

Priscilla Martel to Teach Food Writing at Gateway Community College, Spring Semester 2016

November 17, 2015 - Connecticut food writer Priscilla Martel, former restaurateur and author of two best-selling culinary textbooks *On Cooking* and *On Baking*, brings back her course on food writing to Gateway Community College in New Haven, CT. "Everyone has their own flavorful story to tell," says Martel. "You don't have to have years of experience to write about food, who is cooking it, how it is being served and what food means," says Martel. Food Writing (HSP249) is open to anyone who has a particular passion about food and wants to find a voice and mode of expression for writing about it.

Special Topics: Food Writing (HSP249) will be offered on **Tuesdays from 5:25 p.m. to 8:15 p.m starting January 26, 2016**. Aspiring restaurant critics, food bloggers, people looking to break into the non-fiction market and those with yearning to explore a particular food are all welcome in this class. The 15-week class will cover blogging, memoir writing, restaurant reviewing, recipe writing and service articles. Martel's food-writing colleagues will be guest speakers that share their valuable practical tips on career success. "Bring your willingness to write," says Martel of a class that will appeal to students in the hospitality, business, entrepreneurship and liberal arts programs as well as the general public.

Curiosity and enthusiasm led Martel to start her career by opening Restaurant du Village in Chester, CT in 1979. She and Charlie van Over wanted to recreate the kind of village restaurant only found in rural France. Her experience as a restaurant chef gave her the opportunity to start writing about food in the 1990's. Her columns All About Food appeared in Connecticut newspapers for many years and led to her work writing culinary textbooks and for national trade magazines. "My food writing reflects my interest and experience," she says of a career writing recipes, educational materials and about food trend articles. "Everyone has their story and way of telling it," she says. The class will help students develop their food vocabulary and communication skills. "This class offers anyone the opportunity to talk about food whether their experience is as a cook or consumer."

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