

2012 Things To Do Off-site

2012 Annual Conference & Bookfair
February 29-March 3, 2012
Chicago, Illinois
Hilton Chicago & Palmer House Hilton

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- **Literary Events**

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- **Print and/or Share the Off-Site Event Schedule**

Literary Events

If the 500 exhibits of the Bookfair and the 400 events on the official schedule of the AWP Conference are not enough for you, you should consider a few of the off-site alternatives, listed below. Please note that your sobriety will be challenged at many of these venues.

Throughout:

6:00PM-
7:15PM

Daily 12-Step Meeting

Location: Lake Huron Room, Hilton Chicago Hotel, 8th Fl.

Cost: Free

Website: soberawp@gmail.com

Sober poets and writers who want to meet up at AWP, please email: soberawp@gmail.com. Daily meetings on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Multiple

Hunger (the play)

Location: Lifeline Theatre

Cost: \$20

Website: <http://www.lifelinetheatre.com/performances/11-12/hunger/index.shtml>

Chicago's Lifeline Theatre presents the world premiere of the dramatic adaptation of Elise Blackwell's novel Hunger. Showtimes are Thursday and Friday at 7:30 pm, Saturday at 4 and 8 pm, and Sunday at 4 pm. Elise will be signing books between the Saturday performances.

Tuesday, February 28:

7:00PM-
8:30PM

The Language of Love and Loss

Location: Heartwood Center, 1818 Dempster, Evanston, IL 60202

Cost: Free

Website: <http://dreamofthings.com/LoveLossPoster.pdf>

An evening of stories and poetry about love and loss: John Rember writes eloquently on the themes

of societal and environmental loss. Susanna Lang's poetry has been described as "creating bridges between the human and nonhuman, dreaming and wakefulness, self and world, and the lost and the living." Mike O'Mary will read from "Saying Goodbye," an anthology of true stories from 31 writers about how we say goodbye to the people, places and things in our lives.

7:30PM

Margot Livesey**Location:** 5233 N. Clark St**Cost:** free**Website:** <http://www.womenandchildrenfirst.com>

Women & Children First Bookstore presents Margot Livesey, reading from her new novel, *The Flight of Gemma Hardy*. Located 4 blocks west of the Red Line "Berwyn" stop.

Wednesday, February 29:

4:00PM-

Marilyn Nelson Reading

4:45PM

Location: Harold Washington College, 30 E. Lake St. (Wabash and State), Rm. 102**Cost:** free**Website:** <http://www.awpwriter.org/conference/2012headlinersbios.php#mnelson>

Nelson, the author of fourteen books and five chapbooks of poetry, including *Carver: A Life In Poems*, finalist for the National Book Award, *A Wreath For Emmett Till*, and *Sweethearts of Rhythm*, is the recipient of the 2012 Robert Frost Medal. She was Poet Laureate of the State of Connecticut for five years, has won several fellowships, and is the founder of the Soul Mountain Retreat

5:30PM-

2012 Festival of Language

10:30PM

Location: The Rock Bottom, One West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois**Cost:** Free**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/AWP-2012-Festival-of-Language-a-reading/110261148999292?sk=wall>

UPDATED: A festival of readers presented in three 90-minute sessions will include the following readers: Janeé J Baugher, Jane L Carman, Marilyn J. Carr, Pankaj Challa, Ryan Clark, Ewa Chrusciel, Jordan Cox, Ricardo Cortez Cruz, Cortez Cruz, Michelle Cusack, Debra Di Blasi, John Domini, Kate Dusenbury, Amy Eggert, Dina Elenbogen, Andy Farnsworth, Kass Fleisher, Jeff Grieneisen, Gabriel Gudding, Steve Halle, David Hamilton, Elizabeth Hatmaker, Quintus Havis, Deborah Henry, Tom C Hunley, Jamison Christopher Lee, Janice Lee, Dan Libman, Alan Lin, Anna March, Cris Mazza, Michael Mejia, R.B. Moreno, Evan Nave, Daniel Nester, Kirk Nessel, Lance Olsen, Lasantha Rodrigo, Davis Schneiderman, Anna Joy Springer, David Stevenson, Steve Tomasula, Meg Tuite, Yuriy Tarnawsky, Holms Troelstrup, Robert Vaughn, Erika Wurth, Lidia Yuknavitch, and Kirstin Hotelling Zona.

5.30PM

New Collections from Salmon Poetry!**Location:** The Poetry Center, Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. Pedway East**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://salmonpoetry.com>

New books from Rebecca Morgan Frank, Eamonn Wall, Andrea Potos, Emily Wall, Donna Potts, Scot Siegel, Tyler Farrell, Cynthia Schwartzberg Edlow, Ethna McKiernan, John Morgan, and Kevin Simmonds!

6.00PM-

Parlor Press (Free Verse Editions)/Rescue Press/Shearsman Books

7.30PM

Location: Columbia College Chicago--Hokin Hall, 623 South Wabash, Room 109**Cost:** FREE

Please come out to hear from readers representing three innovative presses: Rosa Alcalá, Jennifer Atkinson, Molly Bendall, Blueberry Morningsnow, Shira Dentz, Lisa Fishman, Carol Guess, Jill Magi, Becka Mara McKay, Caryl Pagel, Philip Sorensen, Andrea Rexilius and Jon Thompson.

6:00PM

John Donatich, THE VARIATIONS**Location:** 57th St Books**Cost:** FREE**Website:** <http://www.semcoop.indiebound.com/event/john-donatich-variations>

THE VARIATIONS is the powerful debut novel from the Director of Yale University Press, John

Donatich. Reading/signing/Q&A

6:00PM

UNO Press Reading

Location: Third Coast Cafe, 1260 North Dearborn, Chicago, IL

Cost: Free

Website: <http://eepurl.com/i4pQP>

Rob Smith, reading from *The Gravedigger* (Gold Medal Winner, Faulkner-Wisdom Award) Caitlin Scholl, reading from *Makebelieve*. Ray Bianchi, reading from his translation of Sergio Medieros' *Vegetal Sex*. Bill Lavender, reading from *Memory Wing* (Black Widow Press).

6:00PM-

A Greater Monster

8:00PM

Location: after-words Books 23 E. Illinois St.

Cost: Free

Local author David David Katzman's second novel, *A Greater Monster*, is a groundbreaking multimedia work that includes 65 pages of illustrations, numerous graphic design elements, visual text poetry, and links to two websites, one of which features original music composed to mirror events in the book and another featuring an animated sequence. He will be reading and signing copies of his book. Wine reception following.

7:00PM

Monster Mags of the Midwest Reading

Location: Murphy's Bleachers, 3655 North Sheffield

Cost: Free

Cincinnati Review, Mid-American Review, and Ninth Letter team up once again to offer a fabulous off-site reading. Please come see Mary Biddinger, Brock Clarke, Matthew Gavin Frank, Michael Robins, Laura Van den Berg, and Keith Lee Morris at Murphy's Bleachers, 3655 North Sheffield, located directly across the street from Wrigley Field (and the Harry Caray statue).

7:00PM

Cave Canem Fellows & Columbia College Faculty, Past & Present, A Reading To Benefit Cave Canem

Location: Villians Bar, 649 South Clark Street, Chicago, IL

Cost: Suggested donation \$10 to benefit Cave Canem

Website: <http://cavecanemoffsiteawp.tumblr.com/>

Columbia College Chicago poets CM Burroughs, Jaswinder Bolina, Sandra Lim, John Murillo & Ed Roberson take the stage with 20 Cave Canem fellows. Marcus Jackson emcees.

7:00PM

Hot Pants in Action

Location: Jak's Tap

Cost: free

Website: <http://www.jakstap.com>

Readings from the Hot Pants online writing group. To include Randall Brown, Darlin Neal, Tiff Holland, Kim Chinquee, Greg Gerke, Gail Seigel, and guest Peter Ramos.

7:00PM-

1913, Canarium Books, & The Iowa Review!

8:00PM

Location: The Empty Bottle - 1035 N. Western Ave.

Cost: free

Website: <http://canariumbooks.org>

Join Dan Beachy-Quick, Srikanth Reddy, Darcie Dennigan, and Anthony Madrid as they launch their books with short readings, generous pours (cash only, of course), and lots of smiles. And stay for the AWP Chicago Kick-off Party!

7:00PM-

Book Industry Insider Night

9:00PM

Location: Open Books, 213 W. Institute Pl.

