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# San Antonio Writing Project

## Dr. Frederick Williams

Dr. Frederick Williams, a civil rights, literature, and creative writing professor, had the distinct honor of being the first speaker for the San Antonio Writing Project. Dr. Williams currently teaches at Northwest Vista and at UTSA.

Dr. Williams has a Masters Degree in Political Science from Indiana University, where he also worked on his Doctorate.

Dr. Williams worked for several years as the legislative assistant to Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana and as a special assistant to Congressman Parren J.

Mitchell of Maryland. Dr. Williams was instrumental in helping pass legislation in making Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a national holiday.

As the first speaker of the SAWP 2006 summer session, Dr. Williams spoke about the creative writing process. He described the inspiration behind his three published novels and his future novel to be published in September 2006. He also discussed the research he has done for a novel he plans to write on the Harlem Renaissance.

Dr. Williams invited everyone to his

books signing at Barnes and Noble in September. The title of his upcoming book is *Just Loving You*.



Book By Dr. Frederick Douglas

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## Cristina Ortiz Esquivel - Dialogue Journals

Cristina provided us with a demonstration on Dialogue Journals and how to effectively use them in the classroom.

Cristina provided explanation on journals and answered some questions, such as:

- What is a journal?
- - What does it look like?
- Who would keep a journal?
- What is written in journals?
- Why would someone

what a journal?

Some books that she suggested on journaling were books written by Marissa Moss - *Amelia's Bully Survival Guide*, *Amelia's Notebook* and for boys *Max's Log Books*. Therese suggested *Speak*.

### Special points of interest:

Tracy's List of Web Resources for Multiculturalism

- Anything by Stephen Krashen
- <http://www.chriscruthcer.com>
- Cinco Puntos Press
- Readwritethink.org