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Writing, Language and Pedagogy:
Exploring the Academic/Personal Writing Debate

MWF 10-10:50am

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In 1989, two composition and rhetoric scholars, Peter Elbow and David Bartholomae, divided the field through a debate on the primacy of personal writing or academic writing in teaching writing in school. This debate marks a significant turn in composition studies that still ramifies today.

Are you curious about how this drama has unfolded since 1989? Are you curious about what this debate means to you as a student and as a writing teacher? Are you curious about how this debate might translate into literary studies?

If yes, this is the class for you!



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Texts will include:

John Dewey's *Experience and Education*,
Victor Villaneuva's *Bootstraps: From an Academic of Color*, and
Nancy Welch's *Living Room: Teaching Public Writing in a Privatized World*