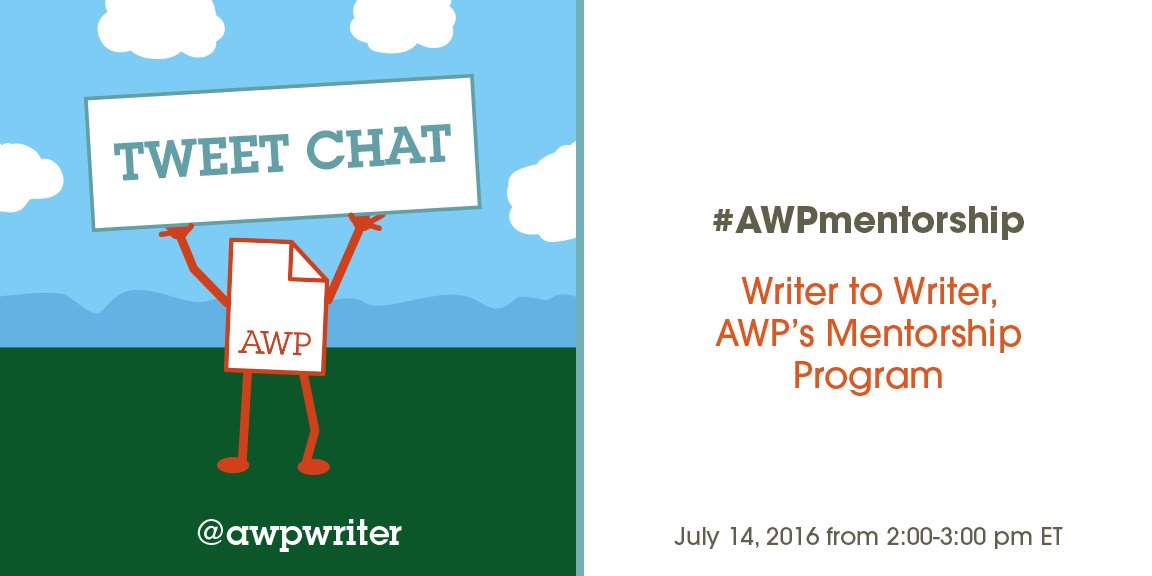
**AWP’s Eighteenth Tweet Chat: #AWPMentorship  
July 14, 2016 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET**

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Writers of all levels! Hop to our tweet chat, today at 2pm ET, about our mentorship program. Use [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)



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looking forward to [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash) session

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Great program. Tweetchat starts in 5 minutes. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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moments away! [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Thanks for tuning in to the [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash) tweet chat! We hope it will help you decide whether or not this program is "write" for you.

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With us today is Membership Director and Writer to Writer Mentorship Program creator, [~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)! [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)   
  
  
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Also answering your questions for the tweet chat: our Membership Associate, Kenny Lakes ([~~@~~**usyboroda**](https://twitter.com/usyboroda)). [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)   


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To ask a question about AWP’s Writer to Writer Mentorship Program at any time, use the hashtag [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash).

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

Hello! I am Diane Zinna & today I'll be tweeting about our wonderful Writer to Writer Mentorship Program! [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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Also on w/ us today are many past mentors & mentees--they are here to help answer your questions about Writer to Writer! [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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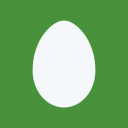
I'll tweet info about W2W and our upcoming mentee application period (8/1-8/12) plus lots of participant quotes & photos [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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Mentor applications are accepted all year. Mentee applications are welcome on Submittable 8/1-8/12 for our Fall 2016 session. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/RL_Maizes)**R.L. Maizes** ‏~~@~~**RL\_Maizes**](https://twitter.com/RL_Maizes)

The window for mentee applications is short. Don't miss it! [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

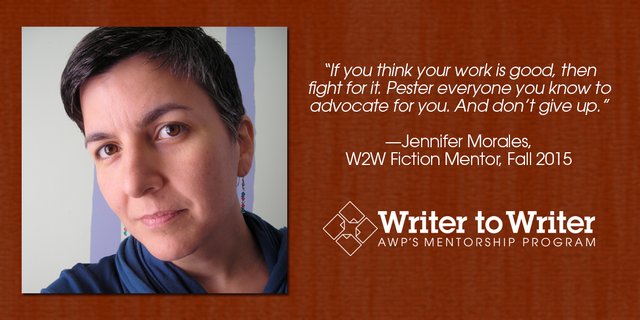
[**Nancy Hawkins‏ @NancyHa38987620**](https://mobile.twitter.com/NancyHa38987620)

[**@DianeZinna**](https://mobile.twitter.com/DianeZinna) How does a writer choose a mentee?

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

[~~@~~**NancyHa38987620**](https://twitter.com/NancyHa38987620) Hi Nancy! We give each mentor 3-4 apps and they choose the person they feel they can most help. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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A quote from mentor Jennifer Morales [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)   


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A quote from mentee Khara House. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)   


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We have about 7,000 individual members, and many are writers who have never been associated with an MFA program. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/stickpoet)**Michael Wells** ‏~~@~~**stickpoet**](https://twitter.com/stickpoet)

[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash) That's interesting because when I joined in 2014 I assumed I must have been one of only a few with no MFA

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Definitely not, Michael! [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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We also wanted to do something for those who are writing from backgrounds typically underrepresented in the literary world. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/MoralesWrites)**Jennifer Morales** ‏~~@~~**MoralesWrites**](https://twitter.com/MoralesWrites)

Going on now: Is [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash) "write" for you?

