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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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Qolette 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.



Susan Ruellan, MA TESOL taught EFL/ESP in France from 1991 to 1999 in diverse educational settings, including adult education, vocational training, and civil aviation. In the US, she has taught ESL/EAP at the undergraduate level. Susan has written articles about audience, teacher commentary, textual borrowing, and narratives about the challenges L2 learners experience. In 2008, **she published her first children's chapter book.** At Madonna University, she has supervised ESL tutoring and teaches ESL 4230, the ESL Research Writing Course.

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Sarah Kosel is starting her first year at Madonna and is majoring in Sign Language Studies. She has always been a compulsive scribbler of stories and essays, and recently channeled that into the creation of a zine. This is her first semester working at the Writing Center. When not busy with school, various school activities, or writing projects, she spends her time reading and endeavoring to discover intriguing and underappreciated words such as quixotic or zemblanity.



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.



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.

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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!



Kevin Kohlert is majoring in Criminal Justice and this semester will be the start of his third year at Madonna University. He lives in Northville residing with his parents and one sister. He chose to attend Madonna University because the school is conveniently close and offers his major. He learned about the Writing Center through Frances FitzGerald, who taught his English 1020 class a few years ago. He decided that helping other students with college papers would be fun and fulfilling. He has always found writing essays to be an enjoyable challenge rather than a tedious, mandatory assignment.



Colleen Lachat is a junior at Madonna University, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Mental Health. She loves sports, especially football and hockey. In her downtime, Colleen enjoys going to her cottage in Oscoda, Michigan where **she can spend time with her family. One of Colleen's biggest prides is her ability to make people laugh.** After graduation, she plans to pursue either a Psy.D. or Ph.D. in psychology and eventually write a novel. Colleen is looking forward to working with you at the Writing Center!

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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.



Sally Freels is a graduate student in the Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) program, with an emphasis on Adult Education. She received a B.A. in Art History from the University of Utah and an M.A. in Nonprofit Management from Regis University (Denver). She has worked as a nonprofit fundraiser and taught classes in nonprofit studies. Sally currently enjoys a multi-cultural personal life. Her boyfriend is German and his niece, here studying at a local college, is German, yet was raised in Venezuela. An avid traveler, Sally counts Berlin and Arles, France, as her favorite cities. Sally loves working in the Writing Center as an ESL tutor!



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!

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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.



Kenneth Hobbs graduated from Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) with an Associate's degree in Accounting. He is majoring in Broadcast and Cinema Arts with a Minor in Writing at Madonna University. This is his first semester working in the Madonna Writing Center. He looks forward to having a grand experience at the college, as well as helping others in need.

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Catherine Ligeski, a Nursing student, is in her sophomore year at Madonna University. She is involved in Campus Ministry, specifically in Respect Life, and has been active in founding *Mea Amata*, a **women’s group for college girls**. She also enjoys serving on mission trips down to Kentucky and Mexico and hopes one day to go on medical mission to Africa. In her free time she loves to sing, read fiction, swing dance and spend time with family and friends. Catherine has always had a love for English and looks forward to helping people in the Writing Center.



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!

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Brooke Fox is majoring in Writing and Film at Madonna University. She has loved writing for as long as she can remember, so she decided to become a professional writer. She is also happy to work with students at the Writing Center. As she sees students grow in their success, she is able to measure her own learning by their progress. Now, though she continues to write in all genres, she enjoys teaching students as much as she benefits from learning more about her art, which has become her life's passion.



Erica Bryant has earned her bachelor of science degree in Criminal Justice (probation and parole), along with a certification in Private Security, Private Investigation, and Homeland Security. Her goals are to work in her field while also helping out in her community. Another goal is getting a mentoring project together. Erica works at Madonna's SWEEP campus in Southwest Detroit.



Marius Sidau is a student at Wayne State University, pursuing a Master's degree in cultural anthropology. He graduated from Madonna in 2010 with a BA in sociology. He plans to earn a Ph.D. and would like to become a university professor. Marius grew up in Romania and has a special interest in tutoring English-language learners. He is honored to be part of Madonna University's Writing Center at our SWEEP campus in Southwest Detroit!

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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.