

### A little bit of news from the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference

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### **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. Lecture: "Can't Go Over It, Can't Go Under It," by Rebecca Makkai, Little Theater

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Blue Parlor Presents: One Minute In Heaven Reading, Little Theater

> 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch, Bread Loaf Inn

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. All workshops meet

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Reading: Amber Caron, Ricardo Nuila, and Paul Tran Little Theater

> 6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Special Final Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn

8:15 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Reading: Garth Greenwell and Helen Schulman, Little Theater

9:15 p.m. - Midnight Super Amazing Party Extraveganza Shindig Surprise, Barn Tent

# Workshop: Everybody's Doing It

It's time for one last workshop. Be there! ("There" meaning at your workshop's designated location, listed below.)

The van to Earthworm will leave from the front of the Inn at 1:15 p.m.

#### LOCATIONS:

**Catherine Barnett - Little Theater Portico** Rick Barot - Barn Tent Marie-Helene Bertino - Barn 101 Jenny Boully - Barn 206 Jamel Brinkley - Barn Observatory Carmen Giménez - Blue Parlor Garth Greenwell - Barn 204 Ladee Hubbard - Cherry Porch Samantha Hunt - Earthworm Living Room Mat Johnson - Inn West Seminar Sally Keith - Library Upstairs (Front End of Building) Paul Lisicky - Treman Living Room Margot Livesey - Library Main Floor Rebecca Makkai - Barn 203 Adrian Matejka - Barn 205 Dinaw Mengestu - Tamarack Living Room Helen Schulman - Dining Tent Mark Wunderlich - Barn 008

### **GUESTS**

Happy trails Jenny Xu, Jenna Johnson, Carolyn Kuebler, and Laila Lalami who depart the mountain today.

### WEATHER

Partly Cloudy High: 74° Low: 52° The Crumb

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### You Can Go Home Again... No, Really, You Have To.

Saturday's departure schedule is posted by the Dining Room If you have not yet made your reservation with Vermont Tour and Charter, be sure to call them right away at (802) 734-1293. They have a very tight schedule, so please contact them immediately to be sure you can be guaranteed a ride. Remember, all Bread Loafers must be off the mountain by noon! Please be aware that Vermont Tour and Charter does not go to Middlebury. If you need a ride to the Middlebury train or bus station, please contact the Front Desk.

#### Share a Ride

Bread Loafers willing to share a ride should leave their names on the carpooling sheet posted outside the Dining Room. Those looking for a ride will contact you.

#### Pick Up Books On Consignment

The Bookstore is not open Saturday. If you have books on consignment, please pick them up today by 4:00 p.m.

#### **Return Your Library Books!**

If you borrowed library books, please be sure to return them before 4:00 p.m. today.

#### **Conference Feedback Forms**

Please check your email for a conference feedback form. Take a few minutes before you leave the mountain to let us know about your experience at the conference. We go over feedback forms carefully to see how things went and consider changes for the future.

#### Tidy Up, Buttercup!

We invite you to join us in helping Facilities staff by tidying up our rooms before leaving on Saturday! Please gather the trash and recycling from your room and place it in the bigger bins located either in the hallway or on the building porch; for linens, please pull them from the bed and leave them in a pile on the bed. Thank you for your help and consideration!

### Don't Sleep On the Blue Parlor

Thank you to everyone who shook the Barn Tent last night with their beautiful readings! We have one more BP session and, alas, we've arrived at the end. \*Sob. Sniff. Hugs. High fives.\*

Join us in the Little Theater at 10:15 a.m. for the famous One Minute in Heaven reading, featuring 40 dazzling readers! Don't forget to add this event to your calendar for today. It's our last chance to bask in the light of the BP glow.

Contact Tobi Kassim or Danielle Harms with questions, parting words, or just to say hi.



**Back to the Dance Floor!** 

Did you pack up your dancing shoes and disco pants already? No? Good! The Bread Loaf Staff invites you back to the Barn Tent tonight from 9:15 to midnight for some Super Surprising and Mysterious Farewell Shenanigans (i.e. an excellent playlist).

See you there, friends!

#### COMMUNITY ITEM: Where's My Honey?

If you have found a small jar of French lavender honey, please contact <del>Winnie the Pooh</del> Jason Lamb at jlamb@ middlebury.edu or come see him in the Back Office. He and his future mugs of tea will be eternally grateful.

## **Community Photos**

Memories from some of the community-organized events and gatherings this week. Clockise from top left: Words for Palestine readers, Black Writers' Meetup, Latinx Writers' Meetup, and AAPI Writers' Meetup.



*If you were part of these events, reach out to the organizers for copies of the photos!* 

### **FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Bread Loafers, don't miss out on this amazing opportunity! (Submitted by Bread Loaf guest Jenna Johnson, Executive Editor at Farrar, Straus and Giroux.)

The **FSG Writer's Fellowship** is a yearlong program designed to give an emerging writer from an underrepresented community additional resources to build a life around writing: funding, editorial guidance, and advice on how to forge a writing career. It offers the unique opportunity for a writer to spend time with and enjoy the support and mentorship of the FSG community. The fellowship celebrates the spirit of the FSG list and its commitment to invention, curiosity, and extending the limits of literature.

The fellowship includes an award of \$15,000 paid over two installments: half paid at the start of the Fellowship program, in January, and half paid in June. It also includes: yearlong mentorship with an FSG house author; guidance from two in-house editors, who will offer line and structural feedback on the fellow's work throughout the year; opportunities for meet-and-greets with representatives from other departments; and support with networking beyond FSG.

Applications open in May 2025! Learn more and apply here: www.fsgfellowship.com

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#### **OVERHEARD**

"So today is Week 6 of Bread Loaf."

"I spilled syrup on my pants." "You're an artist and breakfast is your medium."

"My brain is broken. Maybe that's good for writing?"

"You're at Bread Loaf and you had a stress dream about a *toaster*?!"

"I would shake your hand but I'm not sure what's on it."

"I love dread."



<b>Tiny Horoscopes</b> Last day on the mountain			
<b>ARLES</b>	Have a picnic		Take a cat nap
TAURUS	in the meadow Get both desserts	MA	Write a thank- you note
GEMINI	Wear your power color	X SAG.	Put on your dancing shoes
69 CANCER	Take a selfie with your workshop	Me CAP.	Walk with a friend to the creek
e Leo	Stargaze	AQU.	Pull a tarot card
M VIRGO	Buy yourself a birthday book	H	Smell the hy- drangeas



**BREAD LOAF** by Reed Turchi

composed in James Allen Hall's craft class

An obsession with words is the center of Bread Loaf, to dance of despair in a tent-er at Bread Loaf -

Some write narrative poems, others drink lyric — the twist & the rhyme is the grounder at Bread Loaf.

Do you know what it means to read in the clouds? This poem, like so many, a glimmer of Bread Loaf.

Moose crossing! Hookups! Cafeteria Gossip! What will you tell your lover of Bread Loaf?

Oh, poets, why doth the fond meadow grow? Trust in your voice, oh you Reed-er at Bread Loaf.