

"Eighty-one years of fresh Loaf."

Today's Events

7:30 a.m.

Breakfast, Bread Loaf Inn

9 - 10 a.m.

Lecture: "Getting Started, or Unexpected Consequences," with William Kittredge, Little Theatre

10 a.m. - 12 noon

Reading period

10:30 a.m.

Computer Lab Orientation,
Apple Cellar in Library

11 a.m.

Scholar meeting, Blue Parlor

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch, Bread Loaf Inn

1:30 - 4 p.m.

All workshops meet (see workshop packet or inset for locations)

4:30 p.m.

Reading: Richard Siken &
Antonya Nelson

5:30 p.m.

Cocktail reception, Treman Lawn

6:30 p.m.

Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn

7:30 p.m.

Blue Parlor Reading organization meeting, Blue Parlor

8:15 p.m.

Reading: Sally Keith & David Shields

9:30 p.m.

Scholar reading, Little Theatre

Welcome!

We hope that your journeys went smoothly and that you're settling in on the mountain. *The Crumb* will be available outside the dining hall every morning by breakfast time every day. It will keep you apprised of daily events, schedule changes, and other conference news. If you'd like to submit an item for the "Announcements" column, place your copy in the "Crumb" box outside the Back Office by dinnertime on the day before you'd like the announcement to run. Please indicate what day you'd like your announcement printed.

Meanwhile enjoy the first day of the conference, and we look forward to seeing you at the flurry of events around campus!

Workshop Locations

Please note that these locations are for today, Thursday, August 17, only. Permanent workshop locations will be printed in tomorrow's *Crumb* and are also listed in the workshop packets. Vans will leave from the front of the Inn at 1:15 p.m., taking participants to workshops at Earthworm and Dragon's Den.

David Baker, Library Main Room

Linda Bierds, Barn Classroom 6

Robert Boswell, Fritz Living Room

Michael Collier, Frothingham

Ted Conover, Barn East Classroom

Toi Derricotte, Barn Classroom 2

Mark Doty, Barn Main

Percival Everett, Tamarack Living Room

Linda Gregerson, Barn Classroom 3

Ursula Hegi, Blue Parlor

Randall Kenan, Barn Classroom 5

William Kittredge, Barn Classroom A

Kevin McIlvoy, Upstairs in the Library (front end)

Antonya Nelson, Treman Living Room

Josip Novakovich, Dragon's Den Living Room

Sigrid Nunez, Barn Classroom 1

Carl Phillips, Inn West Seminar Classroom

Helen Schulman, Upstairs in the Library (back end)

David Shields, Barn Classroom 4

Helena María Viramontes, Earthworm Living Room

Announcements

Go to town

Most weekdays (with the exception of today, 8/17), van trips to Middlebury leave from the Inn at 1:45 p.m. and return to Bread Loaf at 4 p.m. (Please don't be late--the driver will not wait for stragglers.) Because Monday (8/21) is a conference-wide break/Frost Farm picnic day, there will be no trip into town that day. Trips will resume on Tuesday (8/22), and continue on a daily basis through Friday (8/25). Please sign up at the front desk if you'd like to ride into town—if no one signs up, the van doesn't go.

Go wireless!

The Bread Loaf campus now offers wireless Internet access in the Inn, the Library, and the Barn, and inconsistently at other locations and outdoor areas. See the front desk for tips on how to connect.

Go jump in a lake

Feeling the heat of summer? Inquire at the front desk about local swimming holes.

Cell phone reception

FYI—Cell phone access is generally unavailable on the Bread Loaf campus.

Mailboxes

Please check your mailboxes at the Inn often, as it's one of the main ways for us to communicate with you.

Individual conferences

Faculty will be scheduling thirty-

Blue Parlor Organizational Meeting Tonight!

Looking for a rapt audience to share your work with? Then the Blue Parlor is for you! The Blue Parlor Reading series starts tomorrow and we'll meet tonight to plan this year's series. The Blue Parlor is Bread Loaf's very own literary salon and a great place to share your work outside of workshop – fiction, poetry, and nonfiction are all welcome. The readings are always different – from plain open mikes to readings themed on everything under the sun. The series is organized around our own interests, so please come tonight with plenty of ideas of possible themes for readings.

We'll meet in the Blue Parlor at 7:30 p.m. We'll brainstorm ideas and go over reading logistics. There will be a sign-up sheet for the first reading, which is Friday at 5:30 p.m. There will be snacks, conversation, and a room full of brilliant writers. What more could one ask for?

Questions? Contact Blue Parlor Wrangler Nina McConigley.

Cocktail Reception This Afternoon

Meet your fellow Bread Loafers at the cocktail reception on the Treman Lawn at 5:30 p.m. today. Make sure to bring your ID if you're on the young side.

Scholar Reading Tonight

Come check out the first of two scholar readings tonight at 9:30 in the Little Theatre. Readers to be announced at lunch.

Going to a Movie? Sign up for a Meal!

