

English Inclusiveness

The Fred Meijer Center for Writing and Michigan Authors accepts, validates, and promotes **all** language varieties represented by the students we serve.

Our program does **not** judge any language or dialect as inferior or incorrect.

We do this by...

- **Not** labeling any variety of English as superior
- Supporting students in their learning of discipline-specific writing styles, like Standard Edited Written English, while also working to validate and elevate the writer's personal voice
- Training writing consultants to respect all language varieties
- Recognizing that empowering a writer's home language allows the writer to feel valued and more confident about learning new knowledge and skills
- Acknowledging that mastery of a home language will help the writer to master other languages or language varieties

