

Inkshed 2015

May 28, 2015
Mill Street Brew Pub
555 Wellington St.
<http://ottawa.millstreetbrewpub.ca/>

Proposals due: May 4, 2015

This year's Inkshed gives a new twist to the old practice of inkshedding: it will focus on workshopping participants' writing. To that end, we are inviting one-paragraph proposals that fit into any of the following three categories:

1. **Academic writing projects** such as research proposals, dissertation drafts, grant applications, articles, book chapters, etc.
2. **Creative writing projects** from any genre or form such as poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, drama, etc.
3. **Other writing projects—from old to new media**, such as blogs, twitter, promotional materials, conference proposals, etc.

We will be using “The Game of Writing” web site, developed at the University of Alberta, both before and during Inkshed, to revise and comment on each other's work.



[Terry Fallis](#), Writing Instructor and 2015 Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour finalist, will speak on his own journey as a writer, “An Unorthodox Journey to the Published Land.”

To Submit your proposal

1. Email your paragraph to **inkshed2015@gmail.com** and give your gmail account address (but *not* the password).
2. After your proposal has been received we will create an account for you on the Game of Writing site where you will use your gmail account and password to sign in.
3. Go to the Game of Writing web site (<https://gwrit.ualberta.ca>)— Click on the [2015] Inkshed “course” and follow the instructions. For help videos on how to use the site: <https://sites.google.com/a/ualberta.ca/inkshed-2015/>

To get a gmail account, go to <https://accounts.google.com/Signup>.

Rules of the Game of Writing

1. You must *write* to play and
2. You must *respond* to play.

Once you've submitted your proposal, look around and see what else is there, respond to other proposals and start conversations *using the Comment feature*. The idea is to build momentum for when we meet in person. Our program for the day will be determined by who among us would like to workshop their writing face-to-face in Ottawa.

Game Day—May 28, 2015, Mill Street Brew Pub, Ottawa

Technology:

Mill Street has free wifi, so please bring an electronic device (laptop, tablet, phone, etc.) you can write on and through which you can access others' writing. The location is downtown, a 15 min. walk from the Parliament Buildings, on the banks of the Ottawa River.

Deadlines:

1. Proposals (1 paragraph description) due May 4 to participate in conference.
2. Online feedback due before conference.
3. Organizers will send master email and weekly updates.
4. May 14 deadline for participants to decide if they want to workshop their writing in person at the conference.

Agenda

Time	Activity
8:00 – 9:00 am	<i>Breakfast</i>
9:00 -- 10:15 am	Session 1
10:15 – 10:30 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30 – Noon	Session 2
12:00-1:30 pm	<i>Lunch and Guest Speaker: Terry Fallis</i>
1:30 – 2:45 pm	Session 3
2:45 – 3:00 pm	<i>Beer break</i>
3:00 – 3:20 pm	Writing on prompts 1. Next step as a writer. 2. Ticket out the door: What's Inkshed's next step?
3:20 – 4:00 pm	3. CASLL AGM
4:00 – 5:30 pm	Downstairs for further conversation in the main pub

Registration

To register for the conference, go to <https://media6.magma.ca/www.leverus.com/casdw/>

Note: You can also pay your Inkshed membership dues on this site.