

TODAY'S EVENTS
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Yoga, Barn 008
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast, Bread Loaf Inn
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. "The Essay as Realm: On Structure and Mood," by Elisa Gabbert, Little Theater
10:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Fiction Workshops
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch, Bread Loaf Inn
1:15 p.m. "Poetry of the Closed Door: On Robert Frost," by Kamran Javadizadeh, Little Theater
2:30 p.m. Craft Classes
4:15 p.m. Reading: James Davis May, Monica West, and Dean Bakopoulos, Little Theater
5:30 p.m. Blue Parlor Reading Series, Barn Tent
6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn
8:15 p.m. Reading: Victoria Chang and Jess Row, Little Theater
9:30 p.m. Reading: Bread Loaf Scholars, night two of two, Little Theater
9:30 p.m. - Midnight Barn Pub

## Craft Classes Commence

After two days of intense anticipation, the first craft classes kick off today at 2:30 p.m. These sessions provide Faculty, Fellows, and Guests the opportunity to explore a topic of interest in an intimate setting. To ensure hands-on experience, classes are limited to 25 participants, except as noted.

Sign-up sheets will go out next on Monday. Spaces have been filling quickly, so please make sure you sign up in advance! For those of you who signed up for a class, here is a reminder of the locations:

- "We Can Be Heroes," with Christopher Castellani – Barn 101
- "The Sentence Tells a Secret: Musicality and the 'Felt Quality of Sound' in Prose," with Miciah Bay Gault – Barn 205
- "Not Quite Flash," with Sidik Fofana – Barn 206
- "Pattern and Repetition," with Erin Belieu – Barn Tent
- "R&B, Poetry, and Me," with Darrel Alejandro Holnes – Barn 203

## Fiction Workshop Locations

- Dean Bakopoulos - Barn 204
- Christopher Castellani - Barn 203
- Alice Elliott Dark- Barn 102
- Tania James - Library Upstairs (back end of building)
- Emily Raboteau- Inn West Seminar
- Jess Row- Barn 205
- Luis Alberto Urrea - Barn Observatory
- Laura van den Berg - Library Upstairs (front end of building)
- Tiphanie Yanique - Barn 101
- Paul Yoon - Barn 206



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Change to Reading Schedule

At today's 4:15 p.m. reading, James Davis May will be reading instead of Maggie Millner. Maggie will read on Tuesday, August 22nd, at 4:15 p.m.

### Planning Ahead: Carpooling

A carpool list will be posted near the Dining Room door on Sunday, August 20. If you are willing to take passengers along when you leave the mountain next week, please note your information on the list (name, email, destination, and number of spots available in your car). If you are looking for a ride, please get in touch by sending an email.

### Vermont Tour and Charter

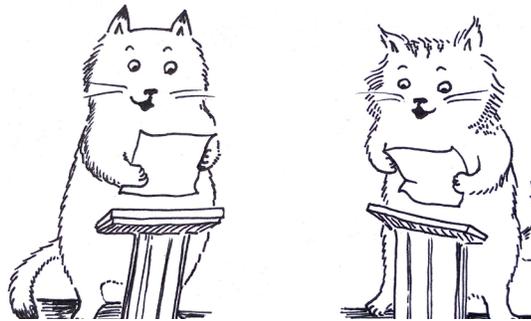
A schedule of Vermont Tour and Charter departure taxis will be posted near the Dining Room door toward the end of the conference. If you have any questions in the meantime or still need to make your departure taxi arrangements, please contact Vermont Tour and Charter directly at (802) 734-1293 by Sunday, August 20.

Departure times will be early and somewhat inflexible because of the large number of people who need to leave. Due to the number of travelers, we cannot post individual travel requests in *The Crumb*.

## Reminder: Be Tender, Don't Misgender

Bread Loaf is a conference for people of all genders and gender experiences. We encourage all Bread Loafers to wear their nametags and to refrain from assuming which pronouns other Bread Loafers use.

