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### **‘WRITING AT WESTERN’ CELEBRATES WNMU WRITERS**

Silver City, NM – Western New Mexico University will celebrate “Writing at Western” on Friday, February 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the Miller Library with short readings by faculty and staff.

The public event will feature faculty from a range of disciplines reading briefly from their work. A new and updated bibliography of the published work of WNMU writers will also be available.

WNMU professor Sharman Apt Russell, an event organizer, said that this “chorus of voices” will include work from Eugene Criscione, professor of business; Dan Tappan, professor of computer science; Margarita Wulftange, professor of education; Mahesh Pattabiramen, professor of natural sciences; Benjamin Cline, professor of humanities; Janet Wallet-Ortiz, Humanities Department Chair; Margaret Soucy, Coordinator of Student Success Seminars; and Peter Bill, professor of expressive arts.

Topics range from the discussion of a short film on war crimes in Bosnia to teaching first graders in a dual-immersion classroom.

“Writing is first about learning and discovery, and then about communicating those discoveries to other people,” said Russell. “These readings are meant to show students and the community how the faculty and staff at Western use writing in their professional lives.”

“Writing at Western” is co-hosted by Miller Library and the Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) program.

For more information, please visit [www.sharmanaptrussell.com](http://www.sharmanaptrussell.com) or <http://loveofplace.blogspot.com/>.

*Located in Silver City, New Mexico, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the state of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public coeducational university since 1893 and caters to a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.*

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