

# 2019 Washington Writers Conference Schedule of Events

Friday, May 10, 2019

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| 6-7:45 pm    | Reception / Cash Bar   |
| 7:30-8:30 pm | "How to Pitch an Agent: Three Agents Discuss the Do's and Don'ts of Pitching" Moderator: Laura Hazan |

Saturday, May 11, 2019

|  | White Oak A  | White Oak B | Glen Echo (Reading Room)   | Linden Oak (Publishing Pros)   | Forest Glen   | Timberlawn  |   |   |  |
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| 8:00-9:00 am   | 8:00-8:45am "Know Your Rights as an Author"<br>Speaker: Lauren Menkes  |             |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | 8:45-9:00am <b>Welcome</b><br>Speakers: Audrey A. Bastian, Conference Chair<br>Salley Shannon, President, Washington Independent Review of Books<br>Jud Ashman, Mayor of Gaithersburg  |             |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | 9:10-10:00 am "An Agent, An Editor, and a Publisher: Publishing's Holy Trinity"<br>Moderator: Tara Campbell<br>Andrew Gifford, publisher<br>BJ Robbins, agent<br>Evelyn M. Duffy, editor   |             | 9:10-10:00 am "Romance: You Gotta Have Heart"<br>Moderator: Delancey Stewart<br>Mindy Klasky<br>Eliza Knight   | 9:10 am "Public Relations"<br><i>RoundTable Discussion</i><br>Karen James Cody<br>Sponsor  | 9:10-10:00 am "One-on-One" 5 min Sessions<br>Holly Smith<br>Editor  | <b>Sponsors</b><br><b>Gaithersburg Book Festival</b><br><b>Writer's Center</b><br>Laura DiFranco<br>Brave Healer Productions<br><b>Nate Hoffelder</b><br>Digital Reader<br>Karen James Cody<br>Allyson Group<br>Digital Natives | <b>Agents by Appointment</b><br>9:00-12:00 noon |   |  |
|  | 10:10-11:00 am "Hidden Histories" (Nonfiction)<br>Moderator: David O. Stewart<br>Eugene L. Meyer, author<br>Paula Whitacre, author<br>Patricia Pearson, author<br>George Derek Musgrove, author                                      |             | 10:10-11:00 am "How Do You Know If You're Writing YA?"<br>Moderator: Caroline Bock<br>Laura Scalzo, author<br>Meg Kuyatt, author<br>Susan Hawk, literary agent<br>Maggie Enright, book buyer                     | 10:10 am "Choosing the Right Editor for You"<br><i>Round Table Discussion</i><br>Allyson Machate, Editor   | 10:10-11:00am "One-On-One" 5 minute sessions<br>Katherine Pickett<br>Editor<br>Holly Smith<br>Editor                              |   |   | 10:10-10:30 am<br>Delancey Stewart<br>Mindy Klasky<br>Eliza Knight<br>Tara Campbell   |  |
|  | 11:10-12:00 noon <b>Jane Leavy in Conversation with Christine Brennan</b><br>Introduced by David O. Stewart  |             | 11:10-12:00 noon "Historical Fiction: Making It Real"<br>Moderator: Jenny Yacovissi<br>Eugenia Kim, author<br>Zach Powers, author<br>Stephanie Dray, author  | 11:10 am "Getting the Most Out of Your Beta Readers and Manuscript Assessments"<br><i>Round Table Discussion</i><br>Katherine Pickett, Editor  | 11:10-12noon "One-On-One" 5 min sessions<br>Allyson Machate<br>Editor   |   |   | 11:10-11:30 am<br>Eugene L. Meyer<br>Paula Whitacre<br>Patricia Pearson<br>George Derek Musgrove<br>Laura Scalzo<br>Meg Kuyatt<br>Caroline Bock<br>Kosoko Jackson |  |
|  | 12:00 noon Lunch Buffet (provided)   |             |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | 12:20-12:45 pm <b>Lifetime Achievement Award Presented to Eugene L. Meyer</b> , Introduction by David O. Stewart   |             |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | 12:45-1:30 pm <b>Keynote Address by Jeffery Deaver</b><br>Introduction by Audrey A. Bastian  |             |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |
|  | 2-2:50 "D.C. Debuts"<br>Moderator: Shanon Lee<br>Carrie Callaghan, author<br>Alice Stephens, author<br>Julie Langsdorf, author   |             | 2-2:50 pm "Show Me the Money: Grants and Fellowships for Writers"<br>Co-moderator: Tara Campbell<br>Co-moderator: Julia Tagliere<br>Katy Day, NEA<br>Steven Skerritt-Davis, MD State Arts Council<br>Amy Freeman | 2-2:50 pm "Violence in Fiction" (Mystery/Noir/Thriller)<br>Moderator: E.A. Aymar<br>Christina Kovac, author<br>Anjili Babbar, author<br>S.A. Cosby, author<br>Jeffery Deaver, author | 2:00 pm "Go with a Pro: Writing with an Editor to Up Your Writing Game"<br><i>Roundtable Discussion</i><br>Christina Frey, Editor |   |   | 2:00-2:50 pm "One-On-One" 5 min sessions<br>Katherine Pickett<br>Editor   | <b>Agents by Appointment</b><br>2:00-4:00 pm |
|  | 3-3:50 pm "It's Not Always Novels: Essays, Flash/Short Stories, Poetry, and Memoir"<br>Moderator: Melissa Scholes Young<br>Randon Billings Noble, author<br>Tyrese Coleman, author<br>Caroline Bock, author<br>Grace Cavalleri, poet |             | 3-3:50 pm "Keys to Editing Your Own Work"<br>Carrie Callaghan, author<br>Pintip Dunn, author<br>Holly Smith, Editor  | 3-3:50 pm "Literary Fiction: The Great Undefinable"<br>Moderator: Garine Issasi<br>Leslie Pietrzyk, author<br>Mary Kay Zuravleff, author<br>Susan Coll, author                       | 3:00 pm "Writing Coach"<br><i>Round Table Discussion</i><br>Laura Di Franco<br>Sponsor  |   |   | 3:00-3:50 pm "One-On-One" 5 min sessions<br>Christina Frey<br>Editor  |  |
| 4:00-5:30 pm <b>Cash Bar / Book Signings / Giveaways</b><br>Hosts: E.A. Aymar and Tara Laskowski |  |             |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |
|  |  |             |  |  | <b>Speed Pitching</b><br>4:00-5:00 pm   |   |   | 4:10-4:30 pm<br>Susan Coll<br>Mary Kay Zuravleff<br>Tyrese Coleman<br>Randon Billings Noble<br>Carrie Callaghan<br>Grace Cavalleri<br>Pintip Dunn                 |  |
|  |  |             |  |  |   | 4:35-5:00 pm<br>Tara Laskowski<br>Melissa Scholes Young<br>Leslie Pietrzyk<br>Caroline Bock<br>Gariné Issasi<br>Christina Frey  |   |   |  |