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We encourage apps fm writers of color, LGBTQ & disability communities, those w/ no MFA. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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We don't just match people and step away! We check in regularly and provide space for participants to connect & share tips [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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Being involved with the program all along the way is personally rewarding to me and helps me better understand our members. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

[](https://mobile.twitter.com/stickpoet) [**Michael Wells‏ @stickpoet**](https://mobile.twitter.com/stickpoet)

[**@awpwriter**](https://mobile.twitter.com/awpwriter)[**@DianeZinna**](https://mobile.twitter.com/DianeZinna) Hi Diane, as someone who applied multiple times, is the demand way outpacing the number of mentors?

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

[~~@~~**stickpoet**](https://twitter.com/stickpoet) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) Hi Michael! Your new website looks amazing, btw. We do try to keep the program small. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**stickpoet**](https://twitter.com/stickpoet) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) We do not accept every mentor who applies. Each session about 50% of the participants applied before. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

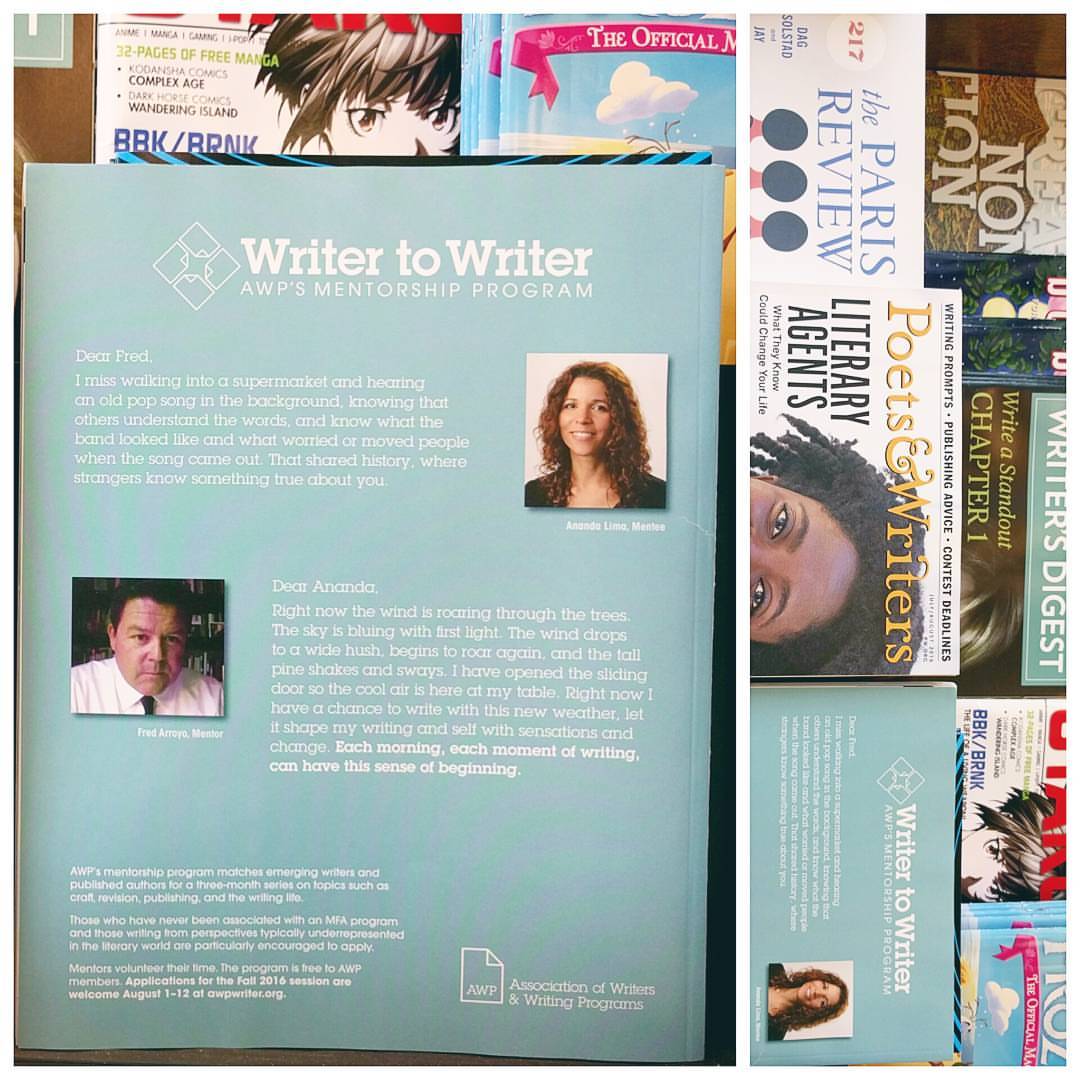
[](https://mobile.twitter.com/stickpoet) [**Michael Wells‏ @stickpoet**](https://mobile.twitter.com/stickpoet)

[**@DianeZinna**](https://mobile.twitter.com/DianeZinna)[**@awpwriter**](https://mobile.twitter.com/awpwriter) Thanks [**@DianeZinna**](https://mobile.twitter.com/DianeZinna) - Hope other writers will take advantage of the .ink deal. It's a great service.

