# 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  
Salley 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: Randon Billings Noble  
Grace Cavalieri, poet  
Caroline Bock, author  
Tyrese Coleman, author  
Mandy Klasky, editor |
| 10:10-11:00 am | "Hidden Histories" (Nonfiction)  
Moderator: George Derek Musgrove  
Julie Langsdorf, author  
Alice Stephens, author  
Carrie Callaghan, author |
| 11:10-12:00 noon | Jane Leavy in Conversation with Christine Brennan  
Moderator: Meg Kuyatt, author  
Zach Powers, author  
Stephanie Dray, author |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch Buffet (provided)  
Sponsors:  
Gaithersburg Book Productions  
Delancey Stewart  
E.Z. Whitacre  
Kosoko Jackson  
Laura Scalzo  
Eliza Knight |
| 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 |
| 2:00-2:50 pm | "D.C. Debuts"  
Moderator: Shanon Lee  
Carrie Callaghan, author  
Alice Stephens, author  
Julie Langsdorf, author |
| 3:30-4:00 pm | "It's Not Always Novels: Essays, Flash/Short Stories, Criticism, Poetry, and Memoir"  
Moderator: Melissa Schles Young  
Randon Billings Noble, author  
Tyrese Coleman, author  
Caroline Bock, author  
Grace Cavalieri, poet |
| 3:40-4:00 pm | Cash Bar / Book Signings / Giveaways  
Hosts: E.A. Aymar and Tara Laskowski |

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| 9:10-10:00 am | "Romance: You Gotta Have Heart"  
Moderator: Delancey Stewart  
Mandy Klasky  
Eliza Knight |
| 10:10-11:00 am | "How Do You Know If You're Writing YA?"  
Moderator: Caroline Bock  
Kosoko Jackson, author  
Laura Scalzo, author  
Megan Kuyatt, author |
| 11:10-12:00 noon | "Historical Fiction: Making It Real"  
Moderator: Jenny Yaacovissi  
Eugenia Kim, author  
Zach Powers, author  
Stephanie Dray, author |
| 11:10-12:00 noon | "Getting the Most Out of Your Beta Readers and Manuscript Assessments"  
Moderator: Allyson Machate, Editor  
Katherine Pickett, Editor |
| 11:10-12:00 noon | "Undefinable"  
Moderator: Garine Issasi  
Pinep Dunn, author  
Holly Smith, Editor |
| 11:10-12:00 noon | "Go with a Pro: Writing Coach"  
Moderator: Katherine Pickett  
Katherine Pickett, Editor |
| 2:00-2:50 pm | "Violence in Fiction"  
Moderator: H. Frey  
Katherine Pickett, Editor |
| 3:30-4:00 pm | "Literary Fiction: The Great Undefinable"  
Moderator: Garine Issasi  
Leslie Pietrzyk, author (tentative)  
Mary Kay Zuravleff, author  
Samantha Coyle, author |
| 3:40-4:00 pm | "Show Me the Money: Grants and Fellowships for Writers"  
Moderator: Tara Campbell  
Julia Tagliere, author  
Katy Day, NEA  
Steven Skerritt-Davis, MD State Arts Council |
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