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## March 2012: Writing is hard enough

Gene Fowler's quote on writing appears frequently: "Writing is easy: All you do is sit staring at a blank sheet of paper until drops of blood form on your forehead." Writing is hard enough. Turning that effort into a cohesive document is a challenge. Turning the document into a book is a true sign of dedication. Turning the book into publication for public consumption and review is courageous. And turning to your alma mater to help bring your labors to the world is special. We think so anyway.

More and more, UHCL alumni are looking to the university to help them announce their book to the world with presentations and signings. Two upcoming events include the March 8 AlumNight at which Mary Sue Anton will discuss her book "New Madrid: A Mississippi River Town in History and Legend." Since March is Women's History Month, she will key in on some of the 19th century "invisible" women in the book. Mary Sue is also on the alumni association executive council.

Dorothy Hagan came to campus to visit with one of her favorite professors, Professor of Psychology Sharon Hall, in order to catch up and share the good news of her upcoming book, "The Offshore Triumphs of Karla Jean." The book's character is a groundbreaker—a woman who worked on an offshore oil rig for a quarter century. Dorothy's book signing will be at the university on May 8.

People come to the university to grow, whether formally for classes or informally through presentations. When students become alumni and return to their UHCL to share their works so others can grow....well, that is a wonderful thing.



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