Bread Loaf Writers’ Conferences
2017 Reunion Program

Friday–Sunday • October 20–22, 2017
Bread Loaf Campus • Ripton, Vermont
All programs will take place in the Little Theatre.

Friday, October 20
Arrivals
5:00–6:00 pm
Cocktails in the Barn
6:30–7:30 pm
Dinner
8:00 pm–midnight
Barn Pub

Saturday, October 21
9:00–9:45 am
The Collier Years: My Bread Loaf Diaries, 1996–2016, with Tom Mallon
9:45–10:30 am
Andrea Barrett and Margot Livesey Co-interview
10:30–11:00 am
Break
11:00–11:45 am
Alan Shapiro and Tom Sleigh Co-Interview
11:45 am–12:30 pm
Christopher Castellani and Stacey D’Erasmo Co-interview
12:30–1:45 pm
Lunch
1:45–2:30 pm
Jennine Capó Crucet and Ru Freeman Co-Interview
2:30–3:15 pm
Jennifer Grotz and Patrick Phillips Co-interview
3:15–4:00 pm
Michael Collier and Ellen Bryant Voigt Co-Interview
4:00–4:30 pm
Break
4:30 pm
Bread Loaf Memorial Reading
Ian Pounds
read by Jennifer Grotz
William Maxwell
read by Maud Casey
Roland Flint
read by Brian Komei Dempster
Amanda Davis
read by Maria Hummel
Agha Shahid Ali
read by Sally Keith
William Meredith
read by Patricia Hampl
Brigit Pegeen Kelly
read by C. Dale Young
Steve Orlen
read by Ross White
Matt Power
read by Abraham Streeper
Philip Levine
read by James Hoch
5:00–6:00 pm
Cocktails in Barn
6:30–7:30 pm
Dinner
8:00 pm
Remarks by Laurie L. Patton, president of Middlebury College, followed by a slideshow tribute to Michael Collier featuring pictures from Bread Loaf 1981–2017 and audio comments by Bread Loafers who participated during the Collier years (photos selected by Katherine Branch and taken by photographers David Haward Bain and Edward Brown, among others).

9:00 pm–midnight
Barn Pub

Sunday, October 22
9:00 am
Blue Parlor Reading in the Little Theatre
Caitlin McGill
Christine Kendall
Ananda Lima
Ewa Zebrowski
Kate Bullard Adams
Annita Sawyer
Deborah Greenhut
Geeta Tewari
Simone Kraus
Lauren Monahan
Lisa Sharon
Sara Lee
Jason Schneiderman
Lisa McGoughlin
Katherine Scott
Kathryn Ma
Ashley Babcock

Departures by noon

During the weekend, the cocktail hours and Barn Pubs will offer a cash bar, with nonalcoholic drinks available at no charge; coffee and tea will be available in the Bread Loaf Inn dining room throughout the day.
Celebration, a Triple Limerick for Michael Collier

Maurice Manning

There was a fine chap named Collier,
who lived in Vermont, but not all year.
He tended some hives
and moved many lives—
his books are on hand at the Grolier.

A poet he is, and at it he's swell,
the foremost ringer of the Bread Loaf bell,
retiring say some,
but more's to come—
this fellow has stories to tell.

There's no one to rank above him,
for mirth and joy are of him, he's
rakishly thin
and good with a grin,
so nothing to do but love him.

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