



**June 25 – 28, 2015**

**GUESTS, HOSTS, AND PARTICIPANTS**

Claire Eddy, Senior Editor, Tor/Forge Books

Stephen Saffel, Senior Acquisitions Editor, Titan Books

Roseanne Wells, Associate Agent, Jennifer De Chiara Literary Agency

Liz Coley, Author Guest of Honor

## **ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS SCHEDULE**

### **Thursday, June 25**

- 12:00 – 1:00 pm                      Registration, Maura 131
- 1:10-1:30 pm                      **Opening/Meet and Greet, Reeves Theatre**  
- Welcome and opening  
- Overview of schedule and events
- All Afternoon                      NaNoWriDay, Maura 331  
Bring current project to designated writing cave. Bond with other writers or just imbibe the creative vibe.
- 1:30- 2:20 pm                      **Maria V. Snyder, Reeves Theatre**  
*Creating Believable Villains*
- Anna La Voie, Maura 333 (C/P)**  
*Critiquing: How to Ask Better Questions*
- 2:30-3:20 pm                      **Querus Abuttu, Reeves Theatre (C/P)**  
*What's Blood Got to Do With It?*
- Anne Harris, Maura 333**  
*LGBTQ Romance*
- 3:30-4:20 pm                      **Jennifer Della'Zanna, Reeves Theatre**  
*The Anatomy and Physiology of Emotion*
- Cathy Thomas, Maura 333 (P/Copier)**  
*Setting the State: Developing Characters Through Theatrical Conventions*
- 4:30-5:20 pm                      **J. L. Gribble, Deanna Sjolander, and Chris Stout, Reeves Theatre (C/P)**  
*We Are Here to Help: Pick an Editor's Brain*
- Symantha Reagor, Maura 333**  
*Painting with Words: How to Improve Description in Your Writing*
- 5:30-6:30 pm                      **Dinner and Genre Discussions**  
Meet in the cafeteria to discuss the various trends in popular fiction. Each table will feature must read selections from the previous year, or selections that have redefined the genre.
- 8:00 pm                              **Campus Ghost Tour**  
Meet at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Administration Building Reception Desk

**Friday, June 26**

- 8:30 am – 2:00 pm      Registration, Maura 131
- 7:00 – 9:00 am      Coffee Bar at Registration
- 9:00 – 9:50 am      **Pitch Practice with Deanna Sjolander, Reeves Theatre**
- 10:00 – 10:50 am      **Tim Waggoner, Reeves Theatre (C/P)**  
*The Ultimate Guide to Writing Horror*
- Jen Brooks, Maura 333 (C/I)**  
*Publicity Ideas from the Field of Young Adult Literature*
- 11:00-11:50 am      **Lawrence C. Connolly, Reeves Theatre**  
*Flash Fiction*
- Fred Adams, Maura 333**  
*Hills and Dales, Cliffs and Ravines: Reader Emotions and Plot in Fiction*
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm      Lunch on your own, Lowe Dining Hall
- 1:00 – 5:00 pm      **Individual Pitch Sessions**  
- 12-minute sessions for each pitch
- Claire Eddy, Admin Parlor 202**
- Steve Saffel, Admin Parlor 211**
- Roseanne Wells, Admin Parlor 210**
- 1:00 – 3:00 pm      **Individual Critique Sessions**
- Liz Coley, Maura 332**
- 1:00 – 1:50 pm      **Carla E. Anderton, Reeves Theatre**  
*So You Want to Start a Publication...*
- Marge Burke, Maura 333**  
*Oops! Write or Wrong?*
- 2:00 - 2:50 pm      **Ann Kopchik, Reeves Theatre**  
*Romancing the Tropes*

**Liz Martinez, Maura 333**

*Collaboration: The Sum is Greater Than its Parts, or How to Boost Your Writing Career with Anthologies*

3:00 - 3:50 pm

**Deanna Sjolander, Carrie Miller, Aaron Bennett, Reeves Theatres**

*Fashion Frosting*

**Gina Anderson, Maura 333**

*Diversity in Your Writing*

4:00 pm

Queries due to registration desk for Red Pen Query class

5:00-8:00 pm

**WPF Thesis Readings**

**A list of topics is available at registration.**

5:30-6:30 pm

Dinner on your own, Lowe Dining Hall

7:00 – 10:00 pm

**Book Signing with Readings**, McKenna Salvitti Gymnasium  
More than 40 different authors available for book signings and personal questions about their craft.

**Saturday, June 27**

8:00 – 3:00 pm

Registration, Maura 131

7:00 – 9:00 am

Coffee Bar at Registration

9:00-10:15 am

**Claire Eddy, Reeves Theatre**

*Let Me Tell You a Story*

**Steve Saffel, Maura 332**

*The Author's Platform*

10:30-11:45 am

**Roseanne Wells, Reeves Theatre**

*Building Blocks: How World-Building Improves Your Fantasy*

12:00-1:00 pm

**Guest Author Lunch—Liz Coley, Maura 332—*On Retreat***

Lunch on your own, Lowe Dining Hall

1:00-2:15 pm

**Claire Eddy, Reeves Theatre**

*The Current State of the Industry...and Our Corner of the World*

**Steve Saffel, Maura 332**

*Pacing in Original Fiction*

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2:30-3:45 pm

**Liz Coley, Reeves Theatre**  
*Hybrid Vigor*

**Roseanne Wells, Maura 332**  
*Red Pen Query Critique*

4:00-5:15

**Special Guest Panel with Moderator, Reeves Theatre**  
**Claire Eddy, Steve Saffel, Roseanne Wells, Liz Coley**  
Bring your questions about the publishing world. Our fantastic agents, editors, and guest author will be ready to give you answers!

5:30- 6:30 pm

Dinner on your own (available in Lowe Dining Hall)

5:30-6:45 pm

**Readings and Critiques, Meet in Lowe Dining Hall**  
Participants should bring up to 5 pages of a current project to be read aloud and critiqued while you enjoy dinner.

7:00 pm

Public Forum  
**Cecilian Hall**

9:00 pm - Midnight

**Costume Ball**  
Theme: COMICS  
**McKenna Center Lobby**

**Sunday, June 28**

8:00 - 9:00 am

Coffee Bar, Maura 131

**Diana Botsford, Maura 332**  
*Screenwriting Critique Workshop (Pt. 1)*

9:00 - 9:50 am

**Diana Botsford, Maura 332**  
*Screenwriting Critique Workshop (Pt. 2)*

10:00 - 10:50 am

**Blake Hausladen, Maura 333**  
*Hand Sales—How, Where, and Why?*

11:00 - 11:50 am

**Timons Esaias, Maura 332**  
*Why You Won't Have Galleons Without Gunpowder*

**Shelley Adina, Maura 333**  
*Self-Publishing for Beginners*

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Luncheon to celebrate the June WPF graduates. All retreat registrants are invited  
Greensburg Room

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1:00 – 2:30 pm

**Alumni Business Meeting**

3:00

**WPF Commencement**