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**Ann Russell** is the Writing Center Director and the Writing Program Director for Madonna University. She is new at Madonna, having started in Aug. 2006. Ann has taught writing at various Michigan colleges, but most of her experience was in the University of Michigan system where she also directed a writing center and a writing assessment program. She left teaching for a while and worked as a journalist, ending as the editor of two community newspapers. She has also been a freelance writer, and has published more than 35 “genre” short stories.

Ann has an A.B. in English and German from the University of Michigan-Flint, an A.M. in English Education from the University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. in English (Rhetoric and Composition) from Michigan State University. Her dissertation topic was a history and case study of Michigan’s oldest writing center that Ann directed for several years. Ann lives in East Lansing with her family.



**Scream**, a blow-up figure inspired by Edvard Munch’s renowned painting of the same name, is the Writing Center’s official mascot. He is on long-term loan from Tom Ward, Frances FitzGerald’s husband. Scream represents the way many students feel when they initially receive writing assignments. Fortunately, the gifted Writing Center tutors understand this, and can help students with writing-related anxiety by helping them improve their writing skills and confidence.



**Frances E. FitzGerald**, coordinator of the Writing Center, has also taught composition and journalism classes at Madonna University. She helped launch the Madonna Pen, the campus writing group, and MU Voices, Madonna’s online literary publication. Frances earned her tutor certification through the College of Reading and Language Arts and is a member of the Michigan Tutoring Association. She has a B.S. in psychology from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, MI, and an M.A. in English from the University of Illinois, Chicago. Frances and her husband Tom live in Farmington.

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**Oolette Jackson** is a graduate student in the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) program at Madonna University. She received her B.A. in English Literature from Michigan State University and left with a passion for learning languages and cultures. During her spare time, she can usually be found with her nose in a sappy romance novel or scribbling her own works of art. Her past tutoring experience includes international students, refugees, and undergraduates, and she is thrilled to be a part of the staff at the Writing Center.



**Marian Woyciehowicz Gonsior** is currently an adjunct assistant professor in the ESL Program at Madonna University. In addition, she has taught ESL at Oakland Community College and the University of Detroit Mercy. At UDM she also served as the assistant coordinator of the American Language and Culture Program. She holds an M.A. in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Madonna and an M.A. in Spanish from New York University. Writing is her first love, so some of her favorite moments are those she spends talking about writing with students and colleagues.



**Charity Mullaly** has earned her master's degree in the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) program at Madonna University. She received her bachelor's degree in Business and French in the International Studies program at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Her writing experience includes three years as a proofreader and copy editor for the Association for Operations Management (APICS), Greater Detroit Chapter. She enjoys teaching composition courses at Madonna and working as a Writing Center Specialist and ESL Tutor at the Writing Center.

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**Krista Dawkins** is in her second year at Madonna University with a double major in English and Spanish for secondary education. She has wanted to be a teacher for as long as she can remember. Krista loves to read and write. Her favorite authors include Dean Koontz, Stephen King, and Jim Butcher. Krista would love to teach at Madonna one day so she could contribute to giving students as great a college experience as she is having.



**Laura Haldane** is gleefully looking forward to her first year at Madonna. She loves writing, reading, and reviewing papers. She is currently majoring in Environmental Science with a minor in Writing. She hopes to one day write a novel or two and help keep the planet green. Laura greatly enjoys bike riding and musical theater, which she hopes to get involved in at Madonna. This is her first time working in the Writing Center (and her first real job). She looks forward to helping strengthen your writing skills!



**Diane Baumgartner** has been a writing tutor since fall 2006. She is a member of the Michigan Tutor Association and was certified through the College Reading and Learning Association. Diane holds a B.S. from Madonna University. Four years ago, when the Writing Center was a single table in Room 1300, Diane was one of only two writing tutors assisting students. Today, with our fabulous space, computers and staff of 20, she is amazed at how much the Writing Center has grown. "I like that everyone is focused on students becoming better writers." Diane's goals are to help students feel less anxious and find their own writer's voice.

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**Rebekah Phillips** is a writing major at Madonna University. When not busy scribbling stories, her hobby since seventh grade, Rebekah can be found reading or playing clarinet. When it's warm and sunny outside, she also enjoys playing tennis with her friends. Rebekah has always loved helping people with their writing, and she is ecstatic about working in the Writing Center and is looking forward to helping you with your scribbles!



