# 2019 Washington Writers Conference Schedule of Events

**Friday, May 10, 2019**

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| 8:00-8:45 am   | "Know Your Rights as an Author"  
Speaker: Lauren Menkes |             |                          |             |                              |            |
| 8:45-9:00 am   | Welcome  
Speakers: Audrey A. Bastian, Conference Chair  
Sally Shannon, President, Washington Independent Review of Books  
Jud Ashman, Mayor of Gaithersburg |             |                          |             |                              |            |
| 9:10-10:00 am  | "An Agent, An Editor, and a Publisher: Publishing's Holy Trinity"  
Moderator: Tara Campbell  
Andrew Gifford, publisher  
BI Robbins, agent  
Evelyn M. Duffy, editor | 9:10-10:00 am "Romance: You Gotta Have Heart"  
Moderator: Delaney Stewart  
Mindy Klaszy  
Eliza Knight | 9:10-10:00 am "Agents by Appointment"  
9:00-12:00 noon | 9:10 am "Public Relations"  
9:00-12:00 noon |                              |            |
| 10:00-11:00 am | "Hidden Histories"  
Nonfiction  
Moderator: David O. Stewart  
Eugene L. Meyer, author  
Pamela Whiteacre, author  
Patria Pearson, author  
George Derek Musgrove, author | 10:10-11:15 am "How Do You Know If You're Writing YA?"  
Moderator: Caroline Bock  
Kosoko Jackson, author  
Laura Scalzo, author  
Meg Kuyatt, author | 10:10 am "Choosing the Right Editor for You"  
Round Table Discussion  
Allyson Machate, Editor | 10:10-11:00 am "One-On-One" 5 minute sessions  
Katherine Pickett, Editor |                              |
| 11:10-12:00 noon | Jane Levy in Conversation with Christine Brennan | 11:10-12:00 noon "Historical Fiction: Making It Real"  
Moderator: Jenny Yacovissi  
Eugenia Kim, author  
Zach Powers, author  
Stephanie Dray, author | 11:10 am "Getting the Most Out of Your Beta Readers and Manuscript Assessments"  
Round Table Discussion  
Katherine Pickett, Editor | 11:10-12:00 noon "One-On-One" 5 min sessions  
Allyson Machate, Editor |                              |
| 12:00 noon     | Lunch Buffet (provided) |                             |             |                              |            |

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| 9:10-10:00 am  | "How to Pitch an Agent: Three Agents Discuss the Do's and Don'ts of Pitching"  
Moderator: Laura Hazan |             |                          |             |                              |            |

**Welcome / Registration**

12:00 noon  
Lunch Buffet (provided)

12:20-12:45 pm  
Lifetime Achievement Award Presented to Eugene L. Meyer, Introduction by David O. Stewart

12:45-1:30 pm  
Keynote Address from Jeffery Deaver, Introduction by Audrey A. Bastian

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| 2:25-3:00 pm   | "D.C. Debuts"  
Moderator: Sharon Lee  
Carrie Callaghan, author  
Alice Stephens, author  
Julie Langsdorf, author | 2:25-3:00 pm "Show Me the Money: Grants and Fellowships for Writers"  
Co-moderator: Tara Campbell  
Co-moderator: Julia Tagliere  
Katy Day, NEA  
Steven Skerritt-Davis, MD State Arts Council | 2:25-3:00 pm "Violence in Fiction"  
Mystery/Noir/Thriller  
Moderator: E.A. Aymar  
Christina Kovac, author  
Anjilli Babbar, author  
S.A. Cosby, author  
Jeffery Deaver, author  
Agents by Appointment  
1:30-4:00 pm | 2:00 pm "Go with a Pro: Writing with an Editor to Up Your Writing Game"  
Roundtable Discussion  
Christina Frey, Editor | 2:00-2:50 pm "One-On-One" 5 minute sessions  
Katherine Pickett, Editor |                              |
| 3:00-3:45 pm   | "It's Not Always Novels: Essays, Flash/Short Stories, Criticism, Poetry, and Memoir"  
Moderator: Melissa Scholos Young  
Randon Billings Noble, author  
Tyrese Coleman, author  
Caroline Bock, author  
Grace Cavalieri, poet | 3:00-3:50 pm "Literary Fiction: The Great Unfindable"  
Moderator: Garine Issassi  
Leslie Pietrzyk, author (tentative)  
Mary Kay Zuravleff, author  
Susan Coll, author | 3:00-3:50 pm "One-On-One" 5 min sessions  
Christina Frey, Editor |                              |

**Cash Bar / Book Signings / Giveaways**

Hosts: E.A. Aymar and Tara Laskowski