The Writers' Circle: A History, 1988-2005

The Writers' Circle has been meeting on Georgia Perimeter College's Dunwoody Campus for 17 years. Dr. Lamar York originated The Chattahoochee Reviewers with several of his students and served as their faculty advisor. In 1988, ISS Writing Center Assistant Gelia Dolcimascolo became the group's facilitator. Soon after, the group renamed itself The Writers' Circle. Other faculty advisors included Dr. Suzanne Murdock, Dr. David Hutto, Sandra Hanner, and Kelli Isakson. ISS Writing Center Supervisor Nancy McDaniel serves as the current advisor.

Students, faculty, staff and the Atlanta-area writing community partake in the regular critique sessions. Members of all ages have included high-school students, psychologists, choreographers, professional artists, writers, pharmacists, physicians, educators, and homemakers. In addition to its regular sessions, The Writers' Circle has featured numerous speakers, including The Chattahoochee Review Editor Lawrence Hetrick; Literary Editor Anne Kempner Fisher; Certified Poetry Therapist John Fox, and poets Cecilia Woloch and Amy Pence. Members have read publicly at the Woodruff Arts Center's CenterSpace Salon, to which the group was invited during the Picasso exhibit at the High Museum in 1998. They have also read and discussed their works and the process of writing for the Friends of the Dunwoody Library, Spruill Gallery and Historic Home, and the Marcus Jewish Community Center. The Writers’ Circle became an official Pod of Georgia Writers, Inc. by invitation in 2000. Ms. Dolcimascolo continues to facilitate the meetings.

Attendees focus on each other’s works in the ISS Writing Center, LRC 3200, or in LRC 3100 from 2:00 to 4:00 on the first and third Fridays of each month. On occasion, they meet at Borders Books and Music Café. All meetings are free and open to the public.