

ERIKA MEITNER  
Student Evaluations  
Spring 2008, Virginia Tech  
ENGL 3714 – Creative Writing: Poetry

Total enrollment: 21 students  
Response rate: 86%

<b>CATEGORIES - Please note that the scale runs from 1 (Poor) to 4 (Excellent)</b>	<b>Average</b>
<i>How I rate the instructor compared with others I have had at Virginia Tech:</i>	
Apparent knowledge of subject matter	3.8
Success in communicating or explaining subject matter	3.8
Degree to which subject matter was made stimulating or relevant	3.5
Concern and respect for students as individuals	3.9
Fairness in assigning grades	3.7
Administration of the class and organization of materials	3.8
Overall rating of this instructor	3.7
Value of assignments	3.4

**Student Comments:**

*(Q: What has been most beneficial to you about this course, and why?)*

“The amount of time Erika puts into this course is phenomenal. She critiqued one poem a week per student, so not only did I write more for this class than any other creative writing class I ever had, I also feel I grew as a writer, and truly came to an understanding of what my work is trying to do. Her course reader was most helpful, and serves almost as a bonus contemporary poetry course on top of workshop, which she runs in a fine and stimulating manner. She is a very hard-working and talented teacher that VT is lucky to have.”

I am extremely grateful that I took this class. It has probably been one of my favorite classes I've taken over the course of four years. The instructor gave great feedback and was very helpful both in and out of class. If it had not been for the instructor, I might not have considered an MFA in Creative Writing as a future possibility.”

“Erika has been great with encouraging students to push themselves to try writing many different kinds of poetry. I was exposed to sub-genres and styles I wouldn't ordinarily write, but she was very open and encouraging...She's very positive and has a great attitude!”

“I have greatly benefited from all aspects of this class. The course reader is varied and exciting, the assignments stimulating, and the in-class discussion and workshop fun and engaging. Erika is a brilliant professor who keeps her class both well-organized and fun. I really feel that I've grown as a poet. She's an awesome advisor too!”

“This class made me want to explore poetry further and I feel I've gained a greater appreciation of poetry as a whole through this course.”

“Erika has gone out of her way to help students...”

“I really appreciated Professor Meitner's willingness to read interesting new and modern poetry with controversial themes and subjects instead of the same old stuff. I enjoyed the reading assignments because they were interesting and I felt like I could relate to the writers. Also, Professor Meitner helped me incorporate more details and better imagery in my work.”



SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS - LIST 1

NO.	NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF RESPONDERS											MEAN RESPONSE	CORRELATION WITH:		
	OMIT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		OVERALL	EXP.GR.	EFFORT
1	4 .22	0 .00	1 .06	4 .22	9 .50	0 .00	0 .00	0 .00	0 .00	0 .00	0 .00	3.6 N= 14	.35 N= 14	-.03 N= 14	-.15 N= 14
2	4 .22	0 .00	0 .00	3 .17	11 .61	0 .00	0 .00	0 .00	0 .00	0 .00	0 .00	3.8 N= 14	.84 N= 14	.34 N= 14	.20 N= 14