Best Practices in Teaching Writing Conference
Saturday, January 31, 2015
featuring Jeff Anderson

REGISTRATION
LVWP Fellows – $40
General Fee – $50

Pre-Paid Registration Required
Continental Breakfast and Lunch Included

Jeff is known for his enthusiasm in making grammar, editing, and writing a positive experience for teachers and students. He has authored numerous articles and books including Mechanically Inclined, Everyday Editing, 10 Things Every Writer Needs to Know, and Revision Decisions. A frequent presenter at national and state conferences, Jeff is a full-time staff developer and writer. His first humorous middle grade novel will be released in the fall of 2015.

Special Guest
Meenoo Rami

Meenoo teaches her students English at the Science Leadership Academy in Philadelphia, PA. The founder of #engchat, and the author of Thrive, Meenoo is a mentor to teachers across the country.
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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

7:30 – 8:30 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast

Book signing with Jeff Anderson, Meenoo Rami, and Heather Harlen
Please visit our displays and book seller in Centre Hall.

8:30 – 8:45 am  Welcome and Opening Remarks
Nancy Coco, Director of Corporate and Community Education

8:45 – 9:45 am  Writing into the Day
“I’ve Never Written So Much!”: How Mentor Texts Inspire and Nurture Writers — Jeff Anderson

10:00 – 11:00 am  Breakout Session I

• Stepping into History: Using Project-Based Learning to Teach Historical Thinking Skills — Jesse O’Neill
• Science Talk: Engaging Students in Meaningful Classroom Conversations — David Smith and Karen Knecht, Da Vinci Science Center
• Equity in Education: Promoting the Conversation — Megan Hauser
• Writing as Teacher Reflection: Why Teacher Stories Matter in These Times — Meenoo Rami
• Using Student Writing to Shape Student Writing, Conventionally Speaking — Brittani Whary

11:15 am – 12:15 pm  Breakout Session II

• Revision Decisions: How to Talk Through Sentences and Beyond — Jeff Anderson
• Reclaiming Our Teacher Voice: How Staff Writing Can Combat Demoralization — Heather Harlen
• Tuning the Power of Observation Through a Writer’s Notebook — Barbara Lindtner
• Celebrating Mentors Through Reflective Writing — Conchetta Marucci
• Writing Across the Curriculum: Peering into the Minds of Social Studies Students — Mike Perruso

12:15 – 1:15 pm  Lunch

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1:20 – 2:20 pm  Keynote Address
Grammar Can Be an Invitation: How Mentor Sentences Change Writers — Jeff Anderson

2:20 – 2:30 pm  Closing Remarks
Doug Antonioli, LVWP Assistant Director

Educational resources will be for sale throughout the conference.
2015 Best Practices Conference Registration Form

Pre-Paid Registration Required. Conference has limited seating, so register early.

Cost for LVWP Fellows–$40; General Fee–$50
(includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch)
Registration deadline: Monday, January 26, 2015

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2015 Best Practices
P.O. Box 410
State College, PA 16804-0410

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