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Student Evaluations
Fall 2007, Virginia Tech
ENGL 6714 – Graduate Poetry Workshop

Total enrollment: 14 students
Response rate: 100%

Please note that the scale runs from 1 (Poor) to 4 (Excellent)

Categories	Average
<i>How I rate the instructor compared with others I have had at Virginia Tech:</i>	
Apparent knowledge of subject matter	3.9
Success in communicating or explaining subject matter	3.9
Degree to which subject matter was made stimulating or relevant	3.9
Concern and respect for students as individuals	3.7
Fairness in assigning grades	4.0
Administration of the class and organization of materials	3.8
Overall rating of this instructor	3.8
Value of assignments	3.8

Student Comments:

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

“The biggest bonus of this course has been the high level of feedback Erika has provided. She has not only provided wonderful feedback on my poems, but she has suggested many great books and poems to read. I’m planning an independent study with her in the spring and look forward to continuing to work with her.”

“[Most beneficial was] Erika’s vast knowledge of contemporary poetics and poetry. The reading list of required texts was diverse, engaging, and very unique in my experience in workshops. I also liked the different options for ‘types’ of workshop techniques we had the option of using for our poems (Global Response, Traditional, Snapshot, and Q & A).”

“Erika. She’s an incredible teacher: knowledgeable, considerate, and helpful. She’s given me multiple places to turn for additional models and ideas, but she’s also forced me to work within and beyond my aesthetic comforts. I’ve also love the focus on contemporary poetry.”

“[Most beneficial:] reading contemporary poetry and playing around with different styles. The instructor’s attention to my poetry has been fantastic. And the ‘personal assignment’ given to me by the instructor really helped me grow as a poet.”

“I’ve been exposed to poets I would not have read on my own.”

“Reading very contemporary first books was awesome—it made me realize what is being written in the market now. Erika’s comments are really thorough and helpful. She really does a great job of giving individual help and direction in a large class.”

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS - LIST 1

NO.	NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF RESPONDERS										10	MEAN RESPONSE	CORRELATION WITH:		
	OMIT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			OVERALL	EXP.GR.	EFFORT
1	2	0	0	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.7	.63	.00	-.12
	.14	.00	.00	.29	.57	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	N= 12	N= 12	N= 9	N= 12
2	2	0	1	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.6	.06	.00	.29
	.14	.00	.07	.21	.57	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	N= 12	N= 12	N= 9	N= 12