Cost: FREE

Website: <http://www.open-books.org/store>

Chicago Book Industry Insider Night at the Open Books store- a chance for local booksellers, writers, librarians, publishers, etc. to meet and mingle! Light refreshments will be served; all attendees will get 25% off books during the event. Convenient to: #66 Chicago Avenue bus Chicago Red Line Chicago Brown Line

- 7:00PM **Interlochen Arts Academy 50th Anniversary Student Reading**
Location: Columbia College Chicago's Film Row Cinema, 1104 S. Wabash, 8th floor (three blocks from the Hilton Chicago)
Cost: Free
Website: <http://presents.interlochen.org/events/academy-50th-tour-creative-writing-reading-chicago>
 Join us as we celebrate Interlochen Arts Academy's 50th anniversary with a free reading by fourteen current creative writing seniors, hosted by the Fiction Writing Department of Columbia College, Chicago. An informal reception with the writers and current Academy faculty will follow.
- 7:30PM-9:30PM **The Danny's Reading Series**
Location: Danny's Tavern, 1951 W. Dickens
Cost: Free
Website: <http://dannys.noslander.com/>
 Featuring Dodie Bellamy, Peter Gizzi, Ariana Reines, and Lewis Warsh (Song Cave, Ugly Duckling, Granary Books, Fence Books.) Event to be followed by a deejay & dance party. Free, and cash-only.
- 7:30PM **AWP Women's Caucus Reading with Kate Kysar, Lois Roma-Deeley, Martha Collins, Patricia Smith, Keli Stewart, and Cynthia Hogue**
Location: 5233 N. Clark Street
Cost: free
Website: <http://www.womenandchildrenfirst.com>
 Women & Children First bookstore presents a poetry reading by members of the AWP Women's Caucus. Readers: Patricia Smith, Kathryn Kysar, Martha Collins, Cynthia Hogue, Keli Stewart, Lois-Roma-Deeley. Located four blocks west of the Red Line "Berwyn" stop.
- 8:00PM **AWP 2012 CHICAGO KICK OFF PARTY**
Location: The Empty Bottle - 1035 N. Western Ave.
Cost: free with rsvp (email rsvp@emptybottle.com with "AWP Party" in subject line & full name of attendee in body of email.)
Website: <http://dogzplotnews.blogspot.com/2011/10/awp-2012-chicago-kick-off-party.html>
 Kick-off AWP 2012, Chicago-style, at Chicago's iconic live music club, The Empty Bottle, with readings, party, mayhem, bands... Music by James Greer (of Guided by Voices) and special guests, Mutts, and more. Readers include Jeff Parker, Michael Czyzniejewski, James Greer, xTx, Sam Pink, Jamie Iredell, Mary Miller, Sarah Sweeney, Michael Kimball, Amber Sparks, Peter Schwartz, Mike Young, Ben Tanzer, Sarah Rose Etter, and others.
- 8:00PM **RED FROGS AND OTHER PLAYS Ruth Margraff's book launch with music & performances**
Location: School of the Art Institute Ballroom, 112 S. Michigan Ave.
Cost: free
 Celebrating America's most audaciously independent presses for playwriting with new books & cds by Ruth Margraff including RED FROGS AND OTHER PLAYS (No Passport Press); Ruth's martial arts operas DEADLY SHE-WOLF ASSASSIN AT ARMAGEDDON and NIGHT VISION: A VAMPYRE OPERA (Innova Recordings/Autonomea); SEVEN (Dramatists Play Service), ALL THOSE VIOLENT SWEATERS (Playscripts, Inc) and "Hidden Fires..."/ACTING TOGETHER (New Village Press). Live performances will include: "The Burlesque Flogging" from RED FROGS directed by Karen Yates of Chicago Opera Vanguard with Sadie Rogers and Sarah Pretz and "Balcony of Two" directed by Chris Marino with singer Louise Cloutier, live music by the CAFÉ ANTARSIA ENSEMBLE and special guests from Trap Door Theater.
- 8:00PM-12:00AM **Chicago Poetry Bordello Presents:**
Location: Chopin Theatre: 1543 W Division, Chicago, IL 60642
Cost: \$5 if dressed Victorian \$10 if not
Website: <http://www.poetrybordello.com>
 "A Leap Year Valentine" Musical guests: Jeff Levin on piano! & The White City Rippers! Burlesque beauties! & Chicago's finest Poetry Whores! During the 19th century, the rules governing courtship were strict: only men were allowed to propose marriage to women, with one exception. On the all-too-seldom day of February 29th, which only occurred in Leap Years, women were allowed to initiate proposals without social condemnation. This tradition was well-known when postcards appeared and it rapidly became a regular card-giving occasion. Help keep the tradition alive! Join the Chicago Poetry Bordello at our fair city's beloved Chopin Theatre. Poetry whores will delight you

with private readings and handmade Leap Year favors. Of course, they will only be giving these Leap Day Valentine keepsakes to the most admired patrons. Will you be the dearest one your favorite poetry whore adores? For more information about the Chopin Theatre:

[Http://www.chopintheatre.com/about_us.php](http://www.chopintheatre.com/about_us.php)

9:00PM

Salmon Poetry Gala Reading

Location: The Hungry Brain, 2319 West Belmont, Chicago, IL 60618

Cost: Free

Website: <http://salmonpoetry.com>

Readings by 15 poets who publish with Salmon Poetry, including Larry O. Dean, David Gardiner, Rebecca Morgan Frank, Eamonn Wall, Scot Siegel, Ethna McKiernan, Patricia Monaghan and Andrea Potos

9:00PM-
11:00PM

Lowbrow Press, Rose Metal Press and Hopewell Publications Reading

Location: Weeds Tavern

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/events/365623663462139/?context=create>

Click website for directions and address. Hear the following read: Nate Pritts, John Bradley, Nicelle Davis, Matt Mauch, Tiff Holland, Loren Erdrich, Sierra Nelson and Christopher Klim.

9:30PM-
11:00PM

Chicago-EastCoast Poets Jam

Location: brown rice, 4432 N. Kedzie Avenue, Chicago 60625

Cost: Free

Website: <http://alenier.blogspot.com/2012/01/chicago-jam.html>

Chicago poets Charlie Newman and Dan Godston will perform their work with Washington, DC-based poet Karren LaLonde Alenier and New York state poet Margo Taft Stever. Godston will provide musical improvisation as counterpoint to the readings.

11:00PM

Tin Housed: An Alumni Reading

Location: Private Residence (please email for details)

Cost: Free

Writers Thaddeus Gunn and Courtney Maum host a reading for past students of the Tin House Writers' Workshop. Please email Tinhoused@gmail.com for more details. Find the hosts on Twitter at @ThaddeusGunn and @cmaum.

Thursday, March 1:

11:00AM-
4:00PM

Poetry Foundation

Location: 61 W. Superior Street

Cost: FREE

Website: <http://poetryfoundation.org>

When Harriet Monroe founded POETRY magazine in 1912, she wrote that her publication was "a modest effort to give to poetry her own place." Now, one hundred years later, poetry quite literally has that place. Opened to the public in June 2011, our building houses a public garden, a 30,000-volume library, an exhibition gallery, and a performance space for the Foundation's extensive roster of public programs and events. Please visit us during the conference. Red Line north from the conference hotel to Chicago or bus route 22 north to Dearborn and Huron.

12:00PM-
3:00PM

Who's Asking?

Location: School of the Art Institute of Chicago Ballroom, 112 S. Michigan

Cost: free

Current students in the MFA in Writing program at School of the Art Institute of Chicago present this + that, here + there, maxima + minima.

2:30PM-
6:00PM

Connotation Press: Gettin' Our Read On

Location: Kasey's Tavern - 701 South Dearborn Street

Cost: FREE

Connotation Press: An Online Artifact will be holding our first ever off-site reading from 3-6 pm

featuring over twenty contributors including Natasha Trethewey, Campbell McGrath, Carol Frost, Dan Albergotti, Keetje Kuipers, Susan Tepper, Robert Vaughan, David Tomaloff, Kona Morris, Len Kuntz, Cindy Zelman, Amy Monticello, Bill Yarrow, Adam Sorkin, Sandy Longhorn, Nancy Reddy, Ben Tanzer, James Harms, Andi Stout, Chloe Caldwell and Connotation Press editors Meg Tuite, Nicelle Davis, Mari L'Esperance, John Hoppenthaler, Anna March, and Stephanie Brown. Join us early at 2:30 for cocktails and music - Jason T. Lewis will be performing acoustic songs from his recent release *The Fourteenth Colony*.

3:00PM

Brown MFA Reading**Location:** Library Room, Monk's Pub is located at 205 W. Lake Street, Chicago**Cost:** free**Website:** <http://brown.edu/academics/literary-arts/>

Literary fare by Nalini Abhiraman, Eric Adamson, Becca Anson, Mimi Cabell, Andrew Colarusso, Angela Ferraiolo, Evelyn Hampton, Gargi Harithakam, Ariel Kalinowski, Victoria Le, John Madera, Susannah Pabot, Nick Potter, Helia Rabie, Sarah Tourjee, Sarah Schwartz, Robert Snyderman, Christopher Sweeney, Ashley Toliver, Mary Wilson, David Emanuel, Dongqiao Li, Julia Madsen, Vi Nguyen, Yanara Friedland.

4:00PM-
6:00PM**LIT 21 Launch & SAIC Showcase****Location:** SAIC Ballroom, 112 S. Michigan Avenue**Cost:** free**Website:** <http://litmagazine.org/>

LIT, the journal of The New School MFA Writing Program, launches its winter issue at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Contributors to LIT will read and perform with Chicago artists. The event is a collaboration with Judd Morrissey and the SAIC Writing Program.

