

## ENGL 3608 Creative Nonfiction Writing

Nonfiction is a vibrant, ever-changing form that has had a renaissance in the past ten years thanks to the power of internet publishing. It is a wonderful tool to empower students to immediately respond to the world around them in their own voices. This introductory nonfiction class will acquaint students with the diverse forms that makeup nonfiction today, including memoir writing, cultural criticism, literary journalism, and the lyric essay. They will learn to create art from their own experience as well as casting an analytical eye on subjects within literature, pop culture, and politics. We will support our nonfiction writing practice through readings both classic and contemporary from writers including Joan Didion, James Baldwin, Ocean Vuong, Elissa Washuta, Melissa Febos, Zadie Smith, John Jeremiah Sullivan, and Eula Biss.