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This course concentrates on style in writing because it is style rather than organization or content that writers find hardest to deal with. The course is meant to help students develop a written voice or range of voices, suited to the task and audience. We address stylistic issues such as what is it in a sentence that makes readers judge writing as they do? How can we make readers judge writing as they do? How can we diagnose our own prose to anticipate their judgments? How can we revise a sentence so that readers will think better of it?

Dr. Crismore received her Ph.D from the **University of Illinois** in 1984, after nearly 20 years teaching writing in public schools in Illinois and Indiana. She is a 1964 graduate of **St. Francis University**, Fort Wayne, where she also received an M.Ed in English Education and Reading in 1967.

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