Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Schedule 2026

Wednesday Aug. 12	Thursday Aug. 13	*New Time Schedule*	Friday Aug. 14	Saturday Aug. 15	Sunday Aug. 16	Monday Aug. 17
	YOGA* 7 AM to 8 AM	**7 AM to 8 AM**	**YOGA***	**YOGA***	**YOGA***	**YOGA***
BREAKFAST 7:30 to 8:30 AM	**BREAKFAST 7:30 to 8:30 AM**	**7:30 AM to 8:30 AM**	**BREAKFAST**	**BREAKFAST**	**BREAKFAST**	**BREAKFAST**
REGISTRATION **10 AM to 5 PM**	**LECTURE** "On Willa Cather: A Love Story," by Camille T. Dungy	**9 AM to 10 AM**	**LECTURE** "Skip the Boring Parts: Poetry as Collaboration," by Patrick Phillips	**LECTURE** "On Failure," by Elizabeth McCracken	**LECTURE** "Sound Trails: Sound in Prose Writing," by Paul Lisicky	**NO WORKSHOPS** **RACE FOR FUN** Writers' Cramp Race (9 AM, start next to Annex)
REGISTRATION	**ORIENTATION FOR BREAD LOAFERS (OPTIONAL)** (10:30 AM to 11 AM, Little Theater) **BLUE PARLOR READING SERIES INFO MEETING** (11:15 AM to 11:45 AM, Barn Tent)	**WORKSHOPS take place from 10:10 AM to 12:10 PM** **For other programs, see individual listings for start times.**	**WORKSHOPS** Poetry and Nonfiction	**WORKSHOPS** Fiction	**WORKSHOPS** Poetry and Nonfiction	**LECTURE** "What Is A Novel For?" by Alexander Chee (10 AM, Little Theater) **BLUE PARLOR READING** (11 AM, Barn Tent)
LUNCH - available 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM	**LUNCH 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM**	**LUNCH - available 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**	**LUNCH**	**LUNCH**	**LUNCH**	**PICNIC 12:30 PM**
REGISTRATION	**ALL WORKSHOPS MEET 1:30 PM to 4 PM** (See your workshop packet cover for the location.)	**1:15 PM**	**BLUE PARLOR READING** (Barn Tent)	**BLUE PARLOR READING** (Barn Tent)	**BLUE PARLOR PRESENTS** LGBTQ+ Reading (Barn Tent)	**PICNIC AT FROST FARM** Picnic at 12:30 PM and a talk on Robert Frost at 1:30 PM
BREAD LOAF CAMPUS TOURS **3 PM and 4 PM** (Meet on the Front Porch of the Bread Loaf Inn.)		**Programs start at various times—see individual listings for start times.**	**A TALK ON PROSE** "Getting the Pitch Right," with Miriam Altshuler (3 PM, Little Theater)	**CRAFT CLASSES** (2:30 PM)	**CRAFT CLASSES** (2:30 PM)	**BIPOC WRITERS PANEL** "Writing for the Culture" (3 PM, Little Theater)
REGISTRATION	**READING 4:15 PM** Esther Lin, Amanda Rizkalla, and Daniel S.C. Sutter	**4:15 PM**	**READING** Armen Davoudian, Dionne Irving, and Maria Hummel	**READING** Olufunke Grace Bankole, A.D. Lauren-Abunassar, and Rion Amilcar Scott	**READING** James Ciano, Omer Friedlander, Lillian Li, and M Lin	**READING** Jennifer Eli Bowen, Oluwaseun Olayiwola, and Brian Trapp (4:30 PM, Little Theater)
REGISTRATION ENDS 5:00 PM **NIGHTLY BARN SOCIAL** (5:15 PM to 6:15 PM, Barn)	**COCKTAIL RECEPTION** (Treman Lawn, 5:15 PM; rain location: Barn)	**NIGHTLY BARN SOCIAL 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM, Barn**				
DINNER - available 6 PM to 7:45 PM	**DINNER - available 6 PM to 7:45 PM**	**DINNER - available 6 PM to 7:45 PM**	**DINNER**	**DINNER**	**DINNER**	**DINNER**
OPENING 8 PM Welcome by Jennifer Grotz; Reading by Special Guest Julia Alvarez	**READING 8 PM** Catherine Barnett and Brock Clarke	**8 PM**	**READING** Toni Jensen and Tiphanie Yanique	**READING** Marie-Helene Bertino and Chigozie Obioma	**READING** Rick Barot and Alexander Chee	**READING** Camille T. Dungy and Elizabeth McCracken
BREAD LOAF BIRTHDAY CAKE AND CHAMPAGNE TOAST IN THE BARN (9 PM, Barn)	**BREAD LOAF CENTENNIAL SLIDE SHOW** (9 PM, Little Theater) **BARN PUB** (9 PM to midnight, Barn)	**9 PM** **NIGHTLY BARN PUB** (9:00 PM to midnight, Barn)	**READING** Administrative Staff Scholars (night 1 of 2)	**READING** Administrative Staff Scholars (night 2 of 2)	**DANCE** (9 PM to midnight, Barn)	

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	Tuesday Aug. 18	Wednesday Aug. 19	Thursday Aug. 20	Friday Aug. 21	Saturday Aug. 22
7 AM to 8 AM	**YOGA***	**YOGA***	**YOGA***	**YOGA***	
7:30 AM to 8:30 AM	**BREAKFAST**	**BREAKFAST**	**BREAKFAST**	**BREAKFAST**	**BREAKFAST**
9 AM to 10 AM	**LECTURE** "Late Style," by Brock Clarke	**LECTURE** "The Art of Description," by Rick Barot	**LECTURE** "Two Cinderellas," by Maria Hummel	**LECTURE** "The Everyday Divine," by Marie-Helene Bertino	**DEPARTURE** Please plan to head out by noon.
WORKSHOPS take place from 10:10 AM to 12:10 PM **For other programs, see individual listings for start times.**	**WORKSHOPS** Fiction	**WORKSHOPS** Poetry and Nonfiction	**WORKSHOPS** Fiction **POETRY PUBLISHING PANEL** (10:15 AM, Little Theater)	**BLUE PARLOR PRESENTS** "One Minute in Heaven" Reading (10:15 AM, Little Theater)	
LUNCH - available 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM	**LUNCH**	**LUNCH**	**LUNCH**	**LUNCH - available 11:30 AM to 1 PM**	
1:15 PM	**BLUE PARLOR READING** (Barn Tent)	**BLUE PARLOR READING** (Barn Tent)	**PROSE PUBLISHING PANEL** (Little Theater)	**ALL WORKSHOPS MEET** **1:30 PM to 3:30 PM**	
2:30 PM	**CRAFT CLASSES** (2:30 PM)	**CRAFT CLASSES** (2:30 PM)	**CRAFT CLASSES** (2:30 PM)		
4:15 PM	**READING** Kristina Gorcheva-Newberry, Aram Mrjoian, Hyeseung Song, and Christian Wessels	**READING** Sarah Cypher, Keith S. Wilson, and Paul Lisicky	**READING** Charles Baxter, Michael Collier, and Edward Hirsch	**READING** Mary Helen Callier, Jon Hickey, and Jennifer Grotz	
5:30 PM **NIGHTLY BARN SOCIAL** (5:15 PM to 6:15 PM, Barn)	**BOOK SIGNING AND RECEPTION** (Tea Cabin Lawn, 5:15 PM; rain location: Barn)		**GALA RECEPTION** (West Lawn, 5:15 PM; rain location: Barn)		
DINNER - available 6 PM to 7: 45 PM	**DINNER**	**DINNER**	***DINNER at 7 PM***	**SPECIAL FINAL DINNER**	
8 PM	**READING** Chinelo Okparanta and Patrick Phillips	**SPECIAL FILM SHOWING** *Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am* (Little Theater)	**READING** Jericho Brown and Lauren Francis-Sharma	**READING** Gabrielle Calvocoressi and Luis Alberto Urrea	
9 PM **NIGHTLY BARN PUB** (9 PM to midnight, Barn)	**BLUE PARLOR READING** (Barn Tent)		**BLUE PARLOR PRESENTS** "From the Dark Tower" Reading (Barn Tent)	**DANCE** (9 PM to midnight, Barn)	

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