If you have questions about this or have experienced any form of discrimination or marginalization here on the mountain, remember that Lauren Francis-Sharma is available to hear you and advocate for you. You can contact her at [lfrancissharma@middlebury.edu](mailto:lfrancissharma@middlebury.edu). Please note that Lauren will be off-campus Sunday, August 20 through Wednesday, August 23. During that time, the diversity liaison will be Tiphonie Yanique ([tiphonie.yanique@emory.edu](mailto:tiphonie.yanique@emory.edu)).



## Scholar Reading Part II: Tonight!

They stunned us last night, and this evening they're at it again. The second batch of Bread Loaf Scholars will read their work tonight at 9:30 p.m. in the Little Theater. Come cheer on up-and-coming writers from across the nation. Tonight's readers are:

I.S. Jones (Itiola Jones)  
 Shuchi Saraswat  
 Soleil David  
 Jodie Vinson  
 Oluwabambi Igu  
 Kathy Z. Price  
 El Williams III  
 Samuel Cheney

## LGBTQ+ READING TOMORROW!

Tomorrow at 5:30 p.m., join the Blue Parlor in the Barn Tent for a reading by LGBTQ+ writers—continuing a Bread Loaf tradition!  
 Come experience a brilliant range of voices.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Barn Social and Barn Pub

Beer and wine are available most evenings in the Barn. The Barn Social runs from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., while the Barn Pub gets hopping at 9:30 p.m. Free soda, coffee, and water are also available. Complimentary beer and wine will be available during Barn dances.

### Missing a Guest Meeting?

If you find yourself unable to make a meeting, please send a quick email to [blwc@middlebury.edu](mailto:blwc@middlebury.edu) with “guest meeting” as the subject line, or come see Jason Lamb in the Back Office.

### Nervous Ticks

Ticks and mosquitoes love Vermont as much as we do. Please remember to check yourself for ticks if you’ve been going on walks through the woods or fields!

### I Just Can’t Help My Shelf

Did you know that the Davison Library has current issues of *The Common*, *Georgia Review*, *New England Review*, *Ploughshares*, *Poetry*, and *Poetry Northwest*, along with many other periodicals for browsing? Pull up a comfy chair and enjoy. (There are even some complimentary issues that you can take home with you!)



## Blue Parlor’s Debut a Wild Success

The 2023 Blue Parlor Readings in Barn Tent launched on Friday evening with a lineup of courageous, talented writers unafraid to take the plunge. Depths were plumbed, spirits were raised — and these writers accomplished it all in under three minutes apiece!

We know you’re curious about what goes down at the Blue Parlor readings. What makes it blue, after all? Join us today, Saturday, at 5:30 p.m. in the Barn Tent!

Tonight’s roster:

Donna Spruijt-Metz, Flower Conroy, Robin Rosen Chang, Jillian Danback-McGhan, Diana Cejas, Milly Itzhak, Abdelrahman ElGendy, Carly Marie DeMento, Ina Lipkowitz, Arthur Tarley, Kate Hohl, Dane Slutzky, Caroline Beuley, Anna Graham Hunter, and emet ezell.

Check back tomorrow for Sunday’s lineup for the LGBTQ+ Reading.

But enough about BP. Let’s talk about you. You weren’t sure if you wanted to read, but now you’ve seen the flushed, giddy faces of the Bluebarians, and you know: you must read. (You must!) The early bird gets the mic! See you soon (maybe tonight? maybe tomorrow?) in the Blue (Parlor) Barn Tent.

*Hopes, dreams, apprehensions? Contact Megan Pinto or Sebastián Páramo at [blueparlorblwc@gmail.com](mailto:blueparlorblwc@gmail.com).*

## COMMUNITY ITEM

Jews of Bread Loaf!

Who’s in for a Saturday Kiddish Lunch?

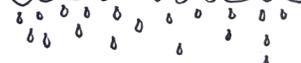
11:45 a.m. today, at the red picnic table just past the Dining Hall exit. Bring your lunch outside and we can share a Shabbat meal together.

