TODAY’S EVENTS

6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
Yoga, Barn Classroom 008

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast, Bread Loaf Inn

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
“Invisible Characters, Black Holes, and the Astrophysics of Fiction: an Introduction,” by Liam Callanan, Little Theater

10:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
Poetry & Nonfiction Workshops

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Lunch, Bread Loaf Inn
12:00 for fiction
12:30 for poetry & nonfiction

1:15 p.m.
Reading: Ilya Kaminsky

2:30 p.m.
Craft Classes

4:15 p.m.
Reading: Shara Lessley, Lauren Markham, and Ravi Howard

5:30 p.m.
Blue Parlor Reading Series, Library
Special Talk: “Getting the Pitch Right,” by Miriam Altshuler, Little Theater

5:15 - 6:15 p.m.
Barn Social

6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn

8:15 p.m.
Reading: Rick Barot and Aminatta Forna, Little Theater

9:15 p.m. - Midnight
Dance, Barn

Craft Classes (Plus a Changed Sign-Up Process!)

Get excited for another round of craft classes at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon! Here come six more:

“Sense, Nonsense, and Senselessness,” with Jericho Brown - Barn Classroom 101

“Storage Wars: The Shape, Structure, and Sound of the Paragraph,” with Michael Parker - Barn Classroom 102

“Techniques of First Person Narration,” with Liz Harmer - Barn Classroom 204

“To Rhyme or Not to Rhyme,” with David J. Daniels - Barn Classroom 205

“Structure, Risk, and Meaning,” with Alex Marzano-Lesnevich - Barn Classroom 206

“‘Swirl and Vortex: The Poem that Braids Together Multiple Contrasting Narratives or Materials,” with Patrick Donnelly - Barn Observatory

Due to very long lines for the craft class sign-ups and the hunger pains that people experienced waiting in line while breakfast was being served, sign-ups will now occur at 7:30 a.m. Prose class sign-ups will be posted outside the Back Office as usual. Poetry class sign-ups will be posted in the Little Theater and then, at 8:30 a.m., will be moved to the bulletin board outside the Back Office.

Frost Farm Picnic Just Around the Corner

On Monday, August 19, lunch will be served as a picnic rather than in the dining room. A beloved tradition at the conferences, the picnic takes place at Frost Farm, about 1.5 miles from the Bread Loaf Inn, and is followed by a tour of Frost’s summer cabin nearby. Usually unavailable to the public, the cabin is unlocked and made available for this special event. The picnic will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Monday. While many may want to make the walk down to the Frost Farm, transportation will also be available. Those who would like a ride should gather in front of the Bread Loaf Inn at 12:15 p.m.

Please note: If the weather prevents us from holding this event, we’ll post new information on the front door of the Dining Room by 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

To reach the Frost Farm, turn right from the Inn porch and walk .7 miles down Route 125. Turn right onto Frost Road/USFS Road 396 (unmarked), just before the Robert Frost Wayside; the farm is roughly .8 miles up the road. Those walking should plan to leave at noon.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Getting the Pitch Right,” with Miriam Altshuler
The better you are at talking and writing about your book, the better chance you have to get the interest of an agent or editor. Miriam Altshuler will give a presentation at 5:30 p.m. in the Little Theater and lead a Q&A so you know how to make the best pitch possible and to write a compelling and clear query letter. Miriam encourages you to come with questions.

Tomorrow’s Adjusted Schedule
After a few days of high stimulation, participants get a more relaxing day. Tomorrow, workshops will not meet, and our schedule is adjusted to give you some leisure time. Highlights of the day will include the annual Writers’ Cramp Race, the picnic at the Frost Farm, the Writers of Color Panel with Jericho Brown, Cathy Linh Che, Alexander Chee, and Ingrid Rojas Contreras, the next Blue Parlor Reading, evening readings by Jesse Donaldson, Lauren Francis-Sharma, and A.E. Stallings, and the second of our fabulous waiter readings. Sounds relaxing, right?

Eat Right: Lunch
To avoid long lines at lunchtime, we urge you to eat based on your workshop schedule:
• On days when your workshop does not meet, please go to the Dining Room starting at noon.
• On days when your workshop does meet, please go to the Dining Room at 12:30 p.m.
• Lunch service continues until 1:30 p.m. each day.

Frost Farm Picnic Just Around the Corner
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If you are unable to attend the picnic, please let us know right away by sending an email to blwc@middlebury.edu by 5:00 p.m. today, so we can note your name. We’ll give your name to the kitchen staff and arrange for you to have something to eat on campus. Out of consideration for the kitchen staff, we will not be able to provide an on-campus lunch if you do not email by 5:00 p.m. today.

Scholar Reading Tomorrow!
Tomorrow, August 19, at 11:00 a.m., you’ll have a chance to hear from this year’s stunning batch of Scholars. Join us in the Little Theater to hear from some more incredible writers.
Up tonight are Mike Alberti, Roohi Choudhry, Gabriela Garcia, Laura Goode, Amanda Hawkins, Jennier L. Bowen Hicks, Alexander Lumans, Uche Okonkwo, Benjamin Schaefer, Callie Siskel, Michael Torres, Paul Tran, Irvin Weathersby, Armen Davoudian, S. Erin Batiste, Sindya Bhanoo, Celeste Chan, and Jennifer Stock. Sure to be an incredible reading, so don’t miss it!