4:00PM-
5:00PM**Poetry Reading: Jericho Brown and The Phantastique 5****Location:** Harold Washington College, 30 E. Lake St. (Wabash and State), Rm. 102**Cost:** Free**Website:** http://blog.bestamericanpoetry.com/the_best_american_poetry/2011/12/jericho-brown-farewell-featuring-the-phantastique-5.html

Features Darrel Alejandro Holnes, Saeed Jones, Rickey Laurentiis, Phillip B. Williams, and L. Lamar Wilson, anointed as the "Phantastique 5," some of the country's best young, black, queer poets, in Jericho Brown's final blog post for Best American Poetry.

4:30PM-
6:00PM**Nashville Review Brewhaha****Location:** Haymarket Pub & Brewery, 737 W. Randolph (corner of Halsted & Randolph)**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/english/nashvillereview/>

Come join Nashville Review as we celebrate two years of publishing as many kinds of stories as we can find to tell. We've called on some of our finest wordsmiths to take us through this happiest of hours, including poetry, nonfiction, and fiction by: Sarah Vap, Roger Reeves, Todd Fredson, Tyler Mills, Craig Blais, Tarfia Faizullah, Tasha Matsumoto, and Rick Pechous. Full menu available, two-drink minimum (including non-alcoholic drinks like coffee or soda). Cheers!

4:30PM-
6:00PM**University of Arizona MFA Graduates****Location:** Weather Mark Tavern**Cost:** free**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/307640029288301/316849615034009/#!/events/240796876002258/>

AWP attendees are invited to join us for an afternoon of poetry and prose and wildcat hijinx. Seven U of A alums will read from their work: Beth Alvarado, Hugh Behm-Steinberg, Anne Cummins, Roger Hecht, Alison Hicks, Val Martinez, and Amy Pence.

5:00PM-
9:00PM**iO: A Journal of New American Poetry/Catch Up/Lana Turner Reading****Location:** Harold Washington Library Chicago Author's Room**Cost:** Free

On Thursday, March 1st come hear a combined reading sponsored by Lana Turner, Catch Up, and iO: A Journal of New American Poetry. Featuring: Geoffrey G. O'Brien, Cole Swensen, Srikanth Reddy, Shane Book, Vanessa Place, Joe Hall, Zachary Schomburg, Rebecca Hazelton, Jeff Hipsher,

Adam Day, Kyle McCord, Wendy Xu, Cal Bedient, Cathy Wagner, Gary Jackson, and Nick Sturm.

5:00PM-
7:00PM

The Poetry Center of Chicago

Location: The Poetry Center of Chicago, located in the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E Washington St., Pedway East, Chicago, IL 60602

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.poetrycenter.org>

Please join us for an evening of poetry by faculty and graduates of the MFA Program in Poetry at New England College in celebration of the program's 10 year anniversary. Featured readers include Ilya Kaminsky, Katie Farris, Malena Mörling, Carol Frost, James Harms, J. Hope Stein, Maria Teutsch, Joanna Penn Cooper, Steve Halle, and Francesco Levato.

5:00PM-
6:00PM

Sundress Publications / Best of the Net Reading

Location: Beauty Bar | 1444 W Chicago Ave

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.sundresspublications.com/>

Join Sundress Publications and its host of journals (including Stirring, Wicked Alice, the Best of the Net Anthology, and more!) at the Beauty Bar in Chicago for a late afternoon of readings. Featuring Mary Biddinger, Karyna McGlynn, Kristy Bowen, T.A. Noonan, and Meagan Cass, this event is the one to mark for your first off-site AWP reading! The festivities get under way at 5pm on Thursday, March 1st at the Beauty Bar Chicago.

5:00PM-
7:00PM

Ragdale@ AWP

Location: The Cliff Dwellers, 200 S. Michigan Ave. 22nd floor

Cost: Free admission/appetizers & cash bar

Website: <http://www.ragdale.org>

AWP attendees are invited to this warm, welcome reception co-hosted by Ragdale, the nationally renowned artists residency, and award-winning alumni authors, including: Francisco Aragon-Puerta del Sol, Heidi Durrow -The Girl who Fell From the Sky, Lauren Goff- The Monsters of Templeton, poet Rick Hilles, Audrey Niffenegger- The Time Traveller's Wife, and Linda Rodriguez-Every Last Secret. Enjoy stimulating company, delectable hors d'oeuvres, and a spectacular view of Chicago at the Cliff Dwellers, a private club supportive of the arts. Please RSVP to r.igloria@ragdale.org by 2/23/12.

5:00PM-
7:00PM

Interlochen Arts Academy 50th Anniversary Alumni Gathering

Location: Sweetwater Tavern and Grille, 225 North Michigan Avenue, a 15-minute walk from the Hilton Chicago

Cost: Free

Website: <http://sweetwatertavernandgrille.com/>

Interlochen Arts Academy will hold an informal off-site alumni gathering in celebration of our 50th Anniversary. Current and former IAA writing faculty will be in attendance, along with creative writing alumni and other Chicago-area Academy alumni. Come help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary and reminisce about your Interlochen experience!

5:00PM-
7:30PM

Mutable Sound / Artifice Magazine / Smalldoggies !!!

Location: Beef & Brandy (127 S. State Street)

Cost: FREE!!!

Website: <http://mutablesound.com>

Mutable Sound Press, Artifice Magazine, and Smalldoggies present readings from: Jen Gann (Backtuck), A D Jameson (Giant Slugs, Amazing Adult Fantasy), Mike Kitchell (Slow Slidings), Christian Tebordo (The Awful Possibilities, We Go Liquid), J.A. Tyler (The Jimmy Interludes, A Man of Glass & All the Ways We Have Failed), Colin Winnette (Revelation, Animal Collection), Brian Allen Carr (Short Bus), Joel Patton... and a few surprise guests!!! Hosted by Mutable Sound, Artifice and Smalldoggies. FREE

5:30PM-
7:30PM

The Southeast Review's 30th Issue Celebration

Location: Manhattan's Bar, 415 South Dearborn St.

Cost: Free

Website: <http://southeastreview.org/>

Between the end of the day's panels and the evening's keynote address, The Southeast Review is

celebrating its 30th print issue. We'll have readings from authors who wowed us in our 30.1 contests: poetry winner Francine Witte, World's Best Short-Short Story Contest winner Kim Henderson, and narrative nonfiction finalist Carol J. Clouse. We'll also have pizza, cake, free beer for the first 30 people, and a reading from Dinty W. Moore.

5:30PM-
7:30PM

Con Tinta Honoring Pat Mora

Location: Zapatista Restaurant. South Loop, Chicago. 1307 Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL 60605

Cost: FREE EVENT

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/continta>

Con Tinta Honoring Pat Mora: Cocktail & Cash Bar Celebration. Honoring Pat Mora in an hors d'oeuvres and booksigning event at Zapatista Restaurant in the South Loop (5 min. walk from AWP)

5:30PM

Court Green 9 Publication Release Reading

Location: Ferguson Hall, 600 S. Michigan Ave., Room 101

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.colum.edu/courtgreen/>

Come join us for a wonderful evening of poetry. Our dossier this issue features The Short Poem, a wonderful collection assembled by co-editors Tony Trigilio and David Trinidad. Some of our featured readers will include: Melissa Broder, Christopher Davis, Richard Fox, Charles Jensen, Daniel Khalastchi, Sandra Simonds, among others.

6:00PM-
8:00PM

Saturnalia Books Mega Book Launch and Reading

Location: Villains Bar and Grill, 649 S. Clarke Ave.

Cost: free

Website: <http://www.saturnaliabooks.com/?q=events>

Join Saturnalia Books for the launch of Campbell McGrath's *In the Kingdom of the Sea Monkeys*, Tanya Larkin's *My Scarlet Ways*, and Catherine Pierce's *The Girls of Peculiar*. Also reading will be Michael Robins, author of *Ladies & Gentlemen*, Debora Kuan, author of *Xing*, Margaret Ronda, author of *Personification*, Martha Silano, author of *The Little Office of the Immaculate Conception*, and Sarah Vap, author of *Dummy Fire* and *Faulkner's Rosary*.

6:00PM-
7:30PM

A Face to Meet the Faces Book Release Party

Location: The Jazz Showcase, 806 South Plymouth Ct. (4 blocks from the Chicago Hilton)

Cost: Free and open to the public

Website: <http://jazzshowcase.com>

Come join the editors and contributors as we celebrate the release of the first ever anthology of persona poetry, *A Face to Meet the Faces*, featuring readings by Tara Betts, Eduardo C. Corral, Nina Corwin, Matthew Guenette, Quraysh Ali Lansana, Marty McConnell, Tomas Q. Morin, Aimee Nezhukumathil, Patricia Smith, and Brian Turner.

6:00PM-
8:00PM

New Sins Press Rane Arroyo Memorial Reading

Location: 624 S. Michigan Ave. Columbia College North Library Reading Room (1/2 block from Chicago Hilton)

Cost: free

Rane Arroyo Memorial Reading featuring authors from New Sins Press and Winged City Chapbooks: Lylanne Musselman, Ricardo Nazario y Colon, Andrew Rihn, Aaron Smith, Robert Walker, Jory Mickelson, Jeff Kass, others TBA. Close enough to make it back for the keynote!

