



# Rebecca's Reflections



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## “Internally I Was Freaking Out”

During each *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue* seminar, mentors lead small groups of JFA volunteers through a series of role-playing activities to prepare them for conversations during a college campus outreach.

The JFA mentors can't prepare a person for every situation, and although we can help volunteers calm some of their nerves, there is still a point at which volunteers have to plow through their fear. Naomi Wickham mentioned in her reflection that although she was well-prepared by the seminar, she was still "internally freaking out" about starting conversations. Please read her reflection below to learn more about her outreach experience.



Most JFA volunteers are nervous the first time they join JFA staff for an outreach. What volunteers often don't realize is that, even with years of experience, I still get nervous before starting conversations. I had one such conversation (shown above) at the University of Central Oklahoma this past fall.

*“important parts” from the training came to mind in a systematic order and I could actually carry on a decent conversation...*

*I was actually doing it: stepping outside my box and giving it my best shot at a conversation [on a college campus]! And even though I wasn't a pro by the end of the day, I came to realize I actually **could** talk and had enough training and knowledge to know **how** to talk, and was given an awesome launching pad/tools to help me **improve!***

*I have a strong passion for people to see the truth and be pointed to it in love. So I couldn't have been any happier to have the opportunity to come alongside JFA to do just that!*

*Role-playing was hard at the seminar...but my mentors (CK & Catherine) were really good at freezing the conversation at the perfect times to teach us effective ways to answer or ask questions...*

*When role-playing turned into real time [at the campus outreach], internally I was still freaking out, but when I started to speak, those*

Thank you for providing a training ground for Naomi to share truth. To see the places in which your support will help make dialogue training possible in 2014, see the spring schedule below.

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### Spring 2014 Schedule

Jan. 24-28	Seminar and Outreach at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK
Feb. 6-11	Seminars and Outreach at the University of Arizona in Tempe, AZ
Feb. 23-25	Seminar and Outreach at Fort Hays State University in Hays, KS
Mar. 1-4	Seminars and Outreach at the University of Georgia in Athens, GA
Mar. 9-11	Seminars and Outreach at Wichita State University in Wichita, KS
Mar. 15-18	Seminars and Outreach at the University of North Texas, Denton, TX
Apr. 4-8	Seminars and Outreach at Auraria - Metro State University, Denver, CO
Apr. 24-25	Seminar for St. Bonaventure High School students in Ventura, CA (outreach location, TBD)
Apr. 27-29	Seminar and Outreach at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS