

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'Erasmus 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 Streep

Philip Levine

read by James Hoch

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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 McLoughlin

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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