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## A Word From The Writing Team (May 2022)


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## A Word from the Writing Team: May 2022

Happy [National Nurses Week](#)!

### **News from the OPWPC:**

Pam and Liz are proud to be co-managing editors of the Eakins Writer's Project, which just opened submissions for the literary journal, [Evanescent](#), and the [Drs. Theresa and Charles Yeo Writing Prize](#). All faculty, staff, students, and Jefferson community members are welcome to submit their original creative writing and/or visual art for the chance to be published in print!

### **Quick Tip:**

"Writer's block" is a ([perhaps controversial](#)) term frequently used in conversations about writing that really boils down to this: I am frustrated, and I am stuck. Many recommendations for navigating this phenomenon exist—write through it, don't force yourself to write, write a little every day, read instead of writing, etc. None of those are necessarily *wrong*, but the conglomeration is unhelpful and a little overwhelming.

Try asking yourself a question: what are your writing green lights? While you can't guarantee productivity, you can take many steps to facilitate your best writing scenario. My writing green lights are caffeine, silence or classical music, and sunlight (if possible). My writing red lights are distracting noise, clutter, and stress. While some of these are within my control and some are not, an awareness of these facilitators and inhibitors offers the best chance for a productive writing session.

### **Reminder:**

Contact us any time for feedback on your scholarly writing; you can send your in-progress papers, posters, and conference presentations. If you'd like to discuss your writing or practice a presentation, we can schedule time to meet via Zoom or in person.

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