Room Assignments

Workshops and Seminars in Sykes Student Union

Name & Room

Finding Your Form – Jane Satterfield and Ned Balbo 257
Experimental Variation on Syllabics – Tony Barnstone 10A
A Lyrical Masonry – Tara Betts 211
Metrical Literacy – Annie Finch 252A
Reel Verse: Ekphrastic Poems (spotlight on movies) 209
– Juliana Gray and George Green
Your Brain on Poetry: A Generative Workshop 251
– Amy Lemmon
Working with Projective Verse: Out of the Comfort Zone 251
– Shirley Geok-lin Lim
To Break or Not to Break 252B
– Timothy Liu and Michael White
From Seed to Sequence – Chelsea Rathburn 254
Poetry and Mathematics 255
– Emily Grosholz

One-Day Workshops and Seminars

Song Lyrics for Poets with Al Basile
Room 251 (Thursday, June 7 5:45-7:00 pm)
Humor in Poetry with Juliana Gray
Room 257 (Thursday, June 7 5:45-7:00 pm)
Narrative Poetry as Craft with George Green
Room 209 (Friday, June 8 5:30-6:45 pm)
Big Lightning, Little Bottles:
The Joys of the Short Poem with Hailey Leithauser
Room 210 (Friday, June 8 5:30-6:45 pm)
Fun and Games with Tony Barnstone
Room 252B (Friday, June 8 8:30-10:15 am)

All events and times are subject to change.

Useful Numbers:

Jesse Waters – 717-279-1015    Rainbow Cab – 610-696-6060

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

11:00-11:45 am    PANEL 1: First Books – Chair: Luke Stromberg
Anna Lena Phillips Bell    Ryan Wilson
Cherene Sherrard

Don’t Talk Politics: Write Them!
(Contest) – G.M. Palmer (Room 10A)

12:00-1:00 pm – Lunch (Lawrence Dining Hall)

1:15-2:30 pm    PANEL 2: Sonics of Poetry–
Chair: Susan de Sola
Shirley Geok-Lin Lim    G.M. Palmer
Catherine Tufariello    Daniel Brown

2:45-4:00 pm    PANEL 3: Richard Wilbur: A Celebration of Life – Chair: Ned Balbo
Timothy Liu    Timothy Steele
Hailey Leithauser    Michael White

4:15-5:30 pm    PANEL 4: Awards Readings
Chair: Jesse Waters
Iris N. Spencer Award
Myong Cha Son Haiku Award
Rhina P. Espaillat Award
Donald Justice Prize Winner:
    Chad Abushanab, Deliberately Lost

5:45-6:15 pm    RECEPTION – Sykes Student Union Lobby

6:30-7:45pm    BANQUET – Sykes Student Union Ballroom

8:00-9:00 pm    KEYNOTE READING: Timothy Steele

10:00-12:00 am    AFTER HOURS RECEPTION (Room 10A)
Hosts: Ned Balbo and Jane Satterfield
Thursday, June 7, 2018

8:00-9:15 am  Manuscript Reviews with Poets in Residence
8:30-9:15 am  Mindful Meditation, with Dr. Donald McCown (Room 10A)
9:30-11:30 am  CRITICAL SEMINAR:
                 Math and Poetry, Emily Grosholz

                  PANEL 5: The Barnstone
                 Family Sonnet Experience –
                 Chair: Tony Barnstone
                 Aliki Barnstone   Willis Barnstone

12:00-1:00 pm – Lunch (Lawrence Dining Hall)

1:15-3:15 pm  Three-Day Workshops
3:30-5:30 pm  PANEL 6: Great American Songbook
              (A Musical Experience and Panel)
              Chair: Al Basile
              Philip J. Furia   David Katz
              Wightman Martindale

5:45-7:00 pm  One-Day Workshops

Open-Mic Poetry from Conference Attendees
              – Host: Jesse Waters (Room 10A)

7:15-8:15 pm – Dinner (Lawrence Dining Hall)

8:30-10:00 pm  FACULTY READINGS
                Ned Balbo    Tara Betts
                Emily Grosholz  Julianna Gray
                Hailey Leithauser  Tim Liu
                Catherine Tufariello  Shirley Geok-Lin Lim
                Susan de Sola

10:00-12:00 pm  AFTER HOURS RECEPTION (Room 10A)
                 Hosts: Ned Balbo and Jane Satterfield

Friday, June 8, 2018

8:30-10:15 am  CRITICAL SEMINAR (1-day):
                 Fun and Games, Tony Barnstone
10:30-11:45 am  PANEL 7: Women Poets and the Ballad
                 Chair: Annie Finch
                 Celeste Doaks   Jane Satterfield
                 Catherine Tufariello

12:00-1:00 pm – Lunch (Lawrence Dining Hall)

1:15-3:15 pm  Three-Day Workshops
3:30-5:15 pm  CRITICAL SEMINAR:  Math and Poetry, Emily Grosholz

5:30-6:45 pm  One-Day Workshops

Open-Mic Poetry from Conference Attendees
              – Host: Jesse Waters  (Room 10A)

7:00-8:00 pm – Dinner (Lawrence Dining Hall)

8:15-10:00 pm  FACULTY READINGS
                Al Basile    Chelsea Rathburn
                Annie Finch  George Green
                Jane Satterfield  Michael White
                Tony Barnstone   Amy Lemmon
                Kathrine Varnes

10:00-12:00 am  AFTER HOURS RECEPTION  (Room 10A)
                 Hosts: Ned Balbo and Jane Satterfield
Saturday, June 9, 2018

8:30-9:30 am  
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– Host: G.M. Palmer (Room 10A)

9:45-11:45 am  
Three-Day Workshops

12:00-1:00 pm – Lunch (Lawrence Dining Hall)

1:15-3:15 pm  
CRITICAL SEMINAR:  
Math and Poetry, Emily Grosholz

1:15-2:30 pm  
PANEL 8: African American Forms  
Chair: Cherise Pollard, PhD  
Tara Betts  Annie Finch  Yolanda Wisher

3:30-4:45 pm - PERFORMANCE:  
“Al Basile One-Man Show: Me & the Originator”

5:00-6:30 pm  
Reception/Pizza Party (Room 10A)

7:00-9:00 pm  
AFTER HOURS RECEPTION (Room 10A)

The Keynote address and all panels, readings, and performances will be held in Sykes Theater unless otherwise noted. The Great American Songbook Panel #6 on 6/7 at 3:30 will be held in the Ballrooms.

Meals will be held in Lawrence Dining Hall.

Resident Poets: Susan de Sola, Catherine Tufariello, Shirley Geok-Lin Lim, and Katherine Varnes

Student Interns: Abigail Hague, John Markland, Elizabeth Weaver

Advisory Board

The West Chester University Poetry Center Advisory Board supports the overall objectives of the West Chester University Poetry Center, including the Iris N. Spencer Awards, through promotional and fundraising activities. The Board is composed of members/advocates of the arts community, University alumni, and local and national business and civic leaders.

Current Advisory Board Members:

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Faculty Advisory Committee

The Faculty Advisory Committee’s purpose is to support the mission of the WCU Poetry Center, as articulated in its founding NEH endowment grant: “to create an environment in which humanities and arts are integrated, and focused on the broader implications of poetry.”

Current Faculty Advisory Committee Members:

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