6:00PM-
7:30PM

Lightning Flash Poetry Reading with Four Way Books, Persea Books, & Autumn House Press

Location: Weather Mark Tavern, 1503 South Michigan Ave

Cost: FREE!

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/events/276139752450273/>

FOUR WAY BOOKS: Joan Aleshire, Tina Chang, Patrick Donnelly, Patrick Ryan Frank, Sarah Gorham, Rose McLarney, and Jonathan Wells. PERSEA BOOKS: Gabrielle Calvocoressi, Laura Cronk, Cynthia Marie Hoffman, Amy Newman, Patrick Rosal, and Alexandra Teague. AUTUMN HOUSE PRESS: Peter Blair, Sheryl St. Germain, Corrinne Clegg Hales, Martha Rhodes, and Philip Terman.

- 6:00PM **POETRY Presents: Shoot the Canon**
Location: Poetry Foundation, 61 W. Superior
Cost: Free
Website: <http://poetryfoundation.org/events>
 POETRY presents poets performing covers of and reading discoveries from the last 100 years of the magazine, featuring Christian Bök, Peter Gizzi, K. Silem Mohammed, Tracie Morris, Vanessa Place, Sina Queyras, Keith and Rosmarie Waldrop, and others making it new all over again. RSVP at <http://poetryfoundation.eventbrite.com>
- 6:00PM-8:30PM **Writers Who Play**
Location: Buddy Guy's Legends, 700 S. Wabash Ave.
Cost: Free!
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/266769980055524/>
 AWP's working roots musicians, featuring Keith Flynn, Jeff Talmadge, Ken Waldman, Will Jennings, Art Homer, Craig Wright, Greg Spatz, Marck Beggs, and many more. A 3-minute walk from the Hilton; come early for dinner!
- 6:00PM **BLOOM presents DIVINING DIVAS**
Location: REHAB Cocktail Lounge, 3641 N. Halstead, Chicago 60613
Cost: FREE
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/events/170897493016433/>
 Join BLOOM for the launch of Divining Divas, a poetry anthology of poetry by gay men (many of whom have appeared in BLOOM). Contributors reading from anthology: * Richard Blanco ENDORA/Bewitched * Jericho Brown DIANA ROSS * Regie Cabico NINA SIMONE * Bryan Borland MAYA ANGELOU * Joseph Campana AUDREY HEPBURN * Steve Fellner MISS PIGGY * Charles Flowers BARBRA STREISAND * Michael Klein LAURA NYRO * Paul Lisicky JONI MITCHELL * Lonely Christopher GERTRUDE STEIN * Angelo Nikolopoulos GRETA GARBO * Ruben Quesada OPRAH WINFREY * Douglas Ray DIXIE CARTER/Designing Women Special guests include: * Sarah Browning * Elaine Sexton * Dorianne Laux * Kathie Berquist * Ana Bozicevic
- 6:00PM **Cider Press Review Book Award Poetry Reading**
Location: Palmer House Hilton, Third Floor, Salon 1
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/events/341137082577447/>
 Cider Press Review Book Award Winners Liz Robbins, Landon Godfrey, Don Colburn, and Carol Quinn will read from their first books of poems.
- 6:00PM-7:00PM **Literary Nosh**
Location: 624 S. Michigan Ave.
Cost: \$0
Website: <http://erpmedia.net/books>
 Enjoy readings and books signings from Patricia Ann McNair, Vanessa Veselka, and Rob Roberge at the Columbia College Bookstore, located next to the Hilton. Visit table B-16 for more information.
- 6:00PM-8:00PM **Poetry Reading by TSUP Poets**
Location: Fine Arts Building, 410 S. Michigan Ave, Suite 833 (8th floor)
Cost: Free
Website: <http://tsup.truman.edu>
 Join us for a lively reading by Truman State University Press poets INGRID WENDT, CAROL V. DAVIS, DEAN RADER, B. K. FISCHER, VICTORIA BROCKMEIER, JENNIFER ROSE, GEORGE LOONEY. Each will be reading from their published book(s) and available to sign. Just three blocks from the main hotel with wine and cheese available!
- 6:00PM-8:00PM **BLOOF/COCONUT/ALICE BLUE off-site at Delicious**
Location: Delicious, 3827 North Lincoln Ave
Cost: Free
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/127059357405994/>
 COCONUT: Molly Brodak, Megan Kaminski, Emily Toder, Serena Chopra, Amber Nelson, Dolly Lemke + Nick Demske
 BLOOF: Sandra Simonds, Danielle Pafunda, Peter Davis, Shanna Compton & Elisabeth Workman

ALICE BLUE: Brooklyn Copeland, Bruce Covey, Tyler Flynn Dorholt, Thomas Cook & C. McAllister Williams

6:00PM-
7:30PM

Sidebrow Books Off-site Reading

Location: Elephant Room Art Gallery

Cost: free

Website: <http://www.elephantroomgallery.com>

Sidebrow invites you to an off-site event at Elephant Room Inc, featuring readings by Miranda Mellis, Joshua Marie Wilkinson, Sandy Florian, and Vincent Standley. The Elephant Room couldn't be closer to the Conference. It's just around the corner on S. Wabash from the Hilton. Hope to see you there.

6:15PM-
7:00PM

Voices From the Black Earth Institute

Location: 11013 DePaul Center, 1 East Jackson St. (corner of State)

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.blackearthinstitute.org>

Brief readings and a wine reception introduce voices from the Black Earth Institute, a progressive think-tank dedicated to re-forging the links between art and spirit, earth and society. LaTasha N. Nevada Diggs, Tom Montgomery Fate, Annie Finch, Patricia Spears Jones, Patricia Monaghan, Mary Swander

6:15PM-
8:15PM

How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Web

Location: After-Words Bookstore 23 E. Illinois Street, Chicago Illinois

Cost: Free

Join Drunken Boat, Memorious, failbetter.com, Blackbird, and Midway Journal for night of worry free, poetry and prose! Come hear authors Michael Martone, Randall Brown, Kent Shaw, Margaret Luongo, Nicky Beer, Erica Dawson, Caki Wilkinson, Daniel Nester, Sibyl Baker, Michelle Chan Brown, and Shira Dentz. After Words Books is walking distance from the AWP Conference Event Hotel, and is a straight shot down State Street, just off the corner of State Street and Illinois Street.

6:30PM-
8:30PM

Naugatuck River Review Reading

Location: The Billy Goat Tavern, 430 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago

Cost: Free!

Website: <http://naugatuckriverreview.com>

Poets from Naugatuck River Review, a journal of narrative poetry will read their poems. List to be posted soon!

7:00PM-
10:00PM

Ahsahta and Counterpath Reading

Location: Film Row Cinema @ Columbia College, 1104 S. Wabash Ave., 8th floor

Cost: Free!

Website: <http://ahsahtapress.boisestate.edu>

Ahsahta Press and Counterpath Press authors join to present their latest work: Paige Ackerson-Kiely, Susan Briante, Matthew Cooperman, Michelle Disler, Lisa Fishman, Andrew Grace, Brian Henry, Aaron McCollough, Karen Rigby, Giovanni Singleton, Jonathan Stalling, Janaka Stucky, Roderigo Toscano, and Chris Vitiello read from their recent work.

7:00PM

A Reading from the Winners of the Crashaw Prize

Location: Hopleaf, 5148 N. Clark St.

Cost: Free

Website: <http://hopleaf.com/>

Readings from the American Winners of Salt Publishing's Crashaw Prize, including Rebecca Lehmann, Nathan Hoks, Jared Stanley, and Catherine Theis. The Hopleaf has the finest Belgian Beer in Chicago, too.

7:00PM

Convocation in Chicago

Location: Beauty Bar

Cost: Free

PANK, Annalemma, and Mud Luscious will once again host a holy meeting of literary minds. Convocation in Chicago will feature performances by Scott McClanahan, Daiva Markelis, Jac Jemc,

Robb Todd, Sal Pane, Brian Oliu, Aubrey Hirsch, Matt Bell, xTx, Chris Newgent, Brett Elizabeth Jenkins, Casey Hannan, Tim Jones-Yelvington, Brandi Wells, Doug Paul Case, Ryan Bradley, Myfanwy Collins, Sarah Rose Etter, Laura Ellen Scott, Molly Laich, and Allyson Boggess.

7:00PM

Joyland and Dzanc present Fiction Feed: Chicago Edition**Location:** Quimby's Bookstore, 1854 W. North Ave · Chicago, IL 60622 · 773-342-0910**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.joylandmagazine.com>

Joyland Magazine and Dzanc Books are two innovative publishers pushing fiction with great writing and new means of print and digital distribution. Join us for an evening with Eugene Cross, Kevin Chong, Jeff Parker, and Megan Stielstra reading from recently released books.

7:00PM

Poetry at the Piano Studio**Location:** Fine Arts Building, PianoForte Studio, 410 S. Michigan Avenue**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://pianofortechicago.com>

This poetry reading by Michelle Boisseau, Patricia Clark, performance poet Marilyn Kallet, and Irish bard Siobhan Campbell, will take place in the historic Fine Arts Building, the oldest art studio in Chicago. The venue is the PianoForte studio showroom on the 8th floor. Libations and treats will be served.

