

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 oo8

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast, Bread Loaf Inn

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. "For Real: Writing Characters of Color, and Staying in Your Own Integrity of Character," by Tiphanie Yanique, Little Theater

10:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Poetry & Nonfiction Workshops

> 12:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch, Bread Loaf Inn

> > 2:30 p.m. Craft Classes

4:15 p.m. Reading: Sindya Bhanoo, Amanda Gunn, and David Treuer, Little Theater

5:30 p.m. **Blue Parlor Presents:** LGBTQ+ Reading, Barn Tent

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

8:15 p.m. Reading: Carl Phillips and Emily Raboteau, Little Theater

> 9:15 p.m. - Midnight Dance, Barn Tent

Today's Craft Classes

Get excited for another round of craft classes at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon! Please check the lobby for handouts. Here come six more:

"Pivotal Scenes: Purpose, Passion, and Perception," with Tania James, Barn Classroom 102

"Denial, Dread, and Discontinuity: Defining & Creating Internal Suspense," with Dean Bakapoulos, Barn Tent

"We Only Eat on Tuesdays: Creating Story Through Worldbuilding," with Gerardo Sámano Córdova, Barn Classroom 203

"The Lives of Others," with Sierra Crane Murdoch, Barn Classroom 204

"Skip the Boring Parts," with Patrick Phillips, Barn Classroom 101

"Engaging the Unconscious, Writing Deep Images," with Gabrielle Bates Barn Classroom 206

Craft classes will also be offered on Tuesday, August 22; Wednesday, August 23; and Thursday, August 24.



Craft Class Sign-up News

There is a new craft class sign up process. Bear with us as we try to make improvements. Details are below.

Craft class sign-ups will now go out the day before they are scheduled to meet. The signup for Tuesday's craft classes will go out tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. to participants' and fellows' personal emails. Craft classes are capped at 25 participants with no waiting list, and they fill up promptly. See the full posting schedule below.

Monday, August 21 at 9:00 a.m. – Sign-ups for the Tuesday, August 22 classes

Tuesday, August 22 at 8:00 a.m. — Sign-ups for the Wednesday, August 23 classes

Wednesday, August 23 at 8:00 a.m. - Sign-ups for the Thursday, August 24

The Blue Parlor Readings signup process will remain as planned with signup links going out next on Tuesday, August 22 at 8:30 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tomorrow's Adjusted **Schedule**

After days of overstimulation, participants get a more relaxing day. Tomorrow, workshops will not meet, and our schedule is adjusted to give you some leisure time. Highlights of the day will include the annual Writers' Cramp Race; the lecture "The Structure of a Story Compared to a Bubble," by Jess Row; the picnic at the Frost Farm; the next Blue Parlor Reading; readings by Rachel Beanland, Janine Joseph, Tomás Q. Morín, Vievee Francis, and Laura van and the second of den Berg; our Administrative Staff Scholar readings. Sounds relaxing, right?

Community Item

Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) writers at Bread Loaf! Let's meet as an affinity group for lunch today at 12:15 p.m. in the outdoor tented dining area! Much love, Annie Tan 646-525-8587





Administrative Staff Scholar Reading Tomorrow!

Since they look like professional bartenders, administrative assistants, and newspaper tycoons, you might not immediately realize that the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference Back Office Staff, Social Staff, Little Theater Techs, *The Crumb* Editors, and Blue Parlor Coordinators are all talented poets and prose writers as well. Don't miss their first reading tonight! In keeping with this publication's high standard of journalistic integrity, we would like to state the objective truth: It will be terrific!

Gather at the Little Theater at 9:30 p.m. to hear the work of Diana Cao, Lei Hu, Jason Lamb, Anja Mei-Ping Kuipers, Sebastián Páramo, Phil SaintDenisSanchez, Jon Sargent, Angela Siew, and Noah Stetzer.

Join Us For Tonight's LGBTQ+ Reading!

The Blue Parlor is on fire! So far, our esteemed writers have performed for incredible crowds against the beautiful backdrop of mountains and sky. The Barn Tent has been LIT in more ways than one.

This evening at 5:30 p.m. the Barn Tent will host a special Blue Parlor reading: the LGBTO+ Reading! The line-up features Caitlin Eichorn, Nuasheen Chowdhury, Mark Spero, Christina Roscoe, Jake Deluca, Milly Itzhak, Laura Mauldin, Dane Slutzky, Swati Sudarsan, Flower Conroy, Yeva Johnson, Kevin Pires, PJ Henry, Itiola Jones, and emet ezell.

Don't forget: The sign-up sheets for Week Two's readings will go out on Tuesday August 22nd at 8:30 a.m., and the sign ups for the From the Dark Tower Reading and the rapid-fire One Minute in Heaven Reading will go out on Tuesday August 22nd at 1:00 p.m. See you tonight!

Contact Megan Pinto or Sebastián Páramo with questions, pictures, or jokes.

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Please Don't Litter in the Little Theater!

Somebody—many somebodies, in fact—have been leaving trash in the Little Theater. Please do not be one of these somebodies. Take your coffee cups, candy wrappers, Kleenexes, etc. with you when you leave, and throw them away in the appropriate receptacle.

Barn Social & Pub

Beer and wine are available for purchase most evenings in the Barn at 5:15 p.m. and again at 9:30 p.m. Complimentary beer, wine, and soda will be available on the nights (like tonight!) when dances are held in the Barn Tent.

GUESTS

Today we welcome **Janet Silver** and **Ethan Nosowosky.**

Safe travels to Ian Bonaparte, Amy Hundley, and Anjali Singh.





Let's Dance... The First Dance... Toniiiiiiiiiight!

Tonight at 9:15 p.m., you're greatly encouraged to come to the Barn Tent and show off your sweet, sweet dance moves. We'll provide the DJ and the free drinks.

Speaking of drinks: A few friendly reminders.

- Only one alcoholic beverage can be served to an individual at a time.
- Participants who look young will be carded, so be sure to bring your valid ID.
- A cordoned perimeter around the Barn and Barn Tent will let you know where the drinking of booze is permitted; please do not try to take your drink out of that designated area.
- If you have a special bottle of Pappy Van Winkle or homemade mezcal in your room, great! Leave it there. Bringing your own alcohol to the event is a no-go.

Jazz hands

Frost Farm Picnic Just Around the Corner

On Monday, August 21, lunch will be served as a picnic at Frost Farm rather than in the dining room. A beloved tradition at the conferences, the picnic takes place at Frost Farm, about 1.5 miles from the Bread Loaf Inn, and is followed by a tour of Frost's summer cabin nearby. Usually unavailable to the public, the cabin is unlocked and made available for this special event. The picnic will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Monday. Jennifer Grotz will say a few words about the cabin and share a Robert Frost poem at 1:30 p.m. While many may want to make the walk down to the Frost Farm, transportation will also be available. Those who would like a ride should gather in front of the Bread Loaf Inn at 12:15 p.m.

To reach the Frost Farm, either take the marked path in the woods behind the Barn or turn right from the Inn porch and walk .7 miles down Route 125. Turn right onto Frost Road/USFS Road 396 (unmarked), just before the Robert Frost Wayside; the farm is roughly .8 miles up the road. Those walking should plan to leave at noon.

Please note: If the weather prevents us from holding this event, we'll post new information on the front door of the Dining Room by 11:00 a.m. on Monday.

Writers' Cramp Race

Don't let the name scare you off — the Writers' Cramp Race is a friendly competition along a 2.75 mile course. It begins tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. Runners of all skill levels should meet by the front porch of the Annex by 7:45 a.m. for instructions and an overview of the course, which winds through the campus and down to the Frost Farm. Volunteers are welcome to help with providing water and cheering. Runners can get a late breakfast in the Dining Room. For everyone not participating in the race, breakfast will end as usual at 8:30 a.m.

OVERHEARD

"That's not you. That's the editorial you."

"Does urine freeze?"

"Unless death is like the best orgasm of all-time..."

"Babies vacuuming? Or a vacuum of babies?"

"Oh noooo, I just remembered I have an egg in my pocket again!"

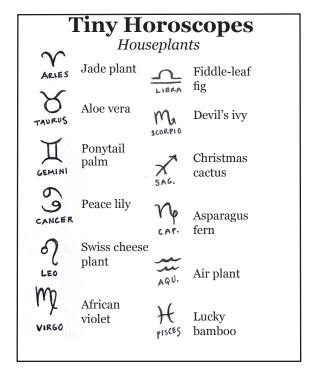


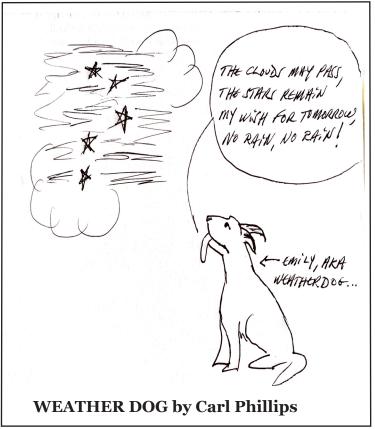
Overheard anything interesting? Email us at blcrumb@gmail.com

Faculty Flashback!



Psst... Did you know TODAY is Luis Alberto Urrea's birthday? Happy Birthday, Luis!!!





WEATHER

Sunny

High: 75° Low: 53°

Looks like Emily's incantation worked...