

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.
"Late Style," by Brock Clarke,
Little Theater

10:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
Fiction Workshops

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

1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Blue Parlor Reading, Barn Tent

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Craft Classes

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Reading: Kristina Gorcheva-
Newbery, Aram Mrjoian,
Hyeseung Song, and Christian
Wessels

5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Book Signing and Reception,
Willa Cather Tea Cabin
(Rain location: Barn)

6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Reading: Chinelo Okparanta and
Patrick Phillips

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Blue Parlor Reading, Barn Tent

9:00 p.m. - 12 a.m.
Nightly Barn Pub

Book Signing and Reception

The book signing and reception will take place today at the Willa Cather Tea Cabin at 5:15 p.m. Authors will be available to sign copies of their books while everyone enjoys refreshments. The Bookstore will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. today to ensure that last-minute shoppers can get books just before the signing. There are so many gorgeous books by Bread Loaf Faculty, Fellows, Guests, and Participants available. So, go make some of those hard-earned writer dollars rain! In the event of actual rain, the book signing and reception will be held in the Barn.



Craft Class Corner

Five more craft classes are here to save your lives! Please note that any required handouts are available on the table in the Inn.

"Dangerous Satires: Writing Ridiculousness for Ridiculous Times," with
Rion Scott - Barn 101

"Imagery as Interiority: Grafting Emotion and Psychology onto
Description," with Amanda Rizkalla - Barn 206

"The Permeable Narrator: Craft and Consciousness in a More-Than-
Human World," with Sarah Cypher - Barn 204

"Narrative Distance and Fictional Time," with Daniel S.C. Sutter - Barn
205

"Endings as Openings," with Paul Lisicky - Barn 102

"The Duplex," with Jericho Brown - Dining Room (**LOCATION
CHANGED TO DINING ROOM**)

WEATHER

Partly cloudy

High 79°, Low 57 °

GUESTS

Please welcome **Lindsay Garbutt,**
Steven Kleinman, and Jenny
Molberg!

Safe Travels to Maggie Cooper, Don
Fehr, Katie Raissian, and Owen Park.

The Centennial Bread Loaf Writer's Cramp: A Race for the Ages

It was a good day for a race.

One of the staff members, who transformed into "Coach" for the race, made a pronouncement: "This year's group is not as athletic as last year's."

He smiled as he offered this as encouragement to the first runner to show up.

"I feel a little attacked by this," the runner responded, continuing to stretch.

And so began the 2026 Writer's Cramp Race.

Slowly, more athletes drizzled in, not unlike the rain.

One of the faculty, a certain poet, declared that if he were running, he would have won.

"I thought it was cancelled!" he said. "Cause of the rain."

"Can I take a shortcut?" one runner asked.

"If you cheat, Willa Cather's ghost will haunt you," Coach responded.

"Slowest person wins," another runner declared.

Then came the question of the route.

A map appeared. One staff member passed it to another, as none of them felt entirely confident reading it.

"I don't have my readers," said one.

"I think you go this way," said another.

Finally, the youngest member of the group, possessing the superpowers of youth and map-reading skills, took the map and talked everyone through the route.

Finally, it was time.

Coach hyped them.

"Where are we?"

Confused, the group responded, "Bread Loaf?"

"What are we doing?"

"Running!"

"Where are we?" he intoned again.

"Bread Loaf!"

"What are we doing?"

"Running!"

And then they were off.

-T. Love



1st Place: Deniz Han Kuypers
2nd Place: Aram Mrjoian
3rd Place: Mark Lewis

The Wild Blue (Parlor) Yonder

The Blue Parlor continues its run of absolute dominance with off-the-wall readings, light refreshments, and incisive communal questioning, today at 1:15 p.m.

Today's daytime lineup features: Alexa Marcasciano, Jackie Munn, Megan Bresnahan, Heather Phelan, Bayan Adileh, Emily Rita Roche, Tanya Žilinskas, Michelle Lozano, Lindsay Nash, Maya McLeroy, Leah Sammak, Isabela Peixoto, Dana Chiueh, and Heidi Joffe.

And in the evening Blue Parlor will feature: Justin Howerton, chang joon an, Kailyn McCord, Hannah Smith, Elaina Erola, Marsha McKeon, Alicia Ortega, Valeriya Safronova, Junmoke James, Flower Conroy, Lauren Oertel, Kate Jenkins, Alex Suthard, and Sofi Stambo.

And thanks to the writers who read yesterday: Jean-Paul Arnaud-Marquez, Joshua Barnes, Pam Vap, Doris Cheng, Barbara Fant, Genevieve Beltran, Tobin Whittaker, Timi Sanni, Abigail Dembo, Lucy Mulroney, Kimberly Davis, Abhijit Sarmah, Lis Wiley, and Eugene Acre.