7:00PM-
9:00PM**Celebration of the Small Press: FLeng Rising****Location:** Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery - Downtown Chicago**Cost:** FREE**Website:** <http://www.rockbottom.com/Chicago>

Florida English and the Rising in Hope Anthology team up for this event featuring Brian Dickson, Jeff Grieneisen, Kirk Nessel, Jesse Millner, Heather Schmidt, Jen Stewart. The first 15 to arrive receive a free drink (see Courtney for your drink ticket).

7:00PM-
10:00PM**Penguin Poets, the Spoon River Poetry Review (SRPR), and Seven Corners Present an Evening of Poetry****Location:** Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60657**Cost:** FREE**Website:** <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Penguin-Poets-SRPR-and-7C-Poetry-Reading/212247352187500>

Please join us for an evening of poetry featuring readers from Penguin Poets, the Spoon River Poetry Review (SRPR), and Seven Corners. Featured poets include: Carrie Fountain, Corrine Lee Greiner, Adrian Matejka, William Stobb, and Robert Wrigley (from Penguin Poets); Arielle Greenberg Bywater, Joanne Diaz, Jamaal May, Danielle Pafunda, Kristin Prevallet, Andrew Schelling, and Austin Smith (from the Spoon River Poetry Review (SRPR)); William Allegrezza, Melissa Severin, Francesco Levato, Simone Muench, Kristy Odelius, Paul Martinez Pompa, and Holms Troelstrup (from Seven Corners). The reading is hosted by Steve Halle (editor, Seven Corners), William Stobb (Penguin Poets author), and Kirstin Hotelling Zona (editor, the Spoon River Poetry Review (SRPR)).

7:00PM-
10:00PM**Ancestors: A Queer Writers of Color Reading****Location:** Center on Halsted, 3rd Floor, Irving Harris Family Foundation Reception Hall, 3656 N. Halsted St. (at Waveland Ave.)**Cost:** FREE**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/168568046576890/>

"Ancestors: A Queer Writers of Color Reading" is a literary reading featuring same-gender-loving, multiple-gender-loving, and transgender poets, non/fiction writers, filmmakers, and performance artists of Indigenous Pacific, Native North American, Arab/Middle Eastern, Asian, Latina/o, and African descent. This event is sponsored by the Lambda Literary Foundation, which nurtures, celebrates, and preserves lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) literature through programs that honor excellence, promote visibility, and encourage development of emerging writers. Readers: OluSeyi OluToyin Adebajo, Nancy Agabian, Ryka Aoki, Tamiko Beyer, Ahimsa Timoteo Bodhrán, Ching-In Chen, Matthew R. K. Haynes-Kekahuna, Lorenzo Herrera y Lozano, David Keali'i, Janet McAdams, Deborah A. Miranda, Claudia Narváez-Meza, vaimoana litia makakaufaki niumeitolu, Emma Pérez, Jai Arun Ravine, Charles Rice-González, Trish Salah, James Thomas Stevens, D. Antwan Stewart, & Jennifer Lisa Vest.

- 7:00PM **Ecco Night in Chicago**
Location: Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville
Cost: none
Website: <http://www.andersonsbookshop.com/>
 Debut authors Eleanor Henderson (TEN THOUSAND SAINTS), Hannah Pittard (THE FATES WILL FIND THEIR WAY), and Lysley Tenorio (MONSTRESS) read from their books published by Ecco Press, a division of HarperCollins. 123 W. Jefferson Avenue, Naperville.
- 7:00PM **burntdistrict Reading & Launch Party**
Location: Brando's Speakeasy 343 S Dearborn
Cost: Free
Website: <http://burntdistrict.org>
 burntdistrict, a new journal of contemporary poetry, is celebrating its inaugural issue with a reading and launch party. Readers will include William Trowbridge, Meg Gannon, Jim Peterson, Allison Campbell, Natalie Young, James Knippen, and Erika Sanchez.
- 7:00PM **An Evening of Reading and Performance with Guild Literary Complex Veterans**
Location: Jak's Tap, 901 W. Jackson
Cost: suggested donation \$5
Website: <http://www.guildcomplex.org>
 Join us in celebrating Chicago's writing scene and the vibrant traditions of the Guild Literary Complex, a community-based literary organization, that presents and supports diverse, divergent, and emerging voices. Our event features readings and performances by Poet and Guild Literary Complex Co-Founder Michael Warr, Poet and Tia Chucha Press Co-founder Luis Rodriguez, and Poet and formidable Performer Patricia Smith, as well as select Tia Chucha poets.
- 7:00PM **Coffe House Press Presents Working Words: Working Class Writers Read**
Location: The Book Cellar, 4736-38 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago IL 60625
Cost: FREE
Website: <http://bookcellarinc.com>
 Authors included in the award winning Coffee House Press working class literary anthology edited by M. L. Liebler will read from the book. Readers included in the book range from Philip Levine to Bob Dylan, Michael Moore, John Sayles, Diane di Prima, Wanda Coleman and others. The Readers will be Jim Daniels, Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Laura Boss, Allison Adele Hedge Coke, M. L. Liebler, Carlos Cumpian, Cynthia Gallaher and many surprise contributors.
- 7:00PM **Trafficking Languages and Cultures Through Translation**
Location: International House, University of Chicago
Cost:
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/events/348805721797011/?context=create>
 Join St. Petersburg Review and the 57th Street Bookstore for a historic reading and discussion of African literature: Trafficking Languages and Cultures Through Translation. Readers: Mukoma wa Ngugi, Kadija Sesay, Kennedy Waliaula, and Jeffery Renard Allen. Moderators: Tom Burke and Elizabeth Hodges
- 7:00PM **Anagram City Reading at Golden Gallery**
Location: 3319 N. Broadway, Chicago
Cost: Free
Website: <http://goldengallery.co/anagram-city/>
 Kevin Killian will read recently published essays and poetry in dialogue with the Anagram City exhibition at the gallery.
- 7:00PM **AWP Two-Year College Caucus Reading**
Location: 30 E. Lake Street, Room 102
Cost: FREE
 Join the AWP Two-Year College Caucus for a pre-keynote reading event at Harold Washington College, Room 102. Kathryn Kysar, Paul Giaimo, and Ryan Stone read from their new books.
- 7:00PM-9:00PM **University of Wisconsin Press / Zone 3 Press Reading**
Location: The Fine Arts Building, 410 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 733

Cost: Free**Website:** <http://www.fineartsbuilding.tv>

Zone 3 Press authors Nicole Walker and Amanda Auchter will join University of Wisconsin Press' Mark Wagenaar, Jazy Danziger, Bronson Lemer, and Ladette Randolph for a poetry, fiction and nonfiction reading.

7:00PM-
9:00PM**White Pine Press, New Rivers Press, and the Fairfield University MFA Program Reception****Location:** Blackie's Chicago**Cost:** Free**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/356887801006664/>

YOU are invited to our celebration of two of the oldest small presses in the country--White Pine (1973) and New Rivers (1968)--and the Fairfield University MFA Program. The free reception includes refreshments and readings from New Rivers Press (Robert Miltner [Hotel Utopia] and Elizabeth Searle [Girl Held in Home]), White Pine Press (Alexander Long [Still Life] and Gary Young [The Dream of a Moral Life]), and Fairfield University MFA Program (Chris Belden [Carry-On] and Porochista Khakour [Sons and Other Flammable Objects]). All in a great location: Blackie's.

7:00PM-
10:00PM**Poetry & Hot Dogs****Location:** America's Dog 21 E. Adams St. Chicago, IL 60603**Cost:** Free**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/103175493140501/>

Readings by authors from 12 small presses: Alice Jones (Apogee Press), Eileen Myles (Chax Press), Merle Bachman, Faith Barrett and Sarah Suzor (EtherDome Chapbooks), Laura Sims and Elizabeth Robinson (Fence Books), Laurie Anderson Moseman (Film Forum), Travis Cebula (Highway 101 Press), Kimberly Lyons (Instance Press), Amy King (Litmus Press), Joe Elliot (Lunar Chandelier Press), Michael Heller and Jessica Fisher (Nightboat Books), Dana Teen Lomax (Palm Press), and Corina Copp (Ugly Duckling Presse). Including a benefit raffle for Woodland Pattern Book Center in Milwaukee, WI.

7:00PM

Green Lantern Press and MAKE Magazine present: an AWP Off-site Reading at Bar DeVille**Location:** Bar DeVille - 701 N. Damen**Cost:** free**Website:** <http://www.makemag.com>

Short readings and ruminations set amidst Bar DeVille's vintage-meets-modern European atmosphere. Readings by past MAKE contributors and authors from Green Lantern Press; DJ set following. Free tote bags with limited-edition broadsides to the first 25 attendees. hosted by GREG PURCELL featuring: JOEL CRAIG / MATTHEW GOULISH / ISH KLEIN / AMY LEACH / PATRICIA LOCKWOOD / PETER RICHARDS / MATHIAS SVALINA / HUI-MIN TSEN

7:00PM

Full Throttle at the Empty Bottle**Location:** The Empty Bottle, 1035 N Western Ave**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.ohnobooks.com>

OH NO books + smoking glue gun are proud to present contributors Lillian-Yvonne Bertram, Mel Coyle, Adam Clay, Lewis Freedman, Ben Kopel, Jennifer Tamayo, and Dara Wier for an evening of readings! The Empty Bottle is a 21+ venue, accessible via the Blue Line and a short walk from the Damen stop, or a 49 bus ride from the Western stop.

7:00PM-
11:00PM**This is beautiful, this is beautiful; six small presses****Location:** Simone's Bar, 960 W 18th St.**Cost:** Free**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/174394975997326/>

An offsite AWP reading hosted by 6 small presses: Bateau, Burnside Review, Interruption, Rose Metal Press, Slope Editions and Versal. Readers include: John Gallaher, Brooklyn Copeland, Sean Lovelace, Chuck Carlise, Louise Mathias, Ryan Flaherty, Anna Moriarty Lev, Jane Lewty, Erin Costello, Nate Liederbach, Amaranth Borsuk, Trey Moody/Joshua Ware, John Jodzio, Kate Nuernberger and Brad Liening. The event is free and open to the public. Full bar! Food! Come!

- 7:00PM **Graywolf Press & House of Anansi present four award-winning poets**
Location: Mrs. Murphy's and Sons Irish Bistro
Cost: Free
 Graywolf Press and Canadian powerhouse publisher House of Anansi are pleased to present an evening of poetry featuring Mary Jo Bang (THE BRIDE OF E), Suzanne Buffam (THE IRRATIONALIST), Albert Goldbarth (EVERYDAY PEOPLE), and Dennis Lee (TESTAMENT) on Thursday, March 1 at 7:00 PM at Mrs. Murphy's and Sons Irish Bistro (3905 North Lincoln Avenue, Second Floor, Chicago, IL / 773-248-3905). Books will be available for purchase. Free and open to the public.
- 7:00PM **Working Words Poets & Others**
Location: Book Cellar, 4736 N. Lincoln
Cost: free
 M.L. Liebler, Carlos Cumpian, Maria Gillan, Laura Boss, Charlie Rossiter and others
- 7:00PM-10:00PM **No Baby**
Location: Public Works Event Space
Cost: FREE
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/events/342454215785251/>
 Birds LLC, Brave Men, DoubleCross, Factory Hollow, Flowers & Cream, Immaculate Disciples, minutes BOOKS, and Projective Industries present: NO BABY Readings by: Taryn Andrews, Cody-Rose Clevidence, Julia Cohen, Ben Fama, Elaine Kahn, Mark Leidner, Dan Magers, Rob Ostrom, Caryl Pagel, Emily Pettit, Mathias Svalina, Paige Taggart, Michelle Taransky
- 7:00PM-10:00PM **Revolving Door Reading Series Presents BlazeVox & Friends**
Location: 7 Ultra Lounge, 1270 N. Milwaukee
Cost: No Cover
 Revolving Door Reading Series and BlazeVox Books brings you a reading of BlazeVox & Friends! Music for the evening will be provided by FathomDJ, one of Chicago's leading female DJs with readings by Cynthia Guardado, Amanda Auchter, Vincent Celucci, Farrah Field, Geoffrey Gatz, Matt Hart, Amy King, Jeffrey Morgan, Daniel Nester, Michelle Naka Pierce, Nate Pritts, Chris Pusateri, Sarah Sarai, M Bartley Seigel, Chis Shipman, Michael Smith, Sheila Squillante, Tony Trigilio, and Jarred White.
- 7:00PM-10:00PM **FC2 Flash Reading**
Location: 410 South Michigan Avenue (Curtis Hall)
Cost: free
Website: <http://www.fc2.org>
 Please join us for an evening of flash readings from the Fiction Collective 2. Readers include Alexandra Chasin, Matthew Kirkpatrick, Brian Kiteley, Michael Martone, Lance, Olsen, Vanessa Place, David Porush, Matt Roberson, Yuriry Tarnawsky, Melanie Rae Thon Steve Thomasula, and Lewis Warsh.
- 7:30PM **Black Lawrence Press/Devil's Lake Reading**
Location: Salud Tequila Lounge
Cost: FREE
 Please join Devil's Lake and Black Lawrence Press for a great night at our co-hosted reading! We're proud to feature: Mary Biddinger, Jon Chopan, Lisa Fay Coutley, Brent Goodman, Casey Thayer, and Joe Wilkins. Come early to partake in the open bar.
- 7:30PM **apt reading**
Location: Innertown Pub, 1935 W Thomas St Chicago, IL 60622
Cost: FREE
Website: <http://apt.aforementionedproductions.com>
 Relationships, absurdity, and words, words, words. Join us at Innertown Pub to celebrate the release of the second (and still revel in the first) issue of apt. Readers to include Shannon Derby, Gillian Devereux, Thomas Mundt, Thomas Nowak, Randolph Pfaff, N. A'Yara Stein, and Russ Woods. Hosted by Carissa Halston.

- 7:30PM **An Evening of Poetry with Cat, Dog & Hamster Quarterly**
Location: Black Rock, 3614 N. Damen Ave.
Cost: Free
 Join us for readings by Jason Bredle, Melissa Broder, Arda Collins, Jason Koo, Marc McKee and James Shea. Sponsored by Cat, Dog & Hamster Quarterly.
- 7:30PM **Claire Bidwell Smith**
Location: 5233 N. Clark St.
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.womenandchildrenfirst.com>
 Women & Children First Bookstore presents writer Claire Bidwell Smith, reading from her memoir, The Rules of Inheritance. This event is free and open to the public. Women & Children First is located four blocks west of the Red Line "Berwyn" stop.
- 7:30PM **Crossed**
Location: 3914 N Clark
Cost: \$20 (say AWP for a disc)
Website: <http://teatroluna.org>
 CROSSED, Teatro Luna's eighth original play devised in an ensemble setting, seeks to explode (yes, explode!) stereotype and poetically navigate what it means to be an immigrant in the United States in an era some have ironically dubbed "post-racial." Set in a series of unknown terminals, join five diverse female performers as they share both their own autobiographical stories, as well as accounts collected from interviews, news reports, and the Lunáticas own experiences while traveling South in spring 2011—ranging from topics like: what it's like to flee one's country, to the painful mystery of a cousin who went missing on the same day as 400 others in Mexico, to a Tango about skin color. CROSSED calls upon Teatro Luna's most notable hallmark: using wit, humor and quirky poignancy to tackle the taboo, the uncomfortable, and some beautiful and ugly truths about living in America as an immigrant today. CROSSED is presented in English with a sprinkle of Spanish.
- 7:30PM **Words without Borders Presents Bei Dao and Eliot Weinberger**
Location: Barnes & Noble at DePaul Center, 1 E. Jackson Blvd.
Cost: Free
Website: <http://wordswithoutborders.org/events>
 Words without Borders (www.wordswithoutborders.org) presents poet Bei Dao and translator/writer/critic Eliot Weinberger. Reading, Q & A, signing.
- 8:00PM-10:00PM **The Wrong Kind of Reading**
Location: The Galway Arms, Lincoln Park (2442 North Clark Street)
Cost: Free
 A reading from seven "literary pulp" writers--lots of genre thrills. Featuring Pinckney Benedict, Kyle Minor, Robin Becker, Anthony Neil Smith, John Weagly, Nikki Dolson, and David James Keaton. Loosely affiliated with noir/transgressive ezine PLOTS WITH GUNS.
- 8:00PM-11:00PM **Fast Forward: Catching up to SAIC's MFAW Alumni**
Location: School of the Art Institute of Chicago Ballroom, 112 S. Michigan
Cost: free
 Readings, music, performances and projects by graduates of SAIC's MFAW Program in celebration of its 15th Anniversary Year.
- 8:00PM-10:00PM **Columbia College Chicago MFA in Nonfiction Reading**
Location: Columbia College Chicago, 600 S. Michigan Ave, Ferguson Hall, Room 101
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.colum.edu/MFA-nonfiction>
 Please join us for a evening of readings by faculty and students in the MFA Program in Nonfiction at Columbia College Chicago, Faculty members David Lazar, Aviya Kushner, and Jenny Bouilly will read with students currently enrolled in the program. The event location is a quick walk from both conference hotels.

