THE UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS ENGL 7602: FICTION WORKSHOP

SOME EXCITING NEW LITERARY GENRES



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students' original fiction is the primary focus for this graduate workshop. Your reading in this class should be focused not on the lit-crit question *what does this mean?* but on the more writerly *how does this work?*. You will study contemporary short fiction as models for your own work, present a craft lecture on a story of your choosing from the anthology, workshop two to three complete story drafts or chapters of a novel, and revise one of your workshop submissions.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Groff, Lauren, ed. The Best American Short Stories 2024. New York: Mariner, 2024. The Writer's Notebook: Craft Essays from Tin House. Portland: Tin House Books, 2009. The Writer's Notebook II: Craft Essays from Tin House. Portland: Tin House Books, 2012.