

## CREATIVE THESIS PROPOSAL

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**Degree:** MFA

**Major:** Creative Writing

**Project Title:** *The Great American Novel* [or *The Great American Short Story Collection*, or *Great Poetry for a Great People*, or *Creative Nonfiction for the Ages*].

**Purpose/Aim/Goal:** To organize my original fiction [or poetry, or nonfiction] into a book-length manuscript of publishable quality.

**Procedures:** NA

**The Completed Project Package:** The thesis will be a novel [or part of a novel, or fiction collection, or poetry collection, or nonfiction collection] made up of approximately [x] chapters [or stories, or poems, or essays]. Individual chapters [or stories, or poems, or essays—or book sections] will focus on a day in the life of members of a clearly dysfunctional family headed by a northern Minnesota lumber baron [or other pertinent theme(s) and subject matter]. The body of the thesis will be preceded by a critical introduction.

[Note: Make any additional comments about the range of themes or stylistic variety of the contents as necessary. Since you will need an abstract for the thesis when you finally put it together, the paragraph you come up with here will probably serve as an adequate abstract for the thesis.]

**Production Schedule:** Thesis reading in April 2003.

**Unique Requirements:** None.

**Evaluation:** The project will be evaluated in terms of its final polish, the objective being publishable quality.

**Timetable:** Writing, organizing, editing—September 2000-April 2003.

**Examining Committee and Department Approval Signatures:**

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Advisor/Chair of Committee                      Date

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Examining Committee Member                      Date

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