8:00PM-
2:00AM

The Poetry Brothel Traveling Medicine Show presents: The Antidote

Location: The Public Hotel, Chicago

Cost: FREE

Website: <http://www.thepoetrybrothel.com>

Darlings, you've been poisoned. By what, you might ask? Oh, wouldn't you! Nothing wrong with you, you say? Sure there is! How much is your health worth, Ladies and Gentlemen? It's priceless, isn't it? Well, my Dears, five little clams is all it takes to put you in the pink. That's right, for five hundred pennies, Nature's True Remedy will succeed where doctors have failed. From the roots, the herbs, the barks, the gums, and leaves buried beneath the concrete of New York City, The Madame has extracted The Antidote. And you're in luck because The Poetry Brothel has travelled all the way from the Big Apple with a whole bottle of the stuff right in its hot little hands! Our secret formula, from God's own apothecary, the Earth itself, will cure anything, whatever it is that ails you. Join us, on Thursday March 1st, between the pearly walls of the Library at The Public Hotel in Chicago, between the hours of 8pm and 2am, dress to impress, and sit down with a poetry whore, smooth as the milk of a poppy but twice as effective. Pass the poison please---let's get cured! Featuring Lauren Hunter at Harriett Van Os, Lisa Marie Basile as Luna Liprari, Jennifer Michael Hecht as The Professor, Matthew Yeager as the Butler, Carter Edwards as Oliver Durant, Carina Finn as Cherry Cherie, Rachel Herman-Gross as Simone, Alyssa Morhardt-Goldstein as Elka, Nicholas Adamski as Tennessee Pink and Stephanie Berger as The Madame. Tarot readings will be provided by King Mab and burlesque from Jemini Blonde. Private poetry readings are \$5/piece. Additional readers and performers will be announced in the coming weeks. Stay up-to-date by RSVPing to our Facebook event: <http://www.facebook.com/events/235483533196542/>. About The Poetry Brothel: The Poetry Brothel, an immersive poetry performance, takes poetry outside classrooms and lecture halls and places it in the lush interiors of a bordello. The Poetry Brothel presents male and female poets as courtesans, who impart their work in public readings, spontaneous eruptions of poetry, and most distinctly, as purveyors of private poetry readings on couches, chaise lounges and in private rooms. For a small fee, all of the resident poets are available for these sequestered readings at any time during the event. Of course, any good brothel need a clever front; ours is ever-shifting, but always offers a full bar, music, burlesque and fortune-tellers, with newly integrated themes, performances and installations at each event. The Poetry Brothel has branches in a wide range of cities and countries including Barcelona, Madrid, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Montreal and Venezuela and is scheduled to open a new chapter in New Orleans on March 15th.

8:00PM

The Bizarro Hour

Location: Knockbox Cafe -- 1001 N. California Ave

Cost: Your Innocence

Kittens. A semi-lethal dosage of the opposite of literature. Kittens. Come slather the insides of your skull with Garrett Cook, Mykle Hansen, Andersen Prunty, Michael Allen Rose, old radios, party wolves, vehicular manslaughter, apocalypse, kittens, snacks and fabulous prizes. Last time we did this we got in trouble. Hosted by The Pop Tarts. And kittens. NOTE: This event is located within striking distance of Karaoke Idol.

8:00PM-
11:00PM

Lethal Poetry with Poetry International presents: BAD MOVIES / GOOD POETRY!

Location: LUCID Art Lab, Wicker Park

Cost: \$5 or \$2 with canned good

Website: <http://www.somethinglethal.net>

This event will feature a screening of a really horrible movie, a reading from the acclaimed new issue of Poetry International, and a poetry slam (up to judges to decide how it is-- but we're betting it'll be awesome!). Please RSVP with your full name (subject line "RSVP MAR 1st SLAM") to lucidartlab@gmail.com, and we'll send you the address. See you there!

8:00PM-
11:00PM

Celebrat Indie Publishing with Milkweed, Orion, Lookout, and Ecotone

Location: Bar Louie, 47 W. Polk Street, Chicago; a short walk from the conference hotel

Cost:

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/396965300318675/>

Please join your favorite indie presses and magazines to kick off this year's AWP conference. Milkweed Editions, Orion, Lookout Books, and Ecotone invite you to meet and mingle with our publishers, editors, and award-winning authors. Bar Louie, 47 W. Polk Street, Chicago, a short walk from the conference hotel. Stop by the Lookout/Ecotone table for directions: N5/N6

- 8:30PM-10:30PM **Gulf Coast & Indiana Review Give You a Reading with Writers We Love**
Location: Buddy Guy's Legends, 700 South Wabash, Chicago, IL 60605
Cost: \$4 suggested donation
Website: <http://www.gulfcoastmag.org>, <http://indianareview.org>
 Join Gulf Coast and Indiana Review for an evening of readings by Michael Czyzniejewski, Ross Gay, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Leslie Parry, and D.A. Powell. at Buddy Guy's Legends (just around the block from Hilton Chicago & Palmer House Hilton)!
- 8:30PM-10:00PM **Penmanship Books Presents: Black Don't Crack**
Location: Chicago Cultural Center, 78 East Washington Street
Cost: FREE
 Hosted by Roger Bonair-Agard & Mahogany L. Browne. Featuring Readers: Roger Bonair-Agard, Mahogany L. Browne, Aricka Foreman, Jonterri Gadson, francine j. harris, Randall Horton, Saeed Jones, Dasha Kelly, Aireia D. Matthews, John Murrillo, Metta Sama, Nicole Sealey, Danez Smith, Bianca Spriggs & Marcus Wicker.
- 8:30PM-10:30PM **I'll Drown My Book: Conceptual Writing by Women**
Location: The School of the Art Institute Ballroom, 112 S. Michigan, 1st floor (across the street from museum)
Cost: free
Website: <http://www.lesfigures.com>
 Chicago launch of the Les Figs Press anthology I'LL DROWN MY BOOK: CONCEPTUAL WRITING BY WOMEN. Edited by Caroline Bergvall, Laynie Browne, Teresa Carmody and Vanessa Place, the book features work by 64 women from 10 countries and includes SAIC alumni Danielle Dutton and Jennifer Karmin. Featuring the following contributors as themselves and others: Dodie Bellamy, Debra Di Blasi, Danielle Dutton, Judith Goldman, Jennifer Karmin, Tracie Morris, Sawako Nakayasu, Julie Patton, Kristin Prevallet, Frances Richard, Giovanni Singleton, and Christine Wertheim. Hosted by Vanessa Place and co-sponsored by the School of the Art Institute of Chicago Writing Program.
- 9:00PM-2:00AM **AWP 2012 Karaoke Idol**
Location: Beauty Bar, 1444 W. Chicago Ave.
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.curbsidesplendor.com/index.php?id=237>
 After readings and other literary events, presses from Chicago and beyond will battle for the AWP 2012 Karaoke Idol throne, followed by Karaoke-dance party. Karaoke Idol Judges: Amy Guth, Joe Meno, and Patrick Sommerville. Presented by Another Chicago Magazine (ACM), Artifice Mag, Curbside Splendor, Featherproof Books -- contestants, more info to come...
- 9:00PM-12:00AM **OPEN BAR SPEAKEASY BLOWOUT: The Doctor T. J. Eckleburg Review, Hopkins Review, Barrelhouse, Entasis, Baltimore Review, Dark Sky**
Location: Brando's Speakeasy, 343 South Dearborn.
Cost: Free
Website: <http://thedoctorjjeckleburgreview.com/>
 Edgy readings and fun prizes erupt around 10 p.m. when Barrelhouse, Dark Sky, The Baltimore Review, DC's Entasis Press, and The Hopkins Review join up to launch The Doctor T.J. Eckleburg Review from Johns Hopkins. Free beer and wine, cash martini bar, tasty snacks, saucy behavior, prizes, and worthy-cause raffles, with the Hopkins M.A. in Writing Program as host. Our AWP-easy location is midway between the Hilton and Palmer House, so come join us after the keynote!
- 9:00PM **32 Poems vs. Smartish Pace: Submit and Obey**
Location: TOPICS Coffee Shop; 2122 N Halsted Street
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.32poems.com/blog>
 32 Poems and Smartish Pace present contributors Aaron Belz (SP), Todd Boss (SP), Geoff Brock (32), Carolina Ebeid (32), Luke Johnson (32), Rebecca Lindenberg (SP), Erika Meitner (32), Mary Quade (SP), Natalie Shapero (32) & Eric Smith (SP) in a battle royale of heavyweight poets. Join us for drinks, verse, and a celebration of two of the nation's leading journals of poetry.

- 9:00PM **Propaganda: a reading**
Location: Haymarket Pub & Brewery, 737 W. Randolph (Halsted & Randolph) - in the Drinking & Writing Theater
Cost: free
Website: <http://www.propagandareading.com>
 Three to five minutes of propaganda from: Matt Bell, Jessica Anya Blau, Blake Butler, Alexandra Chasin, Molly Gaudry, Amelia Gray, Lindsay Hunter, Jac Jemc, Stephen Knezovich, Samuel Ligon, Robert Lopez, Nelly Reifler, Joseph Salvatore, Jason Sommer, Matthew Vollmer, and Jess Walter.
- 9:00PM-10:00PM (and beyond) **Wag's Revue and Unstuck Host a Reading and Get Frisky Like Granny**
Location: Cole's Bar - 2338 N. Milwaukee Ave Chicago, IL 60647
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.wagsrevue.com>
 Make your last stop Thursday night Cole's in Logan Square. The reading will be hosted by the Chicago-based, online-only literary quarterly Wag's Revue and the hot and brand new Unstuck Magazine out of Austin. There'll be just four readers--Noam Dorr, Lucas Mann, Rachel Swirsky and Julia Whicker. Then, at 10:00, DJ Frisky Grannies will be playing some hits from the 20s and 50s. So stick around, drink some of the fine brews on tap like Allagash White and Bell's Two Hearted and get frisky. Granny wouldn't go home just because she's tired. She'd get drunk and listen to some readers and she'd dance. So come on. Do it for granny.

