

Teaching Poetry: Connecting Head with Heart — Appreciative Inquiry with Jennifer Ozgur

Register: <https://wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/poetry/forms/teachingPoetry/>

What does it take to create and support an energized poetry experience within our classrooms? Today's speaker — using a facilitation approach called Appreciative Inquiry (AI) — will engage all parties by guiding them through a series of positively-framed questions that recognize and celebrate their strengths followed by the delivery of essential content that builds upon knowledge, and empowers teachers by suggesting practical strategies that can easily be implemented. Participants will discover a renewed sense of purpose as they share individual stories and crowd source the wisdom of the group experiences!

Jennifer Ozgur holds a BSED from West Chester University (2000), is a certified Appreciative Inquiry facilitator from the Flourishing Leadership Institute, and a certified brain-based instructor from the Transformation Education Institute. Jennifer published her children's book, *One Million Kisses: The Promise of 153*, in 2016. She teaches English at West Chester Area School District and designs/delivers programming for organizations nationwide.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: June 8, 2019

8:45 - 9:30am: Meet 'n Greet: coffee and muffin reception

9:30 - 10am: "PLENARY"- Rhina Espaillet, Educator, Poet, Communitarian

10:15 - 11am: "PURPOSE" and "APPRECIATE": Lets reconnect with our purpose as a teacher of poetry, and appreciate a highpoint moment of the best of what is in your students

11:10 - 12:30: -"IMAGINE": Now, we find the best of what could be in our students through paired interviews, and small group/large group share-outs

12:30 - 1:15pm: Lunch

1:30 - 3:00pm: "IMAGINE" (cont'd): Here we'll "crowd source" those thriving moments in our classrooms

3:00 - 3:30pm: "REFLECT": Finally, we commit to action steps that lead to transformation as a teacher through shared exploration

3:45 - 4:30pm: End of Day snack reception

Look what folks are saying about Jennifer's work!

"Jennifer's greatest skill is her ability to relate to her audience. Her presentations are educational, powerful, engaging..."
-Mr. H-J, International Speaker

"Jennifer Ozgur lit the fire that morning; I saw energy and enthusiasm rivaling anything I have seen in my 21 years in the classroom. It was magic."
-Ms. R, Elementary Teacher

"Her methods and strategies are very effective in imparting knowledge... Her innovative ideas help to draw out strengths of students."
-Mrs. K, Parent

"Her versatility of skill, professionalism, and commitment are unparalleled... She helped me focus those talents to believe in myself."
-Ms. L, Consulting and Coaching Client