XOXO + Shabbat Shalom

—emet ezell

## GUESTS

Please extend a warm welcome to **Ashley E. Wynter** and **Emily Everett**, and a very fond farewell to **Ellen Bryant Voigt!**

WEATHER  


Showers  
 High: 72°  
 Low: 53°

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Audio of Readings and Lectures Available Online

Enjoy any readings or lectures you missed—or relive memories of ones you attended—by listening to the audio recordings. These are published daily on the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference website. Check your email for a direct link.

### Friendly Reminder

We encourage you to take your meals outdoors. There is a tent between the Inn and the Little Theater.

### Phones Off

Please (*please!*) remember to turn off your phone when you attend readings and lectures.

### Start Your Warmups!

The Writers' Cramp Race, a friendly 2.75 mile competition, takes off on Monday at 8:00 a.m. Keep an eye out for more details in tomorrow's *Crumb*.

## The Crumb's

### First Annual Limerick Contest!

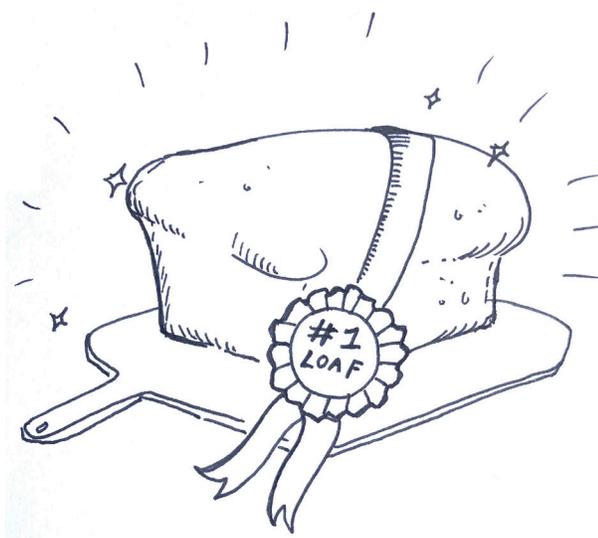
Hear ye, hear ye! Open call for submissions! Send us your tastiest limerick about baked goods.

The winner will be published in the most prestigious newspaper on campus and will receive an original portrait of themselves as a mouse. Or a cat. Your choice.

Deadline: Monday, August 21 at 12:00 p.m.

Please email your submissions to:

[blcrumb@gmail.com](mailto:blcrumb@gmail.com)



## OVERHEARD

“I love talking about loneliness first thing in the morning.”

“I tried writing fiction but it was so much foolishness. Just making things up?!?”

“How many bodies were you trying to bury covered in glitter?”

“I overheard them telling a story about ME, so I turned around and said, ‘Excuse me, I’m the protagonist and I have a few corrections to make!’”

“I’m ready to play with fire.”

“that’s the subtitle of Bread Loaf 2023: *I’m ready to play with fire.*”

Overheard anything interesting?  
Email us at [blcrumb@gmail.com](mailto:blcrumb@gmail.com)!



### Tiny Horoscopes

*Edizione di pasta!*

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| <br>ARIES  | Tuna macaroni salad    | <br>LIBRA   | Spaghetti carbonara      |
| <br>TAURUS | Fettucini Alfredo      | <br>SCORPIO | Squid ink fusilli        |
| <br>GEMINI | Kraft mac 'n' cheese   | <br>SAG.    | Butternut squash ravioli |
| <br>CANCER | Classic lasagna        | <br>CAP.    | Gnocci with pesto        |
| <br>LEO    | Bowties with lamb ragù | <br>AQU.    | Penne puttanesca         |
| <br>VIRGO  | Basil butter orzo      | <br>PISCES  | Clam linguini            |

### Faculty Flashback!

The Hero's Journey...on the school bus



Chris Castellani's favorite song in kindergarten was "Gypsies, Tramps, and Thieves," by Cher.



### WEATHER DOG by Carl Phillips

(Please, Weather Dog, bring us some sunshine!)