

The CW&P Pledge

We in Sheridan's Creative Writing & Publishing program all work in and as a community, supported by the pillars of respect, trust, collegiality, and goodwill that provide its foundation and strength.

By nature of our intellectual work, much of what we create and share involves risk and vulnerability. Our program aspires to open, safe communication between students and the full-time CW&P faculty. Our hope is that any/all of us can comfortably connect with any/all of us. As such, in Sheridan's Honours Bachelor of Creative Writing & Publishing:

The faculty pledges to support students by offering professional guidance, fostering writerly independence, and helping students find, use, and trust their own voices; they recognize the power differential between mentors and mentees, and seek to provide the unique support borne only of respectful teacher/student relationships.

The students pledge to work with faculty to hone their critical and creative voices, to use them willfully, collegially, trustingly, and respectfully with one and all, and to build what they might from the platform of the program's foundations.

We all play different roles in different contexts and we speak in different voices from different perspectives. But in this community, students and faculty all have a voice. Together, we pledge here to use them collectively and in concert, so that each one might ring through clearly and truly.

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