**Katherine Luber** is a first-year student at Madonna University. She has not yet declared a major, but she enjoys learning languages and hopes to incorporate this into her future career. She loves developing friendships with new people, learning about new cultures, and taking road trips. An avid reader and writer since childhood, Katherine has a passion for the written word and wants to inspire this same love in others. Although Katherine is new at the Writing Center, she enjoys her work and would love to help you with your assignments!



**Gwen Higgins** is glad to be in her second year at Madonna and to be living in the dorms. She plans on majoring in child development. She is currently involved in IGNITE Young Adult Ministry as well as Campus Ministry. Her greatest passions are reading, working with children, and traveling. Someday she hopes to visit Europe and make a difference in the world. She loves being at Madonna, and she's very enthusiastic about working in the Writing Center.

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**Kari Theisen** is in her third year at Madonna University, majoring in Biology. After graduating, she plans to apply to Wayne State University's Mortuary Sciences/Funeral Services program. Even though she is shy, she likes to help people make their writing better. In her spare time, Kari likes to read non-fiction books about World War II and watch movies. Kari is happy to finally be working in the Madonna Writing Center and is glad to be of help during the writing process.



**Hannah Faber** is a second-year student at Madonna University, studying Language Arts with a minor in Elementary Education. She aspires to one day make a difference in the world by educating young students in her future classroom. In her spare time, she enjoys singing, acting, volunteering, reading and spending time with friends. She looks forward to working with you at the Writing Center!



**Annie Rossow** is passionate about helping others to succeed. Personally, it is one of the greatest feelings in the world to pass along knowledge to someone else. It is her dream to lead a classroom in front of hundreds of students. She won't stop until there is "Doctor" or "Professor" in front of her name. Besides her love of helping others, she is a writer; a spiral-bound notebook and pen is never too far out of reach. If she is not writing, she can be found on a tennis court or spending time with her boyfriend.

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**Heather VanHartesveldt** is majoring in writing at Madonna University. Her goal is to write young-adult novels and to see her work on the shelves of bookstores one day. She loves to read, watch baseball, and spend time with her family, especially her twin sister, who also attends Madonna. When she isn't writing, she's at the movies, which is one of her favorite places to be during her free time. She looks forward to helping you with your assignments!



**Abby Hull** is majoring in Early Childhood Education. She is from Chelsea, Michigan, but resides in the residence hall. Her hobbies include playing guitar, listening to classic rock music, spending time with family and friends, and reading books (mostly fiction). In the future, she hopes to work with inner-city children and their families to better their education and well-being. Abby has always had a great love for literature and writing, and is looking forward to sharing this love with students in the Writing Center.



**Diana Ferraiuolo** is a nursing student. She has been tutoring for several years, first in high school and now at Madonna. In her free time she enjoys reading, exercising, watching movies and crafting. She loves country music and spending time up north. Diana enjoys helping others and is excited to work at the Writing Center.

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**Clarissa Powaser** is a Madonna senior majoring in social studies for secondary education, and she enjoys working with students of all ages. She hopes to ignite a passion for learning and knowledge in all of her students. Aside from teaching, Clarissa has an enthusiasm for theater. She has been in many productions and loves to sing. In her (very limited!) free time, Clarissa loves to read and listen to music. She is excited to be working in the Writing Center and cannot wait to work with you!



**Lauren Dame** is majoring in writing (most likely professional and technical). She has always loved anything to do with reading, writing or art, and was drawing ever since she could hold a pencil—and writing soon after! Lauren is incredibly excited to be working at the Writing Center, and hopes to help spread her love of writing to those she tutors.



**Sara Sabadosa** is a pre-medicine student at Madonna. She is from the south suburbs of Chicago and lives on campus to avoid the 4.5-hour commute. She feels extremely fortunate that her high school emphasized professional writing and cannot wait to share her tips and tricks with you! In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, going to concerts, drawing, and volunteering.

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**Anna Dreslinski** is a vocal performance major here at Madonna University. She is always excited to work with students at the Writing Center and enjoys seeing students succeed in their writing. Outside the Writing Center you may find Anna reading a book, exploring new music, playing piano, spending time with her boyfriend, or spending time with family and friends. She looks forward to each new day at the Writing Center!