New York State
Summer Young Writers Institute
June 27 – July 3, 2010
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The New York State Writers Institute in conjunction with the Office of the Dean of Special Programs at Skidmore College is pleased to announce the 12th annual creative writing workshop for New York State high school students. The New York State Summer Young Writers Institute (SYWI) will be held at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York July 27–August 3, 2010. Participants in the SYWI will receive instruction in poetry, fiction, and imaginative nonfiction and will engage in the critical evaluation of each other’s work. There will be three workshops per day, two lessons in the morning, and one in the afternoon.

In addition, the young writers will have an opportunity to interact with some of the most well-regarded authors in the country. In 2009, our students attended evening readings and craft talks by such nationally renowned writers as Russell Banks, Alekh Ohlin, Rick Moody, and Mary Gaitskill, among others, as part of the New York State Summer Writers Institute, a workshop for college and post-collegiate writers which also takes place at the Skidmore campus during the month of July. By bringing the top student writers in the state together to work extensively with professional writers, the SYWI provides young artists with recognition, respect, opportunities for artistic development, and peer support. Participants can be chosen, based on the creative writing samples they submit (see application for details). Full and partial scholarships are available to participants based on need.

FACULTY
Kathleen Aguero: most recent book of poetry, Daughter Of published by Cedar Hill Books. The author of two previous books of poetry and editor of three anthologies of multicultural literature from the University of Georgia Press, she is a Professor of English at Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, Mass., teaching in their low-residency MFA and undergraduate programs.

Liza Frenette is an assistant editor at New York Teacher, the official membership newspaper published by New York State United Teachers (NYST). Author of three poetry chapbooks, Notes From the Fire Tower and Glacial Erratica, among others, Frenette has published articles in Reader’s Digest and Adirondack Life, among other publications, and has won first place feature and news writing awards from UPI and Associated Press.

Elaine Handlew is a poet and fiction writer, as well as an Associate Professor of Writing and Literature at Empire State College. Her poetry chapbooks, Notes from the Fire Tower and Glacial Erratica, won the Adirondack Center for Writing Award in Poetry in 2006 and 2007 respectively. She is currently completing Deep River, a historical novel about the Underground Railroad.

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HOW TO APPLY
The SYWI is open to NY State high school students entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in September 2010. Applications may be found and printed from the New York State Summer Young Writers Institute Web site at www.skidmore.edu/summer. Follow the link to the SYWI application and supporting materials.

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Tuition: $750

Tuition and fees include institutional workshops and readings, campus activities, and room and board. This is a residential program; a commuting option is not offered. Fees: $40 nonrefundable application fee. Full and partial financial aid awards are available to qualified students. To be considered for aid, a completed financial aid application must accompany the program application and be submitted by April 1, 2010. Financial aid applications may be obtained by calling 518-580-5599 in Skidmore’s Office of the Dean of Special Programs or from the program website at www.skidmore.edu/summer. Follow the link to the Summer Young Writers Institute.