Dear Ghost Ranch workshop participant,

I want to welcome you to our virtual workshop, *Body Language: Beholding the Body with Words*, which is scheduled for March 7-11 (Monday through Friday), 2022.

Our workshop is scheduled to meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon Mountain Standard Time. (The meeting times may differ for you, depending upon your local time zone). A typical session might include readings of some writings meant to inspire you, an opportunity for some in-class writing, and a prompt for you to work on after the session ends. You can expect to hear and read some writing that will entertain, surprise, uplift, unsettle, and move you. Each day’s prompt will have a different focus, allowing you to experiment with different themes and forms. On the following day, you’ll be invited (but never coerced) to share your writing with the group, and you can expect to receive encouragement and perhaps some gentle guidance to improve your writing. (Heads-up: I do not give, or tolerate, harsh criticism in my workshops, though gentle, constructive comments are always welcome.)

There are no special prerequisite courses or knowledge, and this class is appropriate for writers at any level of experience.

On three days (Monday-Wednesday-Friday), there will be readings at 5:00 p.m. MST. On Monday, Anita Skeen and I will share a reading. On Wednesday, we’ll have a special guest reader (TBA), and on Friday it will be your turn to take the virtual podium during a student reading.

All of the meetings will be on Zoom. The material we will read and discuss for our class sessions will be sent to you as a Word document or PDF file. A knowledgeable Ghost Ranch staffer will keep us connected and deal with any technical difficulties that may arise. You will get an individualized access code for class sessions and a different one for the evening sessions, so check your emails to be sure you don’t miss them.

My website ([www.colleenanderson.com](http://www.colleenanderson.com)) is a good place to learn about my interests and passions. You’ll find links there to my books and recorded music, as well. You can email me at motherwit@suddenlink.net or contact me via my website.

I’m looking forward to a great week with you at Ghost Ranch!

Colleen Anderson