Introduction to the Course

**Welcome!** This semester some of you may be taking part in a writing workshop for the first time. Awesome! You are joining a community of like-minded people, all of whom are concerned with exploring the human condition and relating that to our fellow travelers. I hope that you enjoy the insights as we move along. And remember, life is a *process.* And writing is like life. Consider the words of Gandhi: “If I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it, even if I may not have it at the beginning.”

**Google Apps/Weblogs:** This semester we will be using both the online platform Google Apps and the blogging software at blogger.com to enable us to better communicate inside and out of class. So one of the first things you need to do is log in to your account. I will give you your username and password, and then it will be up to you to visit [http://start.kizzier.com](http://start.kizzier.com) and log in. Once there you need to familiarize yourself with the layout and features. We will be using the Google tools extensively this semester, so get familiar with them right away! If you don’t have a computer with internet access at home, discover the 500+ terminals we have here on campus.

**Texts:** We won’t be using any formal texts for this course, but we will have various handouts during the semester, and your classmates will be selecting readings for you to study. Just remember that for each reading assignment, you should read the required material **before coming to class.**

**Syllabus and Handouts: Syllabus and Handouts:** You can find the **syllabus** and various handouts about the course in two places: our Google Apps page, and on my faculty homepage: [http://faculty.ccbcmd.edu/~ckizzier/index.htm](http://faculty.ccbcmd.edu/~ckizzier/index.htm). There you will learn about the **requirements of the course**, the **attendance policy**, the definition of **plagiarism**, and **grades.** I will also post all assignments and due dates there. So add the site to your favorites list!

**Contact me** about absences or appointments for office hours by emailing me at carr@kizzier.com. For questions about course work, post your questions to the Class Blog or email your classmates. You can also leave me a voice message at 443-840-1638. My office is located in E319.