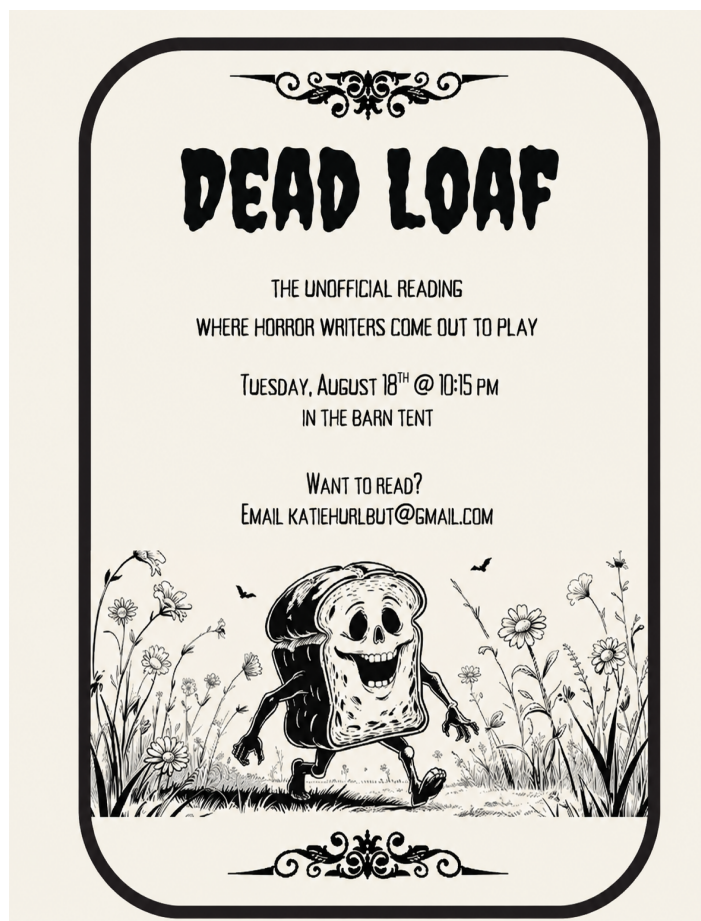
We hope to share the Blue Parlor's convivial atmosphere of raucous joy with you! It's good for your circulation. See you this afternoon!

Contact Soo J. Hong and Tobi Kassim with all relevant questions, pictures, and trivialities at soo@soojhong.com and tobi.kassim@gmail.com

FACULTY FLASHBACK!



Chigozie Obioma, the cutest nerd ever, winning "Best Literature Student" in the Primary School in 1998.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Chance to Arrange!

This is your last call to arrange transportation away from the mountain with Jessica's Vital Transit (unless you plan on living in the woods). You have till 5 p.m. today, so get a move on! Call (802) 349-8833.

Last Day to Send Packages

If you want to send a package from the Front Desk, remember Thursday is the last day.

Conselor on Campus

For mental health matters, please contact our counselor, Antonia Losano, at alosano@middlebury.edu to make an appointment. Today, Antonia is available on the Bread Loaf campus between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. (in person or via zoom). From the 19th until the 22nd, she is available only remotely. Counseling is free of cost!

COMMUNITY ITEMS

Cheers to all the wonderful Bread Loafers hosting events and building community on the Mountain and beyond! Here's what's going on, so read up and mark your calendars!

Wednesday, August 19

Rainier Writing Workshop Info Session

The Rainier Writing Workshop in Tacoma, Washington, is one of the best low-residency MFA programs in the country. Many Broad Loafers have gone on to attend RWW. Find out about the program in this info session with Rick Barot (program director) and Aram Mrjoian (faculty member), Wednesday, August 19 at 5:30 p.m. in Barn 101.

Mushroom Walk Alert!

Fervent forager? Ardent Amanita lover? Simply fungi-curious? Let's meet at 5:15 on the Inn Porch on Wednesday, August 19 to go on a wild mushroom foray in the woods. Irene Jiang will do her best to help identify some fun mushroom guys, or at least point them out. Bug spray advised. No experience necessary!

Tiny Horoscopes

Scooby-Doo Villains



ARIES

The Miner
49er



LIBRA

The Phantom
Disc Jockey



TAURUS

Big Bob
Oakley



SCORPIO

The Ghost of
Captain Cutler



GEMINI

The Space
Kook



SAG.

The Thawed
Caveman



CANCER

The Tar
Monster



CAP.

The Phantom
Virus



LEO

Charlie The
Haunted
Robot



AQU.

Old Iron Face



VIRGO

The Sheep
Rustler



PISCES

Revolta and the
Grim Creeper

OVERHEARD

"I wish I could have cats. I just have kids."

"You can't go to the barn dance in cashmere."

"Pencils are for people who can't make decisions."

"Are you gay, and are you reading? I'm gay, and I'm reading."

Gather ye overheards while ye may! (And send them our way at blcrumb@gmail.com)

Today's Menu

Lunch: Split Pea Soup, Buffalo, General Tso, and BBQ Chicken Wings, Vegan Buffalo Wings, Lemon Pasta with Chickpeas and Parsley, Turkey Wraps, Potato Boats, Roasted Cauliflower

Dinner: Chicken and Eggplant Parm, Shrimp Fra Diablo, Spaghetti, Penne and GF Pasta, Atwater Meat Sauce, Marinara Sauce, Alfredo Sauce, Pesto, Tofu Stir-fry, Garlic Bread, Fresh Vegetable du Jour