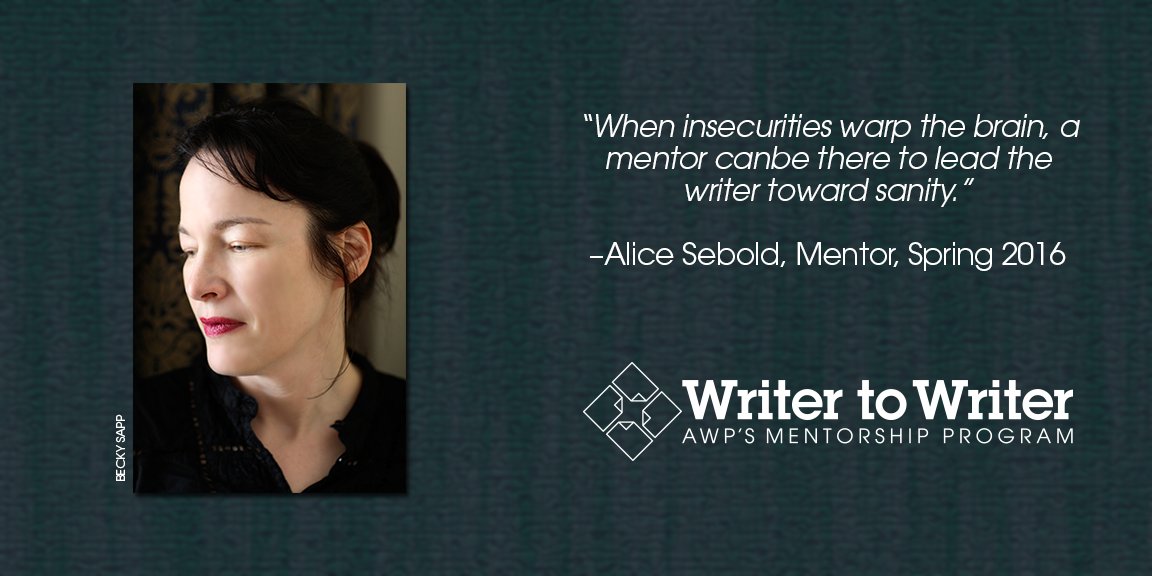
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There is no charge for the Writer to Writer mentorship program. The only requirement is that you're an AWP member. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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You may have seen the W2W ad on the back of [~~@~~**poetswritersinc**](https://twitter.com/poetswritersinc) last issue. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)   


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A quote from fiction mentor Alice Sebold [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)   


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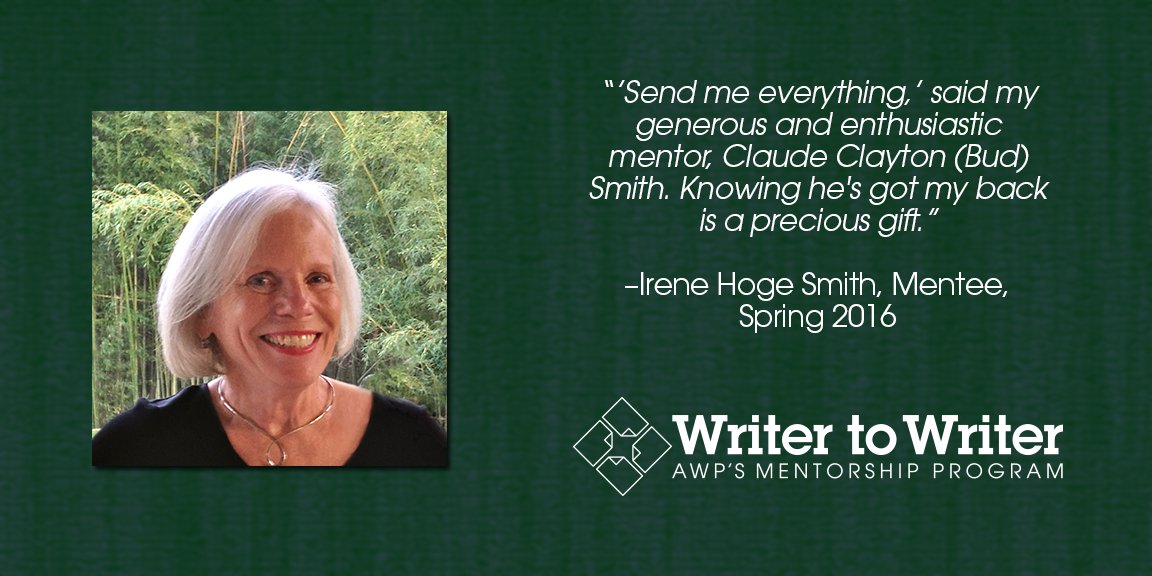
Is there anything in particular that is being looked for with regards to mentees?[~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**stefburn**](https://twitter.com/stefburn) Too often people apply with one-sentence answers to the questions. Tell us enough to find the right match for you! [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/rmennies)**Rachel Mennies** ‏~~@~~**rmennies**](https://twitter.com/rmennies)

[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) [~~@~~**stefburn**](https://twitter.com/stefburn) would def. second this as a former mentor—getting a full picture was so helpful in selecting a mentee! [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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A quote from Irene Hoge Smith, AWP mentee last season [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash) [~~@~~**IreneHSmith**](https://twitter.com/IreneHSmith)

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Fall '16 will be our 5th session. Application numbers keep growing, so we're bracing ourselves. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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Each session we try to match between 15 and 25 pairs, all genres [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash).

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We are able to match about 10% of those who apply with a personal mentor [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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How often can you apply for the mentee program if you're turned down the first time? [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**stefburn**](https://twitter.com/stefburn) 1/2/ You are absolutely encouraged to apply as often as you wish! [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**stefburn**](https://twitter.com/stefburn) 2/2 It may just be that the mentor right for you is waiting for you in another session. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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We look for mentors who will, above all, be supportive, responsive, and open to learning from the experience themselves. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/karinkillian)**Karin Killian** ‏~~@~~**karinkillian**](https://twitter.com/karinkillian)

The awesome sense of community was a surprise bonus of my [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Here are our supportive, responsive, amazing W2W mentors from last session: [http://bit.ly/1r1Cltr](https://t.co/c0YRntxl0D) [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/sagevalentine)**Ladybuglizzie** ‏~~@~~**sagevalentine**](https://twitter.com/sagevalentine)

What are the benefits of this mentorship? [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**sagevalentine**](https://twitter.com/sagevalentine) having an [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash) lets you step out of your comfort zone with a companion and guide

[[](https://twitter.com/sagevalentine)**Ladybuglizzie** ‏~~@~~**sagevalentine**](https://twitter.com/sagevalentine)

[~~@~~**ColetteLunday**](https://twitter.com/ColetteLunday) Thank you for answering me :)

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[~~@~~**sagevalentine**](https://twitter.com/sagevalentine) you are welcome!

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

[~~@~~**sagevalentine**](https://twitter.com/sagevalentine) There are so many. For the mentors AND the mentees. To have a writerly friend, a guide, a true listener. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/sagevalentine)**Ladybuglizzie** ‏~~@~~**sagevalentine**](https://twitter.com/sagevalentine)

[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) That's exactly what I need. Thank you for answering me. :)

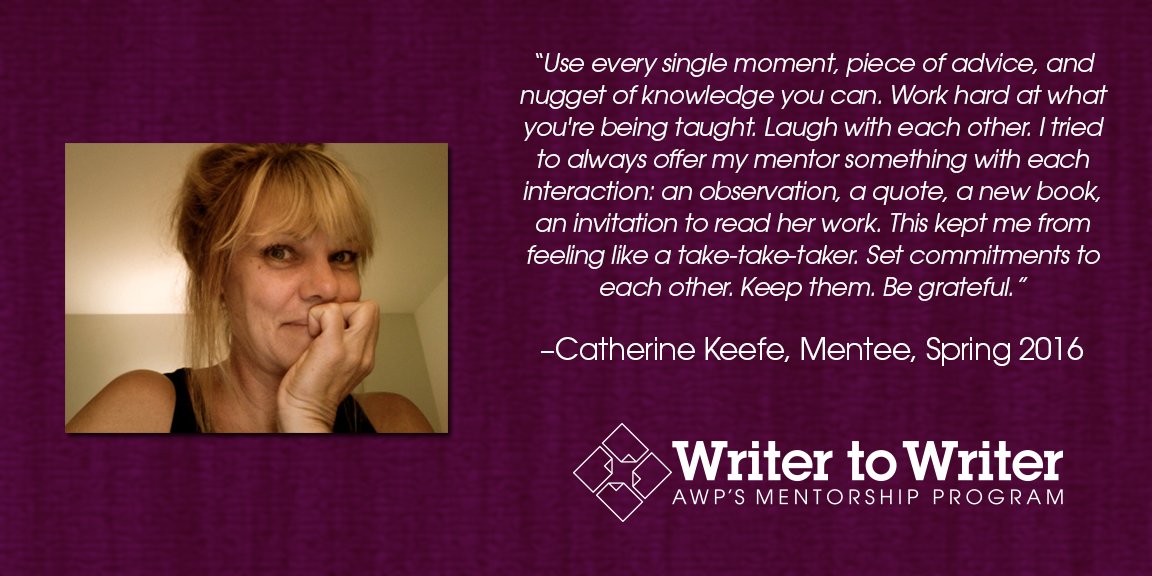
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Mentors volunteer their time and receive a free one-year AWP membership. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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When pairing people, we like to think there is a bit of magic at work. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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Quote from Catherine Keefe, AWP mentee from last season [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)   


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I didn’t know I needed a mentor until I had one. I have grown in ways I didn’t expect [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton)**Naima Hazelton** ‏~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton)

When is the mentee application going up?I see the mentor one, so if I could ask past mentees what they focused on...

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

Hi, Naima! From August 1-12, the mentee application will be available on Submittable. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) Oh, okay. Can't obsess about the questions then, lol.

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

[~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) I think the questions show that we care about your journey and not just your level or publications. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

We tend to set aside the apps from those looking at this as a fast path to publication. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

W2W is about relationship building between 2 writers and their mutual growth. Mentors often state they learn just as much. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/er_walling)**Emily Walling** ‏~~@~~**er\_walling**](https://twitter.com/er_walling)

Do some of the mentors and mentees continue a relationship or stay in contact after the program is over? [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Absolutely, Emily! We send out surveys to past participants and almost everyone is still in contact [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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We send 3 applications, along with writing samples, to each mentor. The mentor chooses the 1 person they want to work with. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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This past session all of our mentees were women: [http://bit.ly/216bgYq](https://t.co/rxpiaDZVcA) [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Mentors don't tend to look for the best or most accomplished writer. They look for the person they think they can best help. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/Airbornepoet)**Seth Brady Tucker** ‏~~@~~**Airbornepoet**](https://twitter.com/Airbornepoet)

[~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash) This is a great program for both mentors and mentees alike. Be warned, however: autocorrect changes mentees to menses!

[[](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton)**Naima Hazelton** ‏~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton)

[~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash) What did you focus on in your applications, mentees? Strengths/weaknesses, goals, past mentor/mentee experiences, etc?

[[](https://twitter.com/RL_Maizes)**R.L. Maizes** ‏~~@~~**RL\_Maizes**](https://twitter.com/RL_Maizes)

[~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton) The questions in the application gave me an opportunity to think deeply about what I wanted from a mentorship. @awpmentorship

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[~~@~~**RL\_Maizes**](https://twitter.com/RL_Maizes) Did you find that or something else though the process? I have ideas...but you don't know what you don't know, you know?

[[](https://twitter.com/RL_Maizes)**R.L. Maizes** ‏~~@~~**RL\_Maizes**](https://twitter.com/RL_Maizes)

[~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton) not sure what you are asking. Can you explain?

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[~~@~~**RL\_Maizes**](https://twitter.com/RL_Maizes) Did u get what you wanted out of the mentorship process? In retrospect, did u discover something u weren't explicitly expecting?

