

2019 Washington Writers Conference Schedule of Events

Friday, May 10, 2019

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		
8:00-9:00 am	8:00-8:45am "Know Your Rights as an Author" Speaker: Lauren Menkes							
	8:45-9:00am Welcome Speakers: Audrey A. Bastian, Conference Chair Salley Shannon, President, Washington Independent Review of Books Jud Ashman, Mayor of Gaithersburg							
9:00-10:00 am	9:10-10:00 am "An Agent, An Editor, and a Publisher: Publishing's Holy Trinity" Moderator: Tara Campbell Andrew Gifford, publisher BJ Robbins, agent Evelyn M. Duffy, editor		9:10-10:00 am "Romance: You Gotta Have Heart" Moderator: Delancey Stewart Mindy Klasky Eliza Knight	9:10 am "Public Relations" <i>Round Table Discussion</i> Karen James Cody Sponsor	Sponsors Gaithersburg Book Festival Writer's Center Laura DiFranco Brave Healer Productions Nate Hoffelder Digital Reader Karen James Cody Allyson Group Digital Natives	Agents by Appointment 9:00-12:00 noon		
10:00-11:00 am	10:10-11:00 am "Hidden Histories" (Nonfiction) Moderator: David O. Stewart Eugene L. Meyer, author Paula Whitacre, author Patricia Pearson, author George Derek Musgrove, author		10:10-11:00 am "How Do You Know If You're Writing YA?" Moderator: Caroline Bock Kosoko Jackson, author Laura Scalzo, author Meg Kuyatt, author Susan Hawk, literary agent Maggie Enright, book buyer	10:10-11:00am "One-On-One" 5 minute sessions Katherine Pickett Editor Holly Smith Editor			Book Shop Book Signings 10:10-10:30 am Delancey Stewart Mindy Klasky Eliza Knight Tara Campbell	
11:12:00 noon	11:10-12:00 noon Jane Leavy in Conversation with Christine Brennan Introduced by David O. Stewart		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" <i>Round Table Discussion</i> Katherine Pickett, Editor			11:10-11:30 am Eugene L. Meyer Paula Whitacre Patricia Pearson George Derek Musgrove	Laura Scalzo Meg Kuyatt Caroline Bock Kosoko Jackson
12:00noon-2:00 pm	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 by Jeffery Deaver Introduction by Audrey A. Bastian							
2:00-3:00 pm	2-2:50 "D.C. Debuts" Moderator: Shanon Lee Carrie Callaghan, author Alice Stephens, author Julie Langsdorf, author	2-2:50 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 Amy Freeman	2-2:50 pm "Violence in Fiction" (Mystery/Noir/Thriller) Moderator: E.A. Aymar Christina Kovac, author Anjili Babbar, author S.A. Cosby, author Jeffery Deaver, author	2:00 pm "Go with a Pro: Writing with an Editor to Up Your Writing Game" <i>Roundtable Discussion</i> Christina Frey, Editor	2:00-2:50 pm "One-On-One" 5 min sessions Katherine Pickett Editor	Agents by Appointment 2:00-4:00 pm		
3:00-4:00 pm	3-3:50 pm "It's Not Always Novels: Essays, Flash/Short Stories, Poetry, and Memoir" Moderator: Melissa Scholes Young Randon Billings Noble, author Tyrese Coleman, author Caroline Bock, author	3-3:50 pm "Keys to Editing Your Own Work" Carrie Callaghan, author Pintip Dunn, author Holly Smith, Editor	3-3:50 pm "Literary Fiction: The Great Undefined" Moderator: Garine Issasi Leslie Pietrzyk, author Mary Kay Zuravleff, author Susan Coll, author	3:00 pm "Writing Coach" <i>Round Table Discussion</i> Laura Di Franco Sponsor	3:00-3:50 pm "One-On-One" 5 min sessions Christina Frey Editor		3:00-3:20 pm Julie Langsdorf Christina Kovac S.A. Cosby Jeffery Deaver Katherine Pickett	
4:00-5:30 pm	Cash Bar / Book Signings / Giveaways Hosts: E.A. Aymar and Tara Laskowski							
					Speed Pitching 4:00-5:00 pm	4:10-4:30 pm Susan Coll Mary Kay Zuravleff Tyrese Coleman Randon Billings Noble		
						4:35-5:00 pm Tara Laskowski Melissa Scholes Young Leslie Pietrzyk		
						Carrie Callaghan Grace Cavalleri Pintip Dunn Caroline Bock Garine Issasi Christina Frey		