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The 'B' is not silent!

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

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TODAY'S EVENTS
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast, Bread Loaf Inn
9:00 a.m. Lecture: "Rilke and the Posthumous Voice," by Mark Wunderlich, Little Theater
10:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Fiction Workshops
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch, Bread Loaf Inn
2:30 p.m. Craft Classes
4:15 p.m. Reading: Ayşe Papatya Bucak, Robert W. Fieseler, and Stacey D'Erasmo, Little Theater
5:15 p.m. Book Signing and Reception, Treman Lawn (Rain location: Barn)
5:15 p.m. Yoga, between the Barn parking lot and the row of cottages (rain location: Barn 008)
6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Dinner, Bread Loaf Inn
8:15 p.m. Reading: Mitchell S. Jackson and Craig Morgan Teicher, Little Theater
9:30 p.m. Reading: Administrative Staff Scholars (night 2 of 2), Little Theater

Book Signing and Reception

The book signing and reception will take place today on the Treman Lawn at 5:15 p.m. Authors will be available to sign copies of their books while all participants enjoy refreshments. The Bookstore will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. today to ensure that last-minute shopers can get books just before the signing. There are so many gorgeous books by Bread Loaf Faculty, Fellows, Guests, and Contributors 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

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

"Mind F*ck," with Melissa Febos - Barn Classroom 101

"Reporting for Creative Writers," with Emma Copely Eisenberg - Barn Classroom 206

"Narrative and Minor Characters," with Taymour Soomro - Barn Classroom 205

"A Wrinkle in Space-Time," with Nawaaz Ahmed - Barn Classroom 203

"The Literal and the Figurative," with Jennifer Grotz - Barn Classroom 102



The Writers' Cramp Race Results Are in!

Following a night of raucous dancing and great merriment in the Barn Tent, a small group of athletes gathered outside the Annex building just before 8:00 a.m. for the annual Writers' Cramp Race. As the runners, brimming with health and fortitude, rounded the corner and headed up toward the Barn, this writer settled onto the Annex porch with her buffet breakfast and a book. The sun shone. The goldenrod glowed. How many ways can potatoes be prepared, she wondered, and which is the best way, the truest way. If she purchases fancy, attractive running shoes, would she, too, be inspired to tackle a 2.75 mile loop on gravel roads and moderately busy highways all the way to the Homer Noble Farmhouse and back?

Passersby to the Annex extended morning greetings and relayed plans to fetch water for friends still abed. The runners were out there, running, and here we were, not running. And then it happened: the first runner rounded the bend in front of the Inn, huffing, sprinting, winning. How was the course, she was asked. "Hilly," she gasped. And then more runners came, and more, and they were all triumphant, radiating with achievement and good cheer.

Congratulations to all participants in the day's race, and to all runners generally! A special nod to our winners: Kristen Tracey, with a time of 20:30; Mike Kerin, 21:35; and Stephen Kahn, 24:51.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tomorrow:
LGBTQ+ Reading

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.

Tomorrow:
Mark of the Yeast

At night, the temperature is dropping, and owls sing their hunting songs. If crisp air stirs your creepy soul, join us on Wednesday at 11:00 p.m. for a night of scary stories in the Barn Tent. Do you dare to read? Bring a poem or a short piece of fiction or nonfiction—something that evokes fear, the unsettling, the disturbing, or just plain spookiness. Contact adamkarlin@gmail.com for more information. See you on the Other Side...

Administrative Staff Scholar Reading Tonight

Gather at the Little Theater at 9:30 p.m. to hear part two of the Administrative Staff Scholar readings. Come on down and support the folks that keep Bread Loaf humming along! Reading tonight are: Adrienne Chung, Dolapo Demuren, Jennifer Funk, Jason Lamb, Suhail Mandani, Preeti Parikh, Phil SaintDenisSanchez, Rowan Sharp, and Zoë Ruiz.



WEATHER

Feeling scattered? So are today's thunderstorms!

High 73 °, Low 60 °

GUESTS

Extend a warm welcome to **Ibrahim Ahmad** and **Gerald Maa**!
Today we bid a fond farewell to Nicole Terez Dutton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Up for Grabs: Free train ticket from Middlebury to NYC! Train leaves Middlebury on Saturday at 11:01 a.m. Van to the train station leaves the Bread Loaf Inn at 10 a.m. First come first served for the ticket! Send an email to Elizabeth Nunez at Rocksb1@aol.com

New Book Alert!
Stacey D'Erasmo's new book, *The Complicities*, does not come out until September 20, but we do have some copies for sale in the Bookstore. Come get one before the rest of the world does.

A Weather Warning
Scattered thunderstorms are predicted for a few days this week. In case of thunder and lightning, the Barn Tent will be temporarily off limits for safety!

OVERHEARD

"You know what? I'm just too genuine."

"I married a yoga teacher. I wasn't thinking through this. At all."

"I think it's nice that there's community in hell."

"Some relationships need to be teased open."

"Breadcrumbs might have been given, but we need some toast."

"I'm not sure I remember because this was pre-leeches."

"I'm gonna start holding a non-attachment attitude toward that ice cream just in case it runs out."

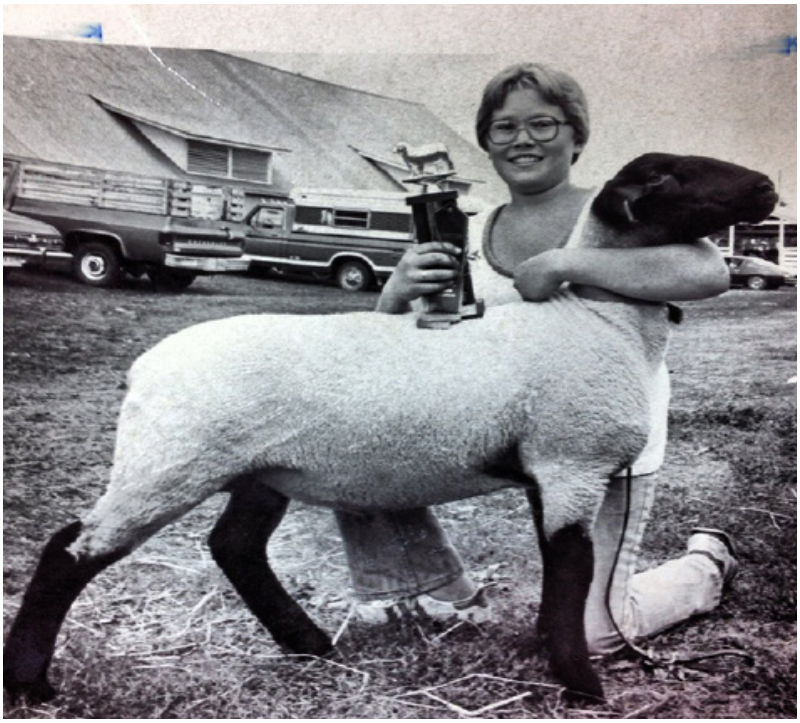
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(And send them our way!)

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FACULTY FLASHBACK!

Do you recognize this Bread Loafer from his younger years? Hint: the lamb is named Cuthbert.



Tiny Horoscopes

What color is your aura today?

ARIES	Electric lizard	LIBRA	Cotton candy
TAURUS	Crème brulee	SCORPIO	Neon carrot
GEMINI	Desert lily	SAG.	Razzle dazzle rose
CANCER	Enchanting ginger	CAP.	Mossy pebble
LEO	Hawaiian passion	AQU.	Whisper yellow
VIRGO	Cherry bomb	PISCES	Spanish olive