Blue Parlor: The Tradition is Going Strong
We are two-for-two with Blue Parlor readings! On Friday and Saturday, the readings and the audience were enthusiastic and eloquent. So we hope you will join us for the next reading: today at 5:30 p.m. in the Library! Come hear Serkan Görkemli, Deborah Barrett, Christina Lovin, Evan Mercer, Lisa Flynn, Meg Charlton, Jordan Rossen, Isabella Esser-Munera, Adrianna Smith, Harrison Jacobs, Beth Flanders, Francine Conley, Alison, Strack, Michele Wick, and Tom Carrigan!

We bring the food, but you can BYOB. Regardless, do bring yourself, your friends, and your best applause.
Also, we noticed that participants have been taking excellent photos at our readings, and we’d love to share them with everyone! If you have photos, please email them to us.

Questions or enthusiasms? Contact Elisa Gonzalez or Sebastian Páramo at blueparlorblwc@gmail.com

WEATHER

Daytime Sunny, Nighttime Storms. Kaboom!
High: 80° Low: 66°
Sign Up for Trail Walk

Two walks will take place this week on the Robert Frost Interpretive Trail. The first will be self-guided and take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20. John Elder will lead the second walk, “An Introduction to the Natural History of Bread Loaf for Writers,” at the same time on Wednesday, August 21.

“The walk is always a pleasant, relaxed event,” Elder said, “with lots of chances to connect names to the trees, flowers, and birds and to relate Frost’s poetry, and poetry in general, to all our observations.”

The Robert Frost Interpretive Trail is a National Recreation Trail that commemorates Robert Frost’s poetry; several of his poems are mounted along the trail in the woods and fields. Blueberries and huckleberries grow in an old field at the far end. The Forest Service maintains all of the old fields along this trail with prescribed fire to preserve the scenic, open appearance of the area. The trail is an easy walk, and the first 0.3 miles across a beaver pond boardwalk out to the South Branch of the Middlebury River is accessible and suitable for wheelchairs.

Each walk is limited to 30 participants. Vans will transport participants from the Bread Loaf Inn to the trail. To get a ride, Bread Loafers should start to gather on the Front Porch of the Bread Loaf Inn at 10:30 a.m. Bread Loafers who prefer to walk to the trail head from the Inn should leave at 10:40 a.m. Participants will return in time to have lunch in the dining room.

Advance sign-up is required. The sign-up sheet will be with the craft class sign ups by the back office.

Let’s Dance... The First Dance... Toniiiiiiiiiiight!

Tonight at 9:15 p.m., you’re greatly encouraged to come to the Barn and show off your sweet, sweet dance moves. We’ll provide the DJ and the free drinks.

Speaking of drinks! A few friendly reminders:

- Only one alcoholic beverage can be served to an individual at a time.
- Participants who look young will be carded, so be sure to bring your valid ID.
- A cordoned perimeter will let you know where the drinking of booze is permitted; please do not try to take your drink out of that designated area.
- If you have a special bottle of Pappy Van Winkle or homemade mezcal in your room, great! Leave it there. Bringing your own alcohol to the event is a no-go.

*Jazz hands*
OVERHEARD

“I’ve broken up with a man over a booger!”

“I used to think in pictures; now I think in sentences.”

“No, it’s fine! We’re all people together being awkward!”

Voice 1: “I just realized this woman’s only tweets are ‘follow Friday’ tweets.”
Voice 2: “...Like Freddy Krueger?”

Voice 1: “I wasn’t at the reading I was out here looking at the sunset”
Voice 2: “You’re a pilgrim.”

Overheard anything interesting? Email us at blcrumb@gmail.com

Writers’ Cramp Race

Don’t let the name scare you off — the Writers’ Cramp Race is a friendly competition along a 2.75 mile course. It begins tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. Runners of all skill levels should meet by the front porch of the Annex by 7:45 a.m. for instructions and an overview of the course, which winds through the campus and down to the Frost Farm. Volunteers are welcome to help with providing water and cheering. Runners can get a late breakfast in the Dining Room. For everyone not participating in the race, breakfast will end as usual at 8:30.

Are you interested in covering the Writers’ Camp Race for The Crumb? Submit your short essay and/or photos to the editor at blcrumb@gmail.com. The deadline is 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Keep in mind that The Crumb nominates the Writers’ Cramp Race coverage to The Best American Sports Writing Anthology every year (albeit unsuccessfully).

GUESTS

Join us in welcoming Janet Silver, Anjali Singh, Ibrahim Ahmand, and Cathy Linh Che to the mountain!

We also bid a fond farewell to Henry Dunow, Michael Morse, Ross White, Michael Wiegers, Emily Mitchell, and Catherine Barnett.

FAME! GLORY! FORTUNE!

Well, two out of the three.

The Crumb is always looking for comics, satire, and community news. If you’ve got something special up your sleeve (aside from your arms), let us know at blcrumb@gmail.com!

Trivia!

Which Bread Loafer, looking like a deer in the headlights circa 1989, is pictured to the right?

Hint: He was (and is) a huge Olivia Newton-John fan.

Submit your guesses to blcrumb@gmail.com, and see tomorrow’s issue for the answer!