

ERIKA MEITNER  
Student Evaluations  
Fall 2003, University of California Santa Cruz  
LTCR 53 – Intermediate Poetry Workshop

Total enrollment: 18 students  
Response rate: 100%

*Please note that the scale runs from 5 (Most Positive) to 1 (Most Negative)*

Categories	Average
Instructor's preparation and organization of course materials	4.67
Clarity of instructor's lectures and/or presentations	4.39
Usefulness of instructor's comments on written work	4.47
Instructor's ability to lead productive discussions	4.83
Rate the overall intellectual quality of the course	4.50

### **Student Comments:**

“I’ve never had a professor who treated her class with as much respect as Erika does.”

“Prof. Meitner was the major strength of the course. She knows her shit, she knows how to teach it, and she knows how to establish a positive working environment.”

“Erika oftentimes asked students how they felt the class was going—too fast or too slow—and adjusted the schedule accordingly. She always listened and responded quickly to student concerns.”

“She was willing to teach as well as learn from her students.”

“Ms. Meitner offers students personalized suggestions of authors to read and styles of poems to try. This attention was awesome.”

“We had really good reading assignments which were actually enjoyable (quite unusual) and the poem assignments were equally thought-provoking and productive.”

“Professor Meitner was very accessible through emails, appointments, and office hours, and always ready to go through your writing with you.”

“I was a human—more so than I was a student I felt. In a creative writing class, I often worry about whether views will be inculcated on me from the teacher, but I never needed to worry.”

“Overall I thought that Erika was a very well prepared, compelling and thoughtful teacher who genuinely took pride in her job.”