

## Creative Writing Workshop Initial Discussion

Border Crossings: Collaborative Experiences for Student Learning  
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Members of the creative writing sections of the English departments at the University of New Brunswick and UW Oshkosh met (December 4, 2001) via compressed video to consider collaborating on a creative writing workshop that would use compressed video and learning technologies to connect student writers who would read, discuss and critique each others' writing. Many ideas were suggested; one was selected for the spring workshop: a poetry reading including students and faculty. In order to share writing beforehand, a Blackboard site would be set up. The date for this workshop was to be set during spring semester 2002. Dr. Ronald Rindo (UW Oshkosh) and Dr. Ross Leckie (UNB) agreed to continue work with colleagues on the details. Those who participated in the videoconference are:

### University of New Brunswick Participants

- Peter Kent, History Department, director of International Relations Fredericton Campus
- Ross Leckie, English Department, poet
- Mark Jarman, English Department, creative writer

### University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Participants

- Ronald Rindo, English Department, director Creative Writing Group, fiction writer
- Patricia Hodgell, English Department, fiction writer
- Pamela Gemin, English Department, poet
- Paul Niesen, English Department, faculty advisor *Wisconsin Review*, fiction writer
- Martin Brick, graduate student English, senior editor *Wisconsin Review*
- Estella Lauter, English Department, chair and poet
- Andy Robson, English Department, associate dean COLS
- Bill Baurecht, English Department, fiction writer
- Christine Gemignani, director of International Initiatives, Border Crossings associate investigator
- AnnMarie Johnson, Media Services, instructional developer and consultant

This workshop did not take place in spring 2002. Subsequently, Ross Leckie and Ronald Rindo met at UW Oshkosh on October 8, 2002, during a campus visit by four faculty members from UNB, and arranged collaboration for spring semester 2003. The video conference was coordinated by William Baurecht.