2020 International Scholarly Writing Retreat for Female Professors in STEM/STEM Education


The LBJ Institute Writing Retreat is a purposeful initiative aimed at supporting female faculty in STEM and STEM education fields by providing a communal environment to engage in productive research writing while discovering the intricacies of intersecting identities, leadership, sisterhood, and scholarship.

This 4 day (5 nights) writing retreat is a wonderful opportunity to be productive in your writing endeavors in a collegial setting, amidst a community of STEM scholars! You will have the opportunity to share writing advice, connect with others over meals and writing workshop presentations, and receive mutual support and encouragement towards meeting writing goals. A data collection research effort related to leadership development as female professors in STEM/STEM education will be offered as an additional opportunity to share your insights.

Typical Daily Schedule at a Glance:

Monday-Thursday
- Breakfast & Sisterhood
- Planning & Sharing
- Individual/Shared Space Writing Time
- Lunch / Workshop Presentation/ Group Discussions
- Individual/Shared Space Writing Time
- Dinner & Group Discussions
- Individual Writing Time

Thursday evening celebration dinner to be held in San Antonio, Texas!

Invited participants will:
- bring an academic writing project and commit to participating in the 4 day writing retreat in its entirety- staying overnight with the group at the retreat location from beginning to end.
- contribute to peer mini-review process and feedback sessions as needed
- actively engage with the writing retreat participants on relevant, and current best practices in writing
- contribute personal insights and recommendations towards creating a sustainable writing retreat program and related research initiative.

This program is funded by the LBJ Institute for STEM Education & Research and is associated with a women’s leadership development research effort. APPLICATIONS: Dr. Soloman Abrahm (sabraham@nccu.edu) will manage application invitation and selection for up to 5 participants from Ethiopia. All other participants will be invited by Dr. Araceli M. Ortiz (araceli@txstate.edu).

LOCATION: Creekhaven Inn & Spa. Wimberley, Texas: creekhaveninn.com/

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE
Ethiopian scholars depart Addis Abba on Sat. 12 December. All scholars shall arrive at the Writing Retreat location on Sunday, Dec. 13th by 6:00 pm to enjoy a welcome supper and rest after travel.

All scholars depart the Writing Retreat location on Friday, December 18th by 12:00 pm

MEALS
All meals are included everyday (3 meals per day). Please advise of any dietary needs. Plan to purchase small groceries near the Inn if you prefer personal choices of snacks or meals.

LODGING AMENITIES
All-suite lodging-included with private rooms, Free Wifi / Coffee maker / Mini-fridge / Microwave

TRANSPORTATION
Air transportation will be provided for the selected international scholars and will be coordinated by the organizing faculty team.

APPLICATION
Funded by an individual PI,