



## I'm New Here: A Writing Workshop for Immigrants and Those Who Have Made WNY Their Adopted Home (with Author, Rick Ohler)

**Thursday mornings, starting July 11<sup>th</sup>  
Six sessions from 9:00am – 11:00am**

*A six-session writing workshop for beginning and experienced writers who have made Western New York their adopted home.*

Stories written by those who moved here from somewhere else—from thousands of miles away or from next door—are priceless for both reader and writer. These stories not only preserve the culture and customs of a native land for family and the immigrant community, but they bring the color and diversity of the world to all our doorsteps. Taken together the stories from around the world join those from Greater Buffalo to form a true portrait of our community.

This workshop will begin with common writing prompts to which all the participants can respond. Then, in successive sessions, each writer will develop his or her own set of stories, sometimes responding to the prompts, sometimes listening to prompts from within himself or herself. At the end of each session, writers will leave with some writing to be done between workshop meetings. The bargain that workshop members strike with each other is simple: You agree to listen intently to everyone's stories and they will do the same for you.

After six workshop meetings, writers will see the direction their stories are headed. Will the focus be on the previous home, the new home, on food, religion, customs, on the joys and/or tribulations of being a stranger in a strange land? Writers leaving the workshop should have a clear idea of the work yet to be done and the stories yet to be written.

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Teacher, writer, author, award-winning columnist and newspaper writer Rick Ohler has been helping veteran and first-time writers, from teenagers to nonagenarians with their stories for 35 years. He offers popular classes throughout the year and leads annual travel writing bus trips to Wyoming County. Visit him at [rickohler.com](http://rickohler.com).

**Class Tuition \$110 (includes six 2-hour sessions)**  
Registration is required, and seating is limited (Max. of 8 students)

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