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[~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton) my mentor was generous in sharing his story. The program got everyone thinking big picture. And my cohort became close.

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

Mentees then have the final decision on whether that person is best for them. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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To the mentors who are chatting with us today--what made you choose your mentee? ~~#~~**AWPmentorship**

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[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) Oh, I learned something there...didn't know they \*choose\* mentees!

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

[~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) Yes, the mentors come into it wanting to work with YOU. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/brandigranett)**Brandi Megan Granett** ‏~~@~~**brandigranett**](https://twitter.com/brandigranett)

[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) gut feeling! I opened the app and thought oh, there she is!!!

[[](https://twitter.com/paulsilence)**Paul Pedroza** ‏~~@~~**paulsilence**](https://twitter.com/paulsilence)

[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) enthusiasm; strong sample; a true fit for this program, not someone asking for help placing complete manuscript; dedication

[[](https://twitter.com/MoralesWrites)**Jennifer Morales** ‏~~@~~**MoralesWrites**](https://twitter.com/MoralesWrites)

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[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) The quality of her writing, for sure. But also the opportunity to assist a queer POC in navigating the writing world.

[[](https://twitter.com/RuthEbenstein)**Ruth Ebenstein** ‏~~@~~**RuthEbenstein**](https://twitter.com/RuthEbenstein)

Any tips you'd give your sibling on what to include in application? [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash) so exciting that this opportunity is out there! thanks!!

[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**

[~~@~~**RuthEbenstein**](https://twitter.com/RuthEbenstein) You can preview the mentor: [http://bit.ly/29SEPyx](https://t.co/Nvp3AhCDNT) and mentee: [http://bit.ly/29zhgWN](https://t.co/rUno5ivoxm) questions on our site [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna), thank you!! Much appreciated. Regards from Jerusalem, Israel

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[~~@~~**RuthEbenstein**](https://twitter.com/RuthEbenstein) 2/2 These give you a sense of the kinds of questions we ask. Be open. Give us enough info to find YOUR mentor [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna), I hear you. I'll have a look. I'm VERY open in sharing. Agree that it's critical - matchmaking is an art. Thanks for your time.

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

Getting so may questions! Thank you! It may take me a bit of time to address them all, but I will! [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

For our mentors on this chat—What advice do you have for future Writer to Writer mentors? [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

[**Ashley Barnett Smith‏ @Ashlybsmith**](https://mobile.twitter.com/Ashlybsmith)

[**@DianeZinna**](https://mobile.twitter.com/DianeZinna)[**@awpwriter**](https://mobile.twitter.com/awpwriter) Be true to your story, give you heart in it.

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

And for our mentees on this chat—What advice do you have for future Writer to Writer mentees? [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

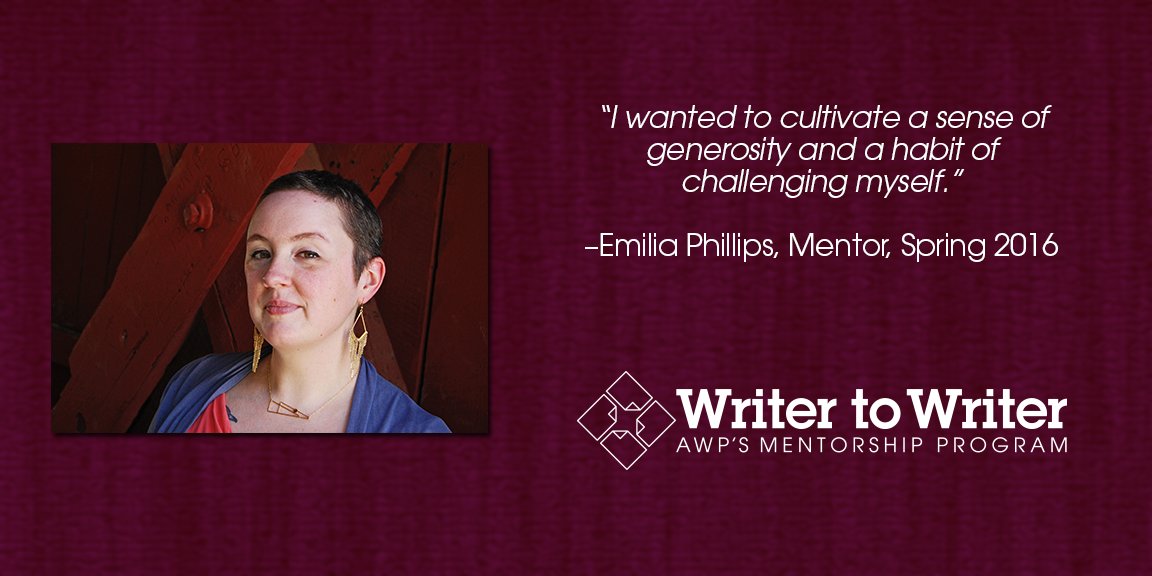
[[](https://twitter.com/RL_Maizes)**R.L. Maizes** ‏~~@~~**RL\_Maizes**](https://twitter.com/RL_Maizes)

[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) participate in all that you can, Skypechats, modules, and don't be shy about communicating with your mentor. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/ColetteLunday)**Colette Lunday** ‏~~@~~**ColetteLunday**](https://twitter.com/ColetteLunday)

[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) don't be afraid to take the challanges from your mentor. They want be a mentor and they are sharing their path [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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A quote from past W2W mentor Emilia Phillips: [~~@~~**gracefulemilia**](https://twitter.com/gracefulemilia) [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)   


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[~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash) Once and future mentors, what do you personally hope to get out of working with a mentee? Other than the gratis membership :)

[[](https://twitter.com/rmennies)**Rachel Mennies** ‏~~@~~**rmennies**](https://twitter.com/rmennies)

[~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton) I found that the program also helped me grow as a writer—a welcome challenge to consider writing practices from either “side"

[[](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton)**Naima Hazelton** ‏~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton)

[~~@~~**rmennies**](https://twitter.com/rmennies) I've found that - in areas where I've mentored/taught - teaching it made it clearer to me. Like that?

