

English 590-01 Literacy, Learning and Fieldwork. Chiseri-Strater
Wednesdays-6:30-9:20 Spring, 2005

This course considers theoretical, practical, and ideological issues involved in literacy and learning. The course readings and discussions will explore both traditional notions of literacy and orality as well as non-mainstream and alternative literacies. Together we'll look at early childhood literacy, women's literacies, academic and spiritual literacies. Our ideas will be tested out through a semester long fieldwork tutoring project at a volunteer non-profit organization in order to better understand the theoretical and practical applications involved in literacy research and instruction. Readings will include Heath's *Ways With Words*, Fishman's *Amish Literacy*, Daniel's, *A Communion of Friendship: Literacy, Spiritual Practice and Women in Recovery*, Freire's *Pedagogy of Hope* among others.

Since service learning is an important aspect of this course, participants should see the instructor for a list of potential volunteer sites before the class begins. Organizing your tutoring/research site beforehand will enable the participants to begin their tutoring right away. PERMISSION REQUIRED