I've taken here. That's no joke. I've gained a lot of skills in this class that will be transferable to the job market.

really fun and fascinating class pushing the boundaries of what i thought i knew

Fun class- able to get creative

Really fun, interesting, intruiging class. Very mentally stimulating. Think outside of the box.

I hope the English Department fully supports the continuation and growth of this class for future students.

Very interesting class. I'm glad I got the chance to take it!

Instructor Comment:

Amazing professor. Holds to her expectations of her students and gets them to commit to those expectations.

Dr. Sellers was absolutely exceptional. She is an amazing professor and truly cares about her students. I as well as a few other students were having a very difficult semester and Dr. Sellers made sure to reach out to us, reach out on behalf of us to resources, and provide any help she could to make the semester easier. She truly is one of my favorite professors.

she has literally changed what it means to be a teacher in my eyes, somehow after all these years of great teachers. made me a better writer and person

Dr. Sellers wants students to succeed. Great teacher

Amazing professor. Made the class interesting. Built camaraderie with students.

Dr. Sellers is an exceptional professor. She leads by example, is very organized, is clear on expectations and rubrics, is great with feedback and critique, leads effective workshops in the classroom, and is always available to meet or speak with students. It is clear that she cares about her students. And, as Belle Hooks advocates, she makes herself vulnerable in the classroom which works to engage the students in a deeper, more meaningful way.

Wonderful professor. Her enthusiasm for the course makes you excited to learn.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Spring 2019
Course Title : FORM AND TECHNIQUE OF POETRY	Course ID : CRW 3311-901, Reference Number 11933	

Course Comment:

The class is an excellent introduction to poetry. The putting students into groups for the peer review sessions work wonderfully. When we're in our own clusters we were able to absorb and talk about what we've learned, I have not felt this in my other classes. I appreciated the emphasis on paper and hard copy too, as Canvas work somehow feels comparatively detached. The lectures were the best part; I took notes but the talks were clear and free flowing, to the point where you feel like it will stick with you anyway. Loved the class.

Happy it was in the evening so I could fit into my schedule of working full time. One change I would like to see is in regards to the mid-term and upcoming final. Having to both memorize a large amount of previously unknown terminology to be able to define in short answer and also give or make up examples is stressful for the type of learner that I am. In our current world, we don't have to memorize much. I would like to have a creative option as well (ex. write a poem in one of the forms during the exam period). Loved the rest of the class! Very disappointed and frustrated that Poetry 1 and 2 are only offered during the daytime.

I don't like taking the exams remotely, online. The software is not user friendly and causes undo/additional stress on students who are otherwise prepared to take the exam. The online exam helpdesk is not responsive either. As for the class material, I think it would be better to go deeper into a smaller amount of material for this intro class.

This class was exactly what it sounded like, and there's not much more to say than I'm happy that I got what I paid for.

I wish there was more class time to spend workshopping, but otherwise I love the flow and evolution of this course's material.

Instructor Comment:

Dr. Sellers is a fantastic professor. Her lectures are informative and creative. She has inspired me and other students I have talked to, and she is also consistently available for help and for feedback outside of class and through email. Dr. Sellers is like one of those professors in the movies; I don't think I'll forget what I've learned from her.

Dr. Sellers is passionate about both poetry and teaching poetry. I have learned more in class than I thought possible in an introductory forms class. I'm feeling pretty passionate myself about both reading and writing poetry since taking this class!

Professor Sellers was a genuinely great teacher, few that i have had tend to hit her level. If i would critique one thing about her method, it would be her view on topic interpretations. I know that myself and a few other students ran into an issue where we did a poem, and we took her prompt to mean something different than what she had in mind. So while it followed the prompt it didn't follow her idea of it. That being said she was great at speaking to students and allowing makeup if she saw intent, but the student missed the mark. All around great professor to have!

You are officially my favorite teacher in all of my years in college, and I'm now a senior!!