[[](https://twitter.com/rmennies)**Rachel Mennies** ‏~~@~~**rmennies**](https://twitter.com/rmennies)

[~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton) yes definitely! you’re never too experienced to skip interrogating your own writing practices.

[[](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton)**Naima Hazelton** ‏~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton)

[~~@~~**rmennies**](https://twitter.com/rmennies) Oh, nice!

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[~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) Yes. The "successful" writing world is super male, white & hetero. Tough for LGBTQ/POC writers to envision success

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[~~@~~**MoralesWrites**](https://twitter.com/MoralesWrites) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) That's why I didn't accept an invitation to MFA/PhD from my professor. Tho my college mentors were great.

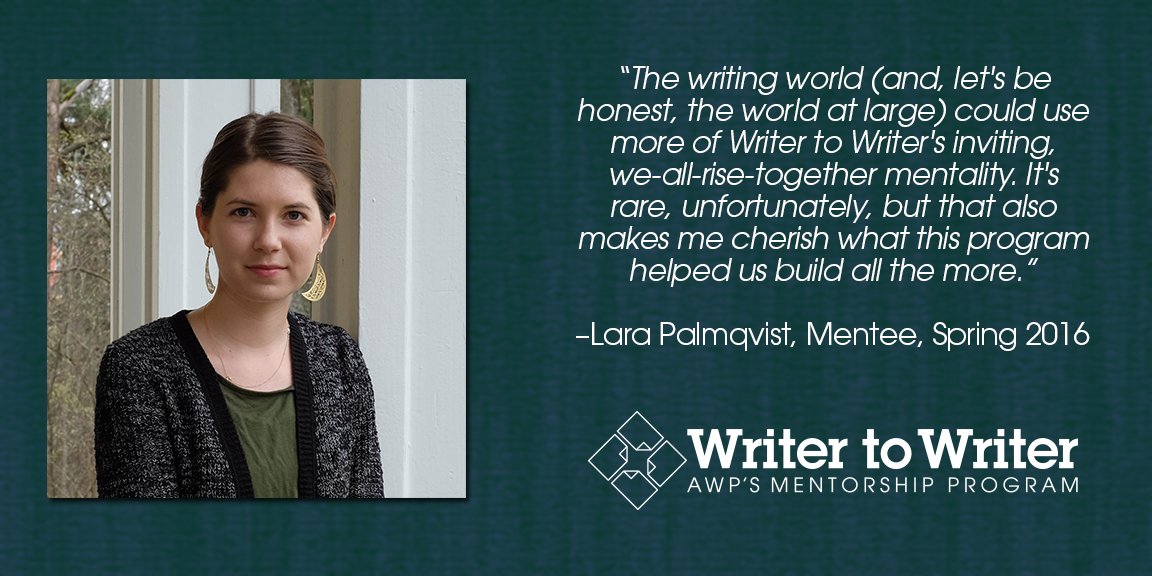
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[~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) my main reason for applying will be advice re: manuscript revisions - approach, sequence, etc.

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

A quote from Lara Palmqvist, who took part as a mentee while residing in the Ukraine last season [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)   


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Sometimes apps from people of color express a desire for a mentor with the same background & those mentors aren't there. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash).

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Mentor applications are available year-round. Apply today. [http://bit.ly/1lS31v2](https://t.co/1BSwyuxjxe) [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Mentee applications will be available August 1–12. Put it on your calendar! [http://bit.ly/1lS31v2](https://t.co/1BSwyuxjxe) [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Again, AWP membership is required to apply, but there is no additional fee. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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Our mentoring sessions cover six modules over a three-month period. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Module 1 focuses on beginnings: “What initially attracts you most to a piece of writing?” [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Module 2 is all about community and connections: “How can I find a community that will support me?” [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Module 3 centers on craft: “What is the most interesting craft or forms exercise you have taught or done?” [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Module 4’s topic is revision: “Have you ever started a new piece with a section you removed from another?” [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Module 5 looks at publishing: “What is something you didn’t expect that happened as a result of your being published?” [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Module 6 examines sustaining a writing life: How do you make time to write while dealing with family & job responsibilities? [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/stickpoet)**Michael Wells** ‏~~@~~**stickpoet**](https://twitter.com/stickpoet)

[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) Can you explain the modules?

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

[~~@~~**stickpoet**](https://twitter.com/stickpoet) Hi Michael! I just tweeted a few module questions if you scroll backwards. Or email me: diane@awpwriter.org [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/stickpoet)**Michael Wells** ‏~~@~~**stickpoet**](https://twitter.com/stickpoet)

[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) I saw them, Thank you! this has been interesting.

