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JEREMY JAMES WILSON NAMED WNMU WRITER IN RESIDENCE

Silver City, NM – Jeremy James (JJ) Wilson has been named writer-in-residence at Western New Mexico University.

Wilson is a full-time writer currently working on three contracted books and co-editing an encyclopedia. For the last decade, Wilson has written for textbook publisher Pearson Education.

“WNMU is fortunate to have some outstanding writers on its faculty, but it isn't just about getting published,” Wilson said. “We have a great opportunity here to develop a thriving writing community not just at the university but in Silver City in general and I hope to be a part of that.”

Born in Germany and raised in England, Wilson earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He began teaching English to first grade through tenth grade students in Cairo in 1991. Since then, he has taught English in Lesotho, Colombia, London and Italy.

Wilson published his first fiction in 1998. Since 2002, he has published 14 non-fiction books, of which *How to Teach Listening* received the 2008 English Speaking Union Award for Best Book for Teachers and was short listed for the Ben Warren Prize. *Speakout* has just been nominated for the 2011 English Speaking Union Award.

“I have numerous ideas for the post including talks, conferences, mentoring, chapbooks of student and faculty work, liaising with the community on various writing projects, and a blog,” Wilson said.

Wilson relocated to Silver City in 2008. He teaches a graduate course in publication at WNMU.



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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