Dr. Sellers passion for peotry really helps to motivate students to be engaged and interested. Her grading is very fair and expectations are very clear. I really like all the additional resources provided for those interested in continuing to read/write poetry. There is a lot of material crammed into the class. I would prefer cutting down on the amount of forms and vocab and instead going deeper into a smaller amount of material.

Dr. Sellers was a fantastic teacher. She always explained everything with clarity, and never had a problem with explaining something again or in a different way when a student misunderstood. She was also one of the most organized teachers I've had in a long time, always making it clear what was due and when, and provided clear instructions along with her assignments. I only took this class because it was a requirement for me, but Dr. Sellers made it a fun class to be in, even for something who's never had anything to do with poetry before.

Dr. Sellers is an expert in her field with the unique ability to combine high academic standards with empathy and honesty. I recommend this class to anyone who wishes to realize the value of every word they use.

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Summer 2019
Course Title : FORM AND TECHNIQUE OF POETRY	Course ID : CRW 3311-700, Reference Number 56757	

Course Comment:

This course did a lot to help me with my writing in other genres, and has created a new appreciation for poetry in its many forms.

It was a good course but I thought the modules did not explain the concepts enough and I needed to go to the lectures. Maybe more actual explanations or different videos.

This was an enjoyable course overall and I would likely recommend it to other writers. However, as an online course, it wasn't as flexible as I wanted it to be. I take online classes with the express purpose of having the ability to work ahead, but that just wasn't an option for some of these assignments (and still get a good grade). For example, many of the like the annotation requirements needed explanations that are found only in the lecture, which happens just the night before it is due. It kind of forced me to work on it every day, which isn't a bad thing I suppose, but it also limited my personal time when I was trying to work between this course and my job. It was very difficult to work ahead if I wanted to make plans. I also understand the 'no late work' policy, however, I think it is worth it to mention that I believe it is much too rigid. I had no intention of getting any work in late, but when I contacted Dr. Sellers with an extenuating circumstance that was completely out of my hands, I got no help, even though the result would have caused me to be an hour late max on turning it in. It is possible to have a 'no late work' policy and still be understanding of technical difficulties. This contributes to the lack of flexibility many people take online classes for.

The exams were uncomfortable, and finding links to .PDFs took some getting used to. The layout for the Canvas pages was moved around some in the early part of the semester as well. Overall, though, a worthwhile experience.

Great class! I love being able to write my own poetry and use the techniques and forms for the class. My only issue was the exams, they didn't seem to have much relevance. I thought when we used the techniques within the poems, it would demonstrate our learning then. Other than that, a wonderful class that I would recommend to anyone hoping to study poetry!

Summer A went by very fast, and there was a lot to learn in a very short amount of time. However, I did learn a lot about poetry, and it was all very useful outside of just writing poetry. I learned a lot, so I'm glad I took this class although it was a lot to keep up with at times.

Instructor Comment:

I've never appreciated poetry as a form, as much as I do now. Dr. Sellers picked beautiful works to study this semester that has truly inspired a new love for me.

Dr. Sellers is a wonderful professor. She always stresses that she is here to help us if we need it. She also does her best to help students understand the assignments if we are having issues, and she responds to emails fairly quickly.

Not very understanding. This is fine, but it's nice to feel like your professor understands that life happens and I don't think Dr. Sellers does.

She is an amazing professor and always cares about her students even if they email her a lot. I couldn't have gotten through the class without her.

I enjoyed this class, and I know that I will use the information I learned.

Dr. Sellers is a wonderful professor who is obviously passionate about what she does, which goes a long way in garnering interest from students. Her instructions were always clear and I had no difficulties contacting her when needed. I love that she was so focused on teaching us techniques and content that was centered around improving our overall writing abilities in all areas instead of just improving our poetry writing specifically.

Enthusiastic and encouraging instructor. Modules for the course were clearly organized. Response to emails and questions were swift. Fun, growing experience.

I loved having her as an instructor! She seemed genuinely passionate about the course and the content which made the entire course enjoyable!