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These module questions I posted are just examples. Each module includes several q's and then activities to do together. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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We have had some very memorable pairings. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**realjefferyhess**](https://twitter.com/realjefferyhess) runs a writing group w/ military vets; was paired with a military wife longing to tell her husband's story. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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We had a writer working on an opera libretto about a Native American tribe paired with the amazing Native author [~~@~~**ehhayes**](https://twitter.com/ehhayes). [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**rmennies**](https://twitter.com/rmennies), whose WWII-era book the Glad Hand of God Points Backwards was paired with a writer working on a similar theme [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/paulsilence)**Paul Pedroza** ‏~~@~~**paulsilence**](https://twitter.com/paulsilence)

Because an MFA program isn't the only or always the best option [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

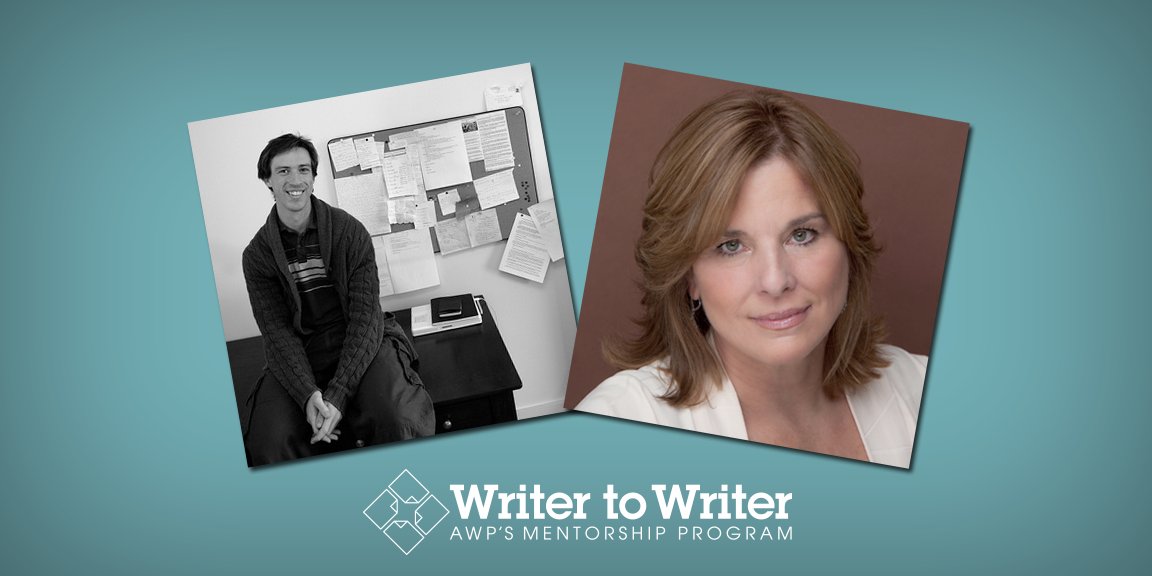
[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

A beautiful quote from [~~@~~**rmennies**](https://twitter.com/rmennies), past W2W mentor [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)   


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Our first playwrights, [~~@~~**kellyjo9**](https://twitter.com/kellyjo9) [~~@~~**dgswriter**](https://twitter.com/dgswriter) wrote of their W2W experience: [http://bit.ly/1Opp9uK](https://t.co/8VUERBv8eQ) [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)   


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2 writers with disabilities wrote of their W2W experiences: [http://bit.ly/1Rok6AC](https://t.co/TSVcbawgK5) [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)   


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Last session we selected fewer than 50% of the people who applied to serve as mentors to participate.[~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

[[](https://twitter.com/NancyHa38987620)**Nancy Hawkins** ‏~~@~~**NancyHa38987620**](https://twitter.com/NancyHa38987620)

[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) How wonderful that you have so many fine people to choose from!

[[](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)**Diane Zinna** ‏~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna)

Before choosing our mentors, we look at all of the mentee applications first to see what that round's applicants are wanting. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) it is great to match with a mentee [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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[**@brandigranett**](https://mobile.twitter.com/brandigranett) has served with us twice--two great, unique pairings! [#awpmentorship](https://mobile.twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash) [@awpwriter](https://mobile.twitter.com/awpwriter)

[[](https://twitter.com/RL_Maizes)**R.L. Maizes** ‏~~@~~**RL\_Maizes**](https://twitter.com/RL_Maizes)

As a mentee it was fascinating to learn the journey of an accomplished writer, the bumps and setbacks, and the successes. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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We want our mentors to have pure intentions, too. If it's clear they are applying to promote a book, we set the app aside. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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We celebrate our mentors and mentees in our social media and at the AWP conference. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Speaking of the conference, I'll post some pictures now of faces you may have seen at the AWP Booth at the LA Bookfair [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Mentor-mentee pair Brandi Granett [~~@~~**brandigranett**](https://twitter.com/brandigranett) & her mentee, Taylor Lauren Ross [~~@~~**Taylorlaurenr**](https://twitter.com/TaylorLaurenR) [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)   


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Mentor-mentee pair Najiyah Maxfield & her mentee Cynthia Huijgens ~~[#](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)~~**[AWPmentorship](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)**   


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So if I'm looking for a Black mentor, there's a possibility that one may not be present that is familiar with my genre? [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**stefburn**](https://twitter.com/stefburn) read back in the last [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash) chat and they matched an indigenous mentee and mentor which was, I think, the 'magic' at wrk

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[~~@~~**stefburn**](https://twitter.com/stefburn) I think it was 7/7.

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[~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton) okay thanks I'll check that out.

[[](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton)**Naima Hazelton** ‏~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton) [Jul 14](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton/status/753664486498676737)

[~~@~~**stefburn**](https://twitter.com/stefburn) I'm in the same boat. Writing a historical non-fiction at an AA hospital. If not now, maybe another session.

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[~~@~~**stefburn**](https://twitter.com/stefburn) 2/2 Last season, for example, we had 19 pairings. Divided by 4 genres...you can see how it can be challenging! [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**stefburn**](https://twitter.com/stefburn) 1/1 We actively reach out to writers of color to be mentors but it's possible we won't have a WOC in your genre @awpmentorship

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At the W2W LA conference reception: Sharon Estill Taylor & her mentee, Mariah Mottley [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)   


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At the W2W LA conference reception: Mentor Norma Cantú [~~@~~**normaelia**](https://twitter.com/normaelia) & her mentee, Mele Martinez [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)   


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At the W2W LA conference reception: Mentor Kristiana Kahakauwila & her mentee, [~~@~~**SeaStachura**](https://twitter.com/seastachura) [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)   


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Their joint reading made the bartender cry: Mentor Fred Arroyo & his mentee, [~~@~~**anandalima**](https://twitter.com/anandalima) [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)   


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Though we didn't expect this, almost half of our mentors have asked to serve again. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash).

