

## Course Description Form

Course number and section: CRWR 310

Course Topic: The Power of Metaphor

Credits: 3 credits

Term: 2021W1

Instructor: Nancy Holmes

### Course Description:

We'll investigate how metaphor influences our thinking, creating, and innovating, both intellectually and artistically. Metaphor is not simply decorative; more and more research shows that it is not only a major means of introducing new ideas, but also foundational to how the mind works. Metaphors are the building blocks of thought and knowledge. We will experiment with making our own metaphors and explore the metaphors around us. Readings will range over psychology, literature, science and other fields. You'll enhance your ability to use this powerful tool, no matter what your discipline.

### Tentative Reading List:

Required textbook: *I is An Other: The Secret Life of Metaphor and How it Shapes the Way We See the World* by James Geary- non-fiction. We'll also look at other essays and examples online and from the library.

Other: This course is open to any student with 3rd year standing and is of value to students across the university who want to enhance their creative thinking and be stronger writers and communicators.