She is very clear about what she wants for the assignments and very passionate about the work we do/what she teaches us. She grades very quickly and responds to questions/concerns quickly, as well

Tampa - Arts & Sciences - English	Instructor : Sellers, Heather	Course Term : Fall 2020
Course Title : Hybrids & Experiments	Course ID : CRW 4930-901, Reference Number 85602	

Course Comment:

I enjoyed this class so much. The course introduced me to a new genre of literature that I did not know existed but I connect with. The texts were varied and diverse both in authors, subject matters, and themes. The class content challenged me to bring out my best work and taught me a lot about how to be a better writer. The

assignment guidelines were clear without stifling the individual student's unique writing voice. This was also the only class in my semester where I actively interacted with students. Dr. Sellers encouraged discussion throughout the class and breaking up into writing groups helped by giving time for each person to get and give specific feedback. This semester has been really rough and my other classes have, for the most part, felt unengaging and like I am alone in the learning process but this class was one thing that I ALWAYS looked forward to in the week. Even when I was tired or the past week had been difficult, by the end of the class I was happy and felt that I had made meaningful human connections while learning about the craft of writing. I cannot express how much of a positive impact this class had on me both as a writer and a student.

Great course. Very interesting topics and readings.

This class is so unique but so needed and has opened up my literary box. I loved everything about this semester and if I could take it all over again I would. It provides students with such a different outlook to different readings and writings.

What a fantastic class! I learned so, so much; the professor's brilliant and my fellow classmates were all a joy to work with.

Great class and it provides a great opportunity to step outside the box of writing. I would take it again.

Amazing course! This course is so much more than just writing. This course is about growing confidence and a purpose with your writing. I've grown so much as a writer because of this course. Please do whatever you can to keep it!

Hybrids & Experiments is a very thoughtfully designed course which attends to the forms of literature and writing that other classes may neglect because of genre restrictions. The hybrid approach has deepened my understanding of how storyteller's shape and maximize the reader's experience. One of the most challenging courses I've taken, Hybrids & Experiments helped to grow enormously as a writer, reader, and individual by pushing established boundaries of creativity and craft.

Fun course, provides outlet for experimentation in a variety of literary and poetic forms.

Instructor Comment:

Dr. Sellers is a wonderful professor. She cares a lot for each of her student's success and created a class space where we are challenged to grow as writers without losing our individuality and writer's voice. She always comes in with a smile and makes us feel welcomed. She worked really hard to make the class interactive and full of learning. She was also there whenever I needed help with assignments outside of class; I learned a lot from our office hours as well. Dr. Sellers is the kind of professor that you will never forget and will always be thankful that you were in her class. A wonderful, wonderful professor.

Great teacher! I was so lucky to have a teacher who really cared about teaching and was so encouraging and helpful in any way needed. I look forward to learning more with her next semester.

Dr. Sellers is an amazing teacher and has taught me so much this semester. She has always gone above and beyond in her teachings and is always willing to help when asked. She has made me fall in love with writing again and I will be forever grateful. You all have a wonderful asset to your team!

Dr. Sellers is the best professor at USF. Her lectures are amazing and the class is always so helpful, informative, and fun.

Dr. Sellers is an amazing professor! I enjoyed going to every single one of her classes because she made it interesting and engaging. She really helped strengthen my writing and was especially helpful outside of class when I had questions. I would take more classes with her.

I don't think I've ever had a professor willing to do more to help her students than Dr. Sellers. She is incredibly inspiring and willing to take students the extra mile just to show them how much potential they have. She breathes confidence and love into each one of us and we are all better for having been in her life the last 3 months.

Dr. Sellers is an incredibly passionate professor dedicated to student success. My time in her virtual classroom has helped to strengthen my writing, communication, and reading skills. She has also fostered a safe space for students to collaborate and learn from one another, which has been especially helpful during the pandemic.

Good Teacher, cares about student growth and success.