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Mentors need to be AWP member in good standing and have at least one published book. [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash).

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Great program! a tremendous help to my writing life and pointed me in the right direction. Grateful for the opportunity [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**DianeZinna**](https://twitter.com/DianeZinna) Can you give us an idea of how many mentors and mentees apply each time? [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**er\_walling**](https://twitter.com/er_walling) 1/2 It varies...I would say between 200 and 400 apps from potential mentees each session. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**er\_walling**](https://twitter.com/er_walling) 2/2 If you don't get matched one season, try again! Your mentor may be just waiting for you! [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash) was a v rich experience; my mentee & I are still in touch & she's working on a couple of diff [~~#~~**fiction**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/fiction?src=hash) mss --[~~@~~**ChristineSneed**](https://twitter.com/ChristineSneed)

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[~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash), This whole conversation alone inspires and injects hope and a sense of community! I keep saying, WOW, and great. Thanks!

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"The program was amazing! Great questions to jumpstart conversations w/ my mentor. " --Ann DeVilbiss, Mentee, Spring 2016 [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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“Indebted to my [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash) mentor, Fred Arroyo, for his insight, patience, & guidance.” –Mona Alvarado Frazier, Mentee, Fall 2014

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The program is also a chance to get to be part of a community of writers. Mentees help and support one another. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

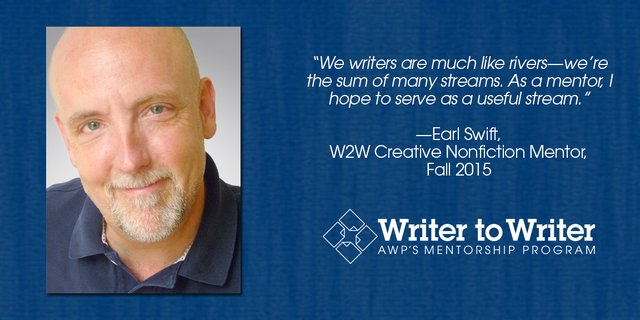
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Keep your questions coming! I'm getting faster at these! [~~#~~**awpmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/awpmentorship?src=hash)

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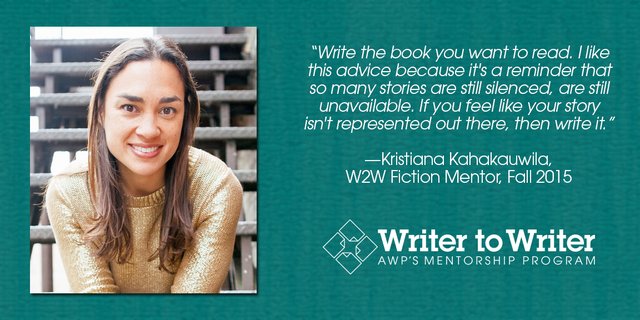
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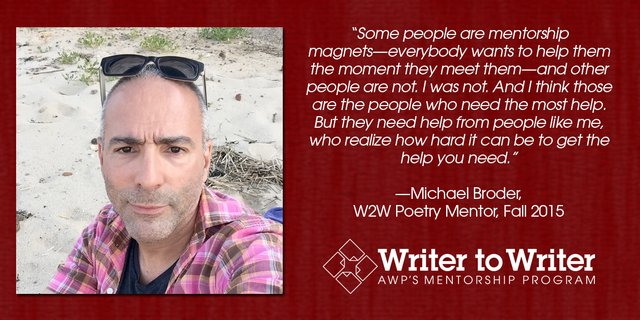
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[~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash) so much to ask...what if you don't know what you don't know. I'm sure I could make a guess, but what's a good way to examine?

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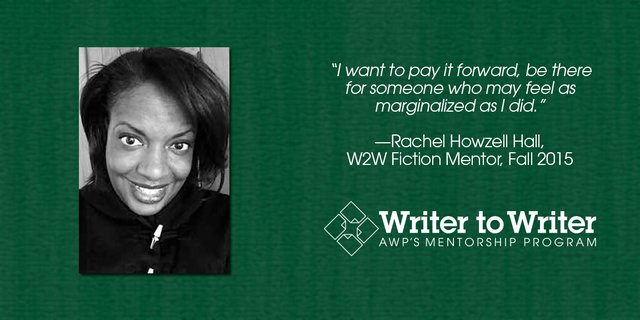
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I see a ton of questions coming to my email box, too! Email me your questions: diane@awpwriter.org [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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[~~@~~**MoralesWrites**](https://twitter.com/MoralesWrites) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) And not having an MFA works well for [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash) so...hopeful.

[[](https://twitter.com/MoralesWrites)**Jennifer Morales** ‏~~@~~**MoralesWrites**](https://twitter.com/MoralesWrites)

[~~@~~**NaimaHazelton**](https://twitter.com/NaimaHazelton) [~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) My mentee didn't have an MFA, but had written a couple book drafts, stories, lectures--doing the work! Apply!

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[~~@~~**awpwriter**](https://twitter.com/awpwriter) Hey, everyone applying: let's tweet when we get our applications submitted? Just for accountability! For me, lol. [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash)

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Great advice from the [~~#~~**AWPmentorship**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPmentorship?src=hash) Tweet Chat. Can't wait to send in my application again next month!

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