Those attending one or both of the 5:30 p.m. film screenings should sign up for a bag meal in advance. The sign-up sheets are posted by the Back Office. Meals can be picked up in front of the dining hall door, just before the 5:30 p.m. screenings. Both movies will be shown in Barn Classroom 1. *La belle et la bête* is showing Friday (8/18), and *Big Night* is showing Saturday (8/19).

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minute conferences with each Bread Loafer. Since schedules are crowded, you might want to think in advance about when you are available.

Workshop photos

Photographer Edward Brown will be dropping by workshops today to take group photos.

Sign up for craft classes, starting today

Sign-up sheets will be posted by 8 a.m., two days in advance of classes. Look for sheets on the bulletin board near the Blue Parlor.

From the Front Desk

Please keep these guidelines in mind for convenience and safety:

- There is no smoking allowed inside any building on campus or anywhere near the porch of the inn.
 - We suggest you start a room list by each hall phone so buildingmates can find you if you get a call.
- Check your mailbox in the Inn frequently. Intercampus mail is an important means of communication in the Bread Loaf community.
- Please park all cars in the Barn parking lot. The exception to this rule covers those staying at Tamarack, Gilmore, Fritz, Frothingham, Earthworm, Brandy Brook and Myrhe's Cabin, and also cars parked for less than 10 minutes for the purposes of loading and unloading.
- The nurse will be available for medical emergencies from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays.
- We sell sundry items, such as postcards, stamps, sodas and water, and small portions of undiluted laundry detergent.
 - * If you have a medical emergency between 2 and 10 p.m., call extension 2700. After 10 p.m. call extension 2713 or 2710.

Welcome, Bread Loafers, from Your Social Staff

When you're not reading, writing, or hiking, you may want to gather with newfound friends for conversation and refreshments. That's where we, your local Social Staff, come in. Throughout the conference, we are helping to organize a number of events for you—including the cocktail reception this evening, Barn Pubs, two dances, and the gala finale.

Beginning today we and our Administrative Staff colleagues will also host a series of socials in the Barn on several evenings before dinner, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (last call at 6:15!). We will serve beer and wine for two dollars per drink, as well as free soda and snacks, in a very casual setting. It's a good time to meet up with fellow writers to talk, or take a break for yourself to wind down. Keep an eye on *The Crumb* for more Barn social dates.

We hope to make the conference a fun, as well as a productive, experience, and we look forward to meeting each of you very soon.

Mary Akers, Xochi Candelaria, Ru Freeman, James Hall, Amaud Jamaul Johnson, Isaac Rahmim, Charles Rice-Gonzalez, Sasha West, and Paul Yoon.

Staggered Lunch Schedule

Lunch will be served buffet style, and to avoid long lines, we urge you to follow the schedule noted here, based on your workshop schedule:

* On days when your workshop does not meet, please go to the dining hall starting at noon.

* On days when your workshop does meet, please go to the dining hall between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m.

Lunch service continues until 1:45 p.m.

Should a line form at the dining hall door, please note that you can scoot in through the dining hall door to start at the salad bar, if you like. Today, when all workshops meet at 1:30 p.m., we ask the poets to show up at 11:30 a.m., nonfiction writers to follow on their heels (okay, come at 11:30 a.m.), and fiction writers, please hold back until noon. On this day, service will continue until 1:00 p.m.

Computer Tech’s Hours at the Apple Cellar

Evan Dumouchel will be available:

- Every day 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Sun, Wed, Friday 2 - 5:30 p.m.
- Mon, Tues, Thurs 7 - 9 p.m.

During off hours, you can contact him via email at: edumouch@middlebury.edu

Requests from the Little Theatre Staff

1. Bells will be rung at 10 and 5 minutes prior to each lecture and reading. Please arrive on time.
 2. Trash cans are located near the exits of the theater. We love it when people use them.
- Thank you.

Overheard

“Why are they fondling my limes?”
“I’ve got wardrobe issues.”

Visitors

Join us in welcoming the following visitors to the mountain: Carol Houck Smith, Fiona McCrae, Colleen Mohyde and Martha Rhodes.

Get Your Massage On

Massage therapist Jayne Webb will offering massage on campus at the Barn East classroom from Aug. 16 to 23. Sign up for a massage or other healing modality at the dining hall bulletin board. Barn East is at the far end of the Barn, up the outside stairs.

Writing from the Workshops

Throughout the conference we’ll be publishing excerpts of particularly striking and stellar prose and poetry from the workshop packets. It’s our way of highlighting strong work. If you would prefer *not* to have your work included in The Crumb, please leave a note stating this, addressed to the Crumb editor, at the front desk. Please include your name and your workshop leader’s name.

Be a Good Housemate

Please refrain from removing items from other guest-rooms, including pillows, towels, chairs, and tables. Housekeeping works diligently to ensure all guests have everything they need when other guests show up. Let’s help them out.

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Get to Know the Faculty, a Quiz

- Name the faculty-fellow pairing wherein both the faculty member and the fellow were born in Japan.
 - (The answer will be published in tomorrow’s Crumb)
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