

**DIALOGUES ACROSS DIFFERENCES**  
**Generating Connections through Writing**  
Day-Long Women's Workshop & Retreat

*Sunday, March 25, 10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Wang Chapel*

If you had to imagine a possible page one for a story about your own life, what might that opening moment be? How might you tell your own story? These are the questions that Herstory Writers Workshop leader Erika Duncan asks each new participant in this unique writing workshop that helps women develop the tools and techniques to reshape their very intimate experiences into a form that will be meaningful to a “stranger-reader.” The theme of this workshop will be moving from silence to having a voice. The goal is to share our stories across our differences in English and Spanish (with an interpreter).

Founded in 1996, Herstory Writers Workshop has become well known in Suffolk County where weekly workshops take place in 16 separate locations. What is unique in the Herstory project, is its tendency to bring women together from different educational backgrounds, women on welfare and heads of foundations, child care workers and even political leaders. Herstory has two active workshops where women write in Spanish and three in Suffolk County’s correctional facilities.

*“We are housewives, community activists, court judges, retirees, lawyers, physically and mentally disabled, directors of major organizations We are mothers, sisters, wives, aunts, partners, Black, White, Hispanic, Native American, gay, straight, wealthy and poverty stricken, incarcerated and free. Each week we gather, we break bread and we share. We share who we are as women. We share the worlds we lived in as children... We challenge ourselves and each other to go beyond what we see as our limits... But we never lose sight of the writing.”—Herstory facilitator, Lonnie Mathis*

For further information, or to pre-register, contact Herstory Writers Workshop at 631-725-4697 or visit their website at [www.herstorywriters.org](http://www.herstorywriters.org). Participants will also be welcomed at the door. Please bring laptops or writing tablets. Lunch may be brought or bought—coffee and tea will be available. Optional contributions to Herstory’s programs in the community will be gratefully accepted.

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