

## **Pre-Conference Opportunity – Friday, March 5**

The Greater New Orleans Writing Project is happy to host a special pre-conference event on Friday, March 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come “pass a good time,” eat some marvelous New Orleans food, and learn how to use food as a nourishing subject for your student writers while you experience the unique culinary culture of New Orleans. Some of the things you will learn:

- The difference between Cajun and Creole.
- How the po-boy sandwich got its name from a labor strike.
- Why okra is prevalent in Southern cooking.
- How the sugar and rice industries shaped Louisiana and the Carolinas.
- Why New Orleanians don’t eat cornbread, but the rest of Louisiana does.

This event will be hosted at the Southern Food and Beverage Museum, which is a short cab ride or an enjoyable 15-20 minute walk from the host Monteleone Hotel in the historic French Quarter.

**Registration for this event is separate from conference registration, and is limited to the first 40 participants.** To register, please contact Ken Rayes, Director of the Greater New Orleans Writing Project, at [krayes@uno.edu](mailto:krayes@uno.edu), or by phone at 504-280-7323. Cost is \$45.00 per person, which includes food and drink samples (payment by check only). You will be responsible for transportation to and from this event. Come join us as we share our unique New Orleans food and culture.