

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 008

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

9:00 a.m. Lecture: "Flinging The Soul: On Negative Capability and the Creative Process," by Erin Belieu, Little Theater

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

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Nature Walk with Marc Lapin, Barn

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

> > 2:30 p.m. **Craft Classes**

4:15 p.m. Reading: Jori Lewis, Maggie Millner, Janika Oza, and Caleb Tankersley, Little Theater

5:15 p.m. Book Signing and Reception, Treman Lawn (Rain location: Barn Tent)

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

8:15 p.m. Reading: Jennifer Grotz and Paul Yoon, Little Theater

9:30 p.m. Reading: Administrative Staff Scholars (night two of two), 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 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 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 Tent.



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. The sign-up for Wednesday classes will go out this morning at 8:00 a.m.

"The End," with Tiphanie Yanique, Barn Classroom 101*

"Code Lit," with Matthew Baker, Barn Classroom 206

"Writing Realistic Dialogue," with Rachel Beanland, Barn Classroom 205

"Writing Family Members as Characters," with Alex Marzano-Lesnevich, Barn Classroom 203

"Nothin' but a Thang: Ownership, Identity, & Writing Toward a Radical Normativity," with Vievee Francis, Barn Classroom 102

"Writing Grief," with Jacob Shores-Argüello, Barn Classroom 204



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to Learn More About the Warren Wilson **MFA Program?** Faculty and alumni of the Warren Wilson College MFA Program for Writers will present an information session on the nation's first low-residency MFA program today at 1:15 p.m. in Barn Classroom 101. Bread Loafers interested in completing a low-residency MFA degree in fiction or poetry will have the opportunity to ask questions. They will discuss some of the differences between residential and low-residency programs.

Nature Walk with Marc Lapin

Meet in front of the Barn before heading off into the woods to practice some deep observation. Happening **today** and **Wednesday** from **11:00 a.m. to noon**. Marc Lapin is the College Lands Ecologist and Assistant Laboratory Professor of Environmental Studies at Middlebury College.

The Writers' Cramp Race Results Are in!

Nineteen Bread Loafers gathered in front of the Annex on Monday just before 8:00 a.m. for the annual 2.75-mile Writers' Cramp Race. It was overcast (again), but the sight of writers in colorful athletic wear crowding the sidewalk brought smiles to the faces of their sleepier, more sedentary co-Loafers passing by.

There was a short intro to the route (and a warning about oncoming traffic) and the runners were off towards the Barn! Two Bread Loafers watched from the Cornwall porch eating breakfast in to-go containers. Edward Brown of the Bread Loaf Inn whizzed down Route 125 in a golf cart to pick up an editor, waving and yelling encouragement. Just a few minutes into the race, a latecomer arrived at the Annex, got a quick debrief and ran off to join the others who were probably now running on the dirt road of Route 59.

The Back Office staff set up their toilet paper finish line and cheered as the first runners began the final ascent up the slope past the Bread Loaf Inn. James Davis May (18:56), Braedan Houtman (20:11), and Swati Sudarsan (20:20) led the pack!

Whoops and high-fives were abound as the Loafers continued to cross the finish line, but most found the toilet paper too flimsy to wipe the sweat dripping off their brows. The runners and walkers celebrated afterwards with breakfast at the picnic tables. Congratulations to all!

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:

> Katia Agniatsvet Megan Pinto Rowan Sharp Annie Schumacher Suhail Mandani Sebastian Merrill Annie Reid Neysa King Mark Spero Jennnifer Funk



WEATHER

Partly cloudy

High 68 °, Low 51 °

GUESTS

Extend a warm welcome to Ladette Randolph, Jenny Xu, Jenna Johnson, Ted Genoways, Marc Lapin, Sigrid Nunez, and Beowulf Sheehan.

Today we bid a fond farewell to Lisa Lucas.

Additional Craft Class on Thursday

Thursday, in addition to the already stellar lineup of craft class, we are proud to offer a second class from Alex Marzano-Lesnevich. Sign-ups for this class and all Thursday classes will go out tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. Alex's class will be as follows:

"Imagined Histories: Writing into Silence", with Alex Marzano-Lesnevich, Barn 206

Together we will consider whether, when, and how to responsibly use empathetic imagining when faced with absences and erasures in the historical record, be those silences personal and familial or of a larger scale. When histories have been erased or obscured, does representing the facts honor what was lost or replicate the violence done? When might we find value in the silence, and when might imagining our way into it become an act of radical reclaiming? How can genre become strategy, to write our way into a more just world? While our focus will be on creative nonfiction, writers of fiction and poetry working with silence will find resonance for their own work.

Bread Loaf Welcomes Photographer Beowulf Sheehan

Beowulf Sheehan will be on campus the next few days to photograph the conference. Be sure to show your pearly whites!

Beowulf Sheehan is a New-York based photographer of figures in the arts and humanities. To date, he's photographed better than 1,000 writers from more than 60 countries. *AUTHOR: The Portraits of Beowulf Sheehan*, a collection of portraits of 200 writers from 35 countries, with a foreword by Salman Rushdie, was published in 2018. *THE AUTHOR PHOTO: Portrait Photographer Beowulf Sheehan on a Life Capturing Writers*, a short film by Claire Ince and Ancil McKain, was an official selection of the 2020 Venice Institute of Contemporary Art Fine Arts Film Festival and the 2020 On Art Film Festival. Sheehan's interview with *Professional Photographer Magazine* was published in January 2023.

BIPOC READING!

Calling all BIPOC writers! In addition to the Dark Tower reading, we will hold another BIPOC Reading at the Barn Tent Wednesday August, 23 at 8:15 p.m. during the free evening time. Priority will go to anyone who hasn't read or will read at Blue Parlor or otherwise, but hopefully everyone will get to read! Signups will be on a physical sheet at the event. Much love, Annie Tan 646-525-8587

If you have an idea for a gathering or reading and would like to reach out to Bread Loafers, send a note to blcrumb@ gmail.com by noon the day before the event, and we'll include a note about it in the next day's issue.

Faculty Flashback!



Erin Belieu in her Rizzo era.



COMMUNITY ITEM: DÆTHLÖF

Tonight 10:30 p.m. in the Barn Tent share scary/spooky stories (they can be your work or just get up & tell a story). 3-5 minutes. Capped at 10 readers. Email me at: philsaintdenissanchez@gmail.com.

WEATHER DOG by Carl Phillips



OVERHEARD

"Like being inside a mouth while it's humming."

"I get that you don't like light pollution, but can we get A street light?!"

"I have daddy issues, so I have come to Bread Loaf."

"We're just glorified cup holders."

"Call me Icarus, I'm always on the verge of melting."

"Sorry, my inner communist is coming out!"

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