Friday, March 2:

- 11:00AM-4:00PM **Poetry Foundation**
Location: 61 W. Superior Street
Cost: FREE
Website: <http://poetryfoundation.org>
 When Harriet Monroe founded POETRY magazine in 1912, she wrote that her publication was "a modest effort to give to poetry her own place." Now, one hundred years later, poetry quite literally has that place. Opened to the public in June 2011, our building houses a public garden, a 30,000-volume library, an exhibition gallery, and a performance space for the Foundation's extensive roster of public programs and events. Please visit us during the conference. Red Line north from the conference hotel to Chicago or bus route 22 north to Dearborn and Huron.
- 2:00PM-4:00PM **Convulsive Editions Book Launch Reading**
Location: Hokin Lecture Hall at Columbia College, Room 109, 623 S. Wabash Ave
Cost: free
Website: <http://www.convulsive-editions.org/>
 This poetry reading, featuring James Shea, Tanya Larkin, Dina Hardy, and Christopher Hund, will celebrate the launch of Convulsive Editions, a new Chicago-based press.
- 3:00PM-5:00PM **Ashland Poetry Press Reading**
Location: The Court, Columbia College Chicago
Cost: free
Website: <http://ashlandpoetrypress.wordpress.com>
 Poets published by the Ashland Poetry Press will give a reading from their books. Readers include Mary Makofske, Jason Schneiderman, Richard Jackson, Marc J. Sheehan, Helen Pruitt Wallace, and Lorna Knowles Blake.
- 3:00PM-5:00PM **There Will Be Quickies!**
Location: School of the Art Institute Ballroom, 112 S. Michigan Ave.
Cost: free
Website: <http://therewillbewords.com/>
 The midwest meets the south-but-not-south when Quickies! --Chicago's favorite flash fiction reading series--co-hosts a reading with There Will Be Words, Orlando's favorite reading series. Stories will be read. Whistles will be blown. Mini-books will be stapled. Also sponsored by Writing Program, SAIC. For more info, see <http://quickieschicago.blogspot>.

- 3:00PM-
5:00PM **WORDTECH AUTHORS**
Location: THE CHANDLER: 450 WATERSIDE DR.
Cost: NONE
Website: <http://www.wordtechcommunications.com/>
Friday, March 2, 2012 3:00pm until 5:00pm THE CHANDLER, 450 WATERSIDE DR. Wordtech Authors will be on hand with follies of language & bindings of books! Come to meet hear, share, greet and eat!
- 3:00PM **A Commonplace Book of Bang Bang Pie Shop**
Location: Bang Bang Pie Shop, 2051 N California Ave
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.pie-scream.com>
On March 2 at 3 pm, Seattle-based poet Kate Lebo will satisfy your literary sweet tooth with a reading from her letterpress zine, A Commonplace Book of Pie, at Bang Bang Pie Shop. This collection of facts (both real and imagined) about pie is inspired by Lebo's award-winning pies and the idea that dessert is a kind of zodiac. Her poems have appeared in Best New Poets 2011, Bateau, and Poetry Northwest, among other journals. She's an MFA candidate at the University of Washington and the host of a semi-regular, semi-secret pie social called Pie Stand. Bang Bang Pie Shop, 2051 N California Ave, Chicago. Event: FREE. Pie: \$4/\$5.
- 3:30PM-
5:30PM **Route 66 Off-site Reading**
Location: Buzz Cafe, Oak Park, IL
Cost: Free
Website: <http://thebuzzcafe.com>
Writers from Route 66 states from IL through CA will be reading poetry and fiction at this event celebrating forward-thinking and experimental writing from fly-over America. Mother-road readers include Grant Jenkins (OK), Claudia Nogueira (OK), Sloan Davis (OK), Jonathan Stalling (OK), Susan Briante (TX), Farid Matuk (TX), Greg Kinser (TX), Bob Archambeau (IL), Simone Muench (IL), Ray Bianchi (IL), Steve Halle (IL), Quraysh Ali Lansana (IL), Jodi Liedke (KS), Joseph Harrington (KS), Anna Caroline Harris (KS), Dennis Etzel Jr. (KS), Billy Joe Harris (KS), Hadara Bar-Nadav (MO), Mark Wallace (CA), and K. Lorraine Graham (CA). The Buzz Café is in Oak Park but an easy train ride on the Blue line L, exit Austin. Contact Grant Jenkins, grant-jenkins at utulsa.edu or 918.809.1268 for information.
- 5:00PM-
6:30PM **ASF and NER Take AWP**
Location: Delilah's, 2771 N. Lincoln Ave.
Cost: FREE
Website: <http://www.americanshortfiction.org>
American Short Fiction and New England Review join forces to create a supersized, rollicking happy hour reading at the best whiskey bar in all of Chicago. ASF supplies the foxy fiction writers, including Kevin Moffett, Jamie Quatro, Eugene Cross, and Laura van den Berg; and NER brings along wily, wily poets with names like Traci Brimhall, Eduardo C. Corral, and Tomas O. Morin. Come warm up with words, whiskey, and wise ol' lit mags.
- 5:00PM-
6:30PM **Crazyhorse & Bat City Review Reading**
Location: Weather Mark Tavern, 1503 South Michigan Ave
Cost: FREE
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/176335542467440/>
Please join Crazyhorse and the Bat City Review for a reading featuring some of our stellar writers. The evening's readers include: Heather Christle, Kerri Webster, Matt Williamson, Shane McCrae, Jeffrey Pethybridge, Carrie Fountain, Sarah Gridley, Seth Abramson, AND MORE. The Weather Mark Tavern is within walking distance of the conference!
- 5:00PM **Binge Binge**
Location: the Green Door Tavern, 678 North Orleans
Cost: free (cash bar)
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/events/334425566588462/>
Binge Press hosts a quickie binge the hour before the Bread Loaf Waiters take the same stage. Come eat, drink and get poetried to start your AWP Friday night off right.

5:00PM-
7:00PM

Down the Street: A Reading with Interim and StoryScape

Location: Quincy Wong Center, 623 S. Wabash Ave, 1st Floor

Cost: free

Just a stone's throw away from the AWP conference, join us for a spectacular literary event, with two fantastic literary journals and a reading with twelve poets and prose writers. Come learn about these journals, listen to some of the best writers out there (in our humble opinion), featuring: Elana Bell, Melissa Febos, John Gallaher, Rachel Eliza Griffiths, Aby Kaupang, Matthew Cooperman, Shelly Oria, Maya Pindyck, Hila Ratzabi, Rachel Simon, Sasha Steensen & Jaime Warburton

5:00PM-
6:00PM

Grain of Salt: a reading by Syracuse MFA alums

Location: Columbia College's Center for Book and Paper Arts (1104 South Wabash, 2nd Floor)

Cost: Free

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/395093233839571/>

A reading of recent and forthcoming work by graduates of the Creative Writing Program of Syracuse University. Featuring: David Eye (Rain Leaping Up When a Cab Goes Past, Seven Kitchens Press, forthcoming); Laura Farmer (Iowa Review, Dossier); Rahul Mehta (Quarantine, 2011 American Library Association pick for top ten LGBT books); Iain Haley Pollock (Spit Back a Boy, 2010 Cave Canem Poetry Prize); Emily Pulfer-Terino (Hunger Mountain, The Louisville Review); and Daniel Torday (The Sensualist, Nouvella Books, forthcoming). Only two blocks from the conference. Call 646-457-1150 for more information.

5:00PM-
7:00PM

Post Road/Redivider @ AWP

Location: Kasey's Tavern, 701 South Dearborn Street

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/events/325589924157797/>

Join Post Road and Redivider for an evening of literary revelry.

5:30PM-
8:30PM

Illinois Poets Past & Present hosted by Fifth Wednesday Journal

Location: Poetry Foundation Building, 61 W. Superior Street (corner Superior & Dearborn)

Cost: free; reservations recommended; <http://poetryfoundation.eventbrite.com> or call 312.787.7070

Website: <http://www.fifthwednesdayjournal.org>

Enjoy an evening of readings by Susan Hahn, Larry Lieberman, Ed Roberson, Christina Pugh, and Kevin Stein. In addition to their own poetry, they will read selected poems from the work of Gwendolyn Brooks, Archibald MacLeish, Carolyn Rodgers, G. E. Murray, and Carl Sandburg. Join the presenters, our moderator, James Ballowe, and the editors of Fifth Wednesday Journal for a wine and music reception following the readings.

5:30PM-
8:00PM

An Evening Celebrating Pecan Grove Press Poets

Location: Gage Gallery at Roosevelt University, 18 South Michigan Avenue,

Cost: Free

As it enters its twenty-fifth year, Pecan Grove Press celebrates the more than 100 poets it has published over the years.

5:30PM-
7:30PM

The Affrilachian Poets at the Jazz Showcase

Location: The Jazz Showcase 806 South Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.affrilachianpoets.com/>

Join the Affrilachian Poets as they light up the stage at the Jazz Showcase. Hosted by Roger Bonair-Agard, with readings by Frank X Walker, Nikky Finney, Mitchell L.H. Douglas, Kamilah Aisha Moon, