

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: "The Heisenberg
Variations: Invention, Revision,
and Uncertainty," by Jennifer
Finney Boylan, Little Theater

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Reading Period

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

1:30-4:00 p.m.
All Workshops Meet

4:15 p.m.
Reading: Jay Gao, Miciah Bay
Gault, and Joseph Earl Thomas,
Little Theater

5:15 p.m.
Cocktail Reception, Treman Lawn
(rain location: Barn Tent)

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

7:30 p.m.
Blue Parlor Informational
Meeting, Barn Tent

8:15 p.m.
Reading: Gerardo Sámano
Córdova, Patrick Phillips,
and Tiphonie Yanique,
Little Theater

9:30 p.m. - Midnight
Barn Pub

98th Conference Begins!

The Bread Loaf Writers' Conference kicked off yesterday, making 2023 the ninety-eighth year that writers have gathered together here on the mountain to read, listen, dance, and discuss. This year's 280 participants hail from all over the world and all stages of their writing careers!

Whether you're a returning participant leaping joyfully into your old friends' arms, or a first-timer wandering campus in search of the restrooms, we're so glad you're here.

The Adirondack chairs are out, the fields are bright with goldenrod, and we're all looking forward to a fantastic ten days of craft, creativity, and connection here in Ripton.

Workshop Locations

Please note that locations are only for today, Thursday, August 17. A van to the Dragon's Den will leave from the front of the Inn at 1:15 p.m.

- Dean Bakopoulos - Treman Living Room
- Erin Belieu- Dining Tent
- Jennifer Finney Boylan - Barn 203
- Christopher Castellani- Tamarack Living Room
- Victoria Chang - Library Main Floor
- Alice Elliott Dark - Barn 102
- Vievee Francis - Blue Parlor
- Elisa Gabbert - Barn 206
- Tania James - Library Upstairs (back end of building)
- Tomás Q. Morín - Inn West Seminar
- Matthew Olzmann - Dragon's Den Living Room
- Carl Phillips - Barn Tent
- Patrick Phillips - Barn 204
- Emily Raboteau - Fritz Living Room
- Jess Row - Barn 205
- David Treuer - Barn Observatory
- Luis Alberto Urrea - Barn Main Room
- Laura van den Berg - Barn 008
- Tiphonie Yanique - Barn 101
- Paul Yoon - Library Upstairs (front end of building)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cocktail Reception at Treman

Meet your fellow Bread Loafers at a cocktail reception on the Treman Lawn at 5:15 p.m. Make sure to bring your ID. (Rain location: Barn Tent.)

Forget Amazon!

The conference has a bookstore stocked with publications from faculty, fellows, and contributors. The Bookstore is located at the back of the Annex building. In addition to books, the store carries clothing. Drop by and say hello to Riley Earle and Ruth Fuller, who run the emporium.

Be sure to check the Bookstore door for the most up-to-date hours.

Apple Cellar Tech

Having trouble accessing the wireless network? Our kindly Apple Cellar Techs, will be on hand in the computer lab to help with any issues today, Thursday, August 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Friday, August 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**TODAY: First Craft Class Sign-Ups!**

Craft Class sign-ups for Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20 will be emailed today at 10:30 a.m. Classes are capped at 25 participants and fill up fast. *The Crumb* recommends: prepare your choices in advance (check the Craft Class descriptions in your folder), and check your email right on time!

All About Lunch**Staggered Lunch Schedule**

Lunch will be served buffet style, and to avoid long lines, we urge you to follow the procedure noted here, based on your workshop schedule:

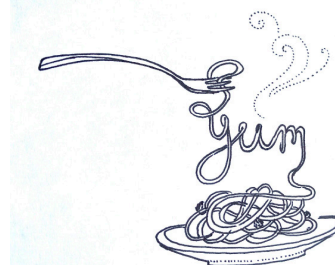
On days when your workshop does not meet, please go to the Dining Room starting at 12:00 p.m.

On days when your workshop does meet, please go to the Dining Room at 12:30 p.m. Lunch service continues until 1:30 p.m.

We encourage you to eat outside as much as possible.

Reminders

- Meal times are prompt. Running short on time? Just grab a to-go cup!
- Enjoy the fresh Vermont air! Though it's been raining, we encourage diners to take their meals outside in the tent between the Inn and the Little Theater. For dryer days, there are also picnic blankets and other outdoor seating options.
- Coffee is available in the morning by 6:30 a.m. After breakfast ends, coffee and water are available in the Barn throughout the day.
- If you have an allergy or food concern, please be proactive and discuss any questions or concerns with the Kitchen Staff.
- The doors to the Inn lock after 10:00 p.m. Use code **27000** to enter after hours.



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The Postman Doesn't Ring

If you're expecting mail, please check in at the Front Desk.

The Silence of the Phones

Cell phone reception is selectively available on the mountain. It is a good idea to let your loved ones know this so they don't think you've been eaten by a bear (or a hungry writer).

Should your phone be blessed with reception, please be mindful of where you choose to chat. Meetings will be taking place across campus, so we ask that while in the Dining Room, the Barn, the Little Theater, or on the Inn Porch, you keep to a quieter mode of communication, such as texting or astral projection. In general, please keep your phones on silent.

Smile!

Photographer Edward Brown will be visiting workshops today take group photos. An order form for photos will be available later in the conference.

Pizza in the Barn

Come by the Barn this evening from 10:00 p.m. to midnight. The Conference will provide pizza—until we're all out!



Blue Parlor Informational Meeting

Due to the popularity of the inimitable Blue Parlor reading series, the 2023 readings will, once again, not actually take place in the Blue Parlor. Bread Loaf's own literary salon has moved to fresh digs in the Barn Tent. Here, we will convene to share and celebrate our work, wow each other outside of the workshop, and enjoy pre-dinner snacks, provided by your hosts, Sebastián Páramo & Megan Pinto.

Immediately following dinner this evening at 7:30 p.m., you're invited to the Barn Tent to learn more about the BP reading series and ask questions. Hot topics discussed include: How and where do I sign up? For how long can I read? Can I wear sweatpants? Can I bring wine? This meeting will finish in time to head over to the 8:15 p.m. reading. Information about the Blue Parlor series will be emailed to you from mpinto@middlebury.edu and sparamo@middlebury.edu. Friday, August 18th, the first reading of the season will kick off at 5:30 p.m.! Stay tuned to *The Crumb* for further announcements regarding sign-ups, themes, readers, and other secrets.

For those of you who are unsure about reading, come check us out! We'll laugh, we'll cry, we'll make that appreciative crowd noise in our throats. Join us, Bread Loafers! Let's make some magic on the mountain.

*Questions, concerns, high fives?
Contact Blue Parlor Coordinators*

From the Front Desk

Please keep these guidelines in mind for convenience and safety:

- There is no smoking allowed inside any building on campus or on any porch.
- We suggest you start a room list by each hall phone so building mates can find you if you get a call.
- Please park all cars in the Barn parking lot, not on Route 125, unless you're parked for less than 10 minutes for the purposes of loading and unloading. Those staying at Tamarack, Gilmore, Fritz, Frothingham, Earthworm, and Brandybrook should also park at the Barn when on campus. There are two accessible parking spots, one in front of the Inn and one in back.
- Notify the Front Desk at (802) 443-2700 for minor medical issues. If you have a serious medical emergency, call 911 and then notify the Front Desk. Before 8:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m., when the Front Desk is closed, call (802) 443-2911.

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Explore Scenic Middlebury

Starting tomorrow, van trips to Middlebury leave the Inn around 1:30 p.m. and return from Middlebury at 3:30 p.m. to arrive at Bread Loaf at 4:00 p.m. There is no trip planned today. Sign up at the Front Desk if you'd like to ride into town. Each ride is limited to six people. Note: the driver will not wait for lollygaggers! There are no van trips on Monday, August 21.

Yoga

Joanna Colwell will offer Iyengar yoga classes daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. in Barn 008. The classes are appropriate for all abilities and all are welcome. A handful of mats will be available.

Barn Pub

Every evening at 5:15 p.m., you're invited to do some pre-dinner socializing in the Barn. Beer and wine will be available for purchase, and soft drinks will be available free of charge. The bar in the Barn will open again at 9:30 p.m., after the evening readings.

AA Meetings

AA Meetings are scheduled to take place daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in the Library Upstairs (back end of building). To schedule additional meeting times while on the mountain, just let a Back Office Staff member know. Staff will reserve the room and include a note about the meetings in *The Crumb*. The meetings are self-run and are open to all.

Greetings from Social Staff

Hello, Bread Loaf! We're the Social Staff. We'd love to meet you, so please don't be shy! Like you, we're all writers and will be participating in workshops. All of us have been here before, so if you've got questions about anything on the mountain, please let us know, and we'll do our best to lend a hand. We're glad you're here, and we look forward to your company!

— *Jen Funk, Noah Stetzer, Katia Agniatsvet, Diana Cao, Lei Hu, Suhail Mandani, Sebastian Merrill, and Annie Reid*

WEATHER

Scattered showers
High: 77° Low: 62°



Don't forget your Crumbrella!

GUESTS

Join us in welcoming **Miriam Altshuler, Henry Dunow,** and **Martha Rhodes** to the mountain!

Extra, Extra! Write All About It!

Your paper of record welcomes submissions of news, editorials, recipes, overheard comments, food reviews, limericks, interviews, trivia, comics, doodles, jokes, fashion tips, local lore, moose sightings, ghost stories, missed connections, and requests for advice from conference participants (a.k.a. you!). To submit a piece for consideration, please email your copy to **blcrumb@gmail.com**.

We are also happy to print topics of community interest (volleyball smackdown, jaunt into town, barbershop quartet, etc.). These are limited to a headline, plus thirty words. We will print community items on a first-come, first-served basis as space permits.

You're always welcome to bring us gifts of coffee (cream, no sugar), hot gossip, and funny drawings of cats (or actual cats). We are also writers and are looking forward to meeting you around campus and in workshop. We're very friendly and love meeting new people!

— *Annie Schumacher and Rowan Sharp, Editors*



Knock, knock!
Who's there?
To.
To who?

[Condescendingly] No, no, no. To whom.

FROM THE LITTLE THEATER

1. Bells will ring at 15 and 5 minutes prior to each lecture and reading. Please arrive on time.
2. Trash cans are located near the exits of the Little Theater. We love it when people use them (for trash).
3. Please leave the outside chairs where they are and avoid pulling them up close to the doors.
4. Masks are optional in the Little Theater. Masks are available upon request.
5. Lost valuables will be brought to the Front Desk for safekeeping.

— *Neysa King,
Phil SaintDenisSanchez,
Jon Sargent,
and Mark Spero*

FROM THE LIBRARY

Hi from the Davison Library at Bread Loaf! We invite you to make the library your comfy, book-filled oasis for the next ten days. Please stop by to say hello, relax in the overstuffed chairs, and enjoy our book displays, free printing, and assistance with Wi-Fi. (We're the white building behind the Little Theater.) See you soon!

— *Kellam Ayres, Bread Loaf Librarian
(kayres@middlebury.edu)*





“New potatoes... it’s like eating children... they’re the veal of the potato world.”

“Playwriting is the veal of the conference world.”

“I AM your Pulitzer!!”

“It’s not plural, it’s just charming.”

“Bread Loaf is the only edible mountain in the United States.”

Overhear something amazing? Email it to us (without attribution, of course) at blcrumb@gmail.com.

Tiny Horoscopes

First Morning on the Mountain!

<p>♈ Four-leaf ARIES clovers</p>	<p>♎ Bat your eye- LIBRA lashes</p>
<p>♉ Creekside TAURUS chat?</p>	<p>♏ Arnold Palmer SCORPIO</p>
<p>♊ Turn off your GEMINI phone</p>	<p>♐ Bug spray SAG.</p>
<p>♋ Nap hard CANCER</p>	<p>♑ Call your cat CAP.</p>
<p>♌ NO FILTER LEO</p>	<p>♒ Find your AQU. crush</p>
<p>♍ Sharpen your VIRGO pencils</p>	<p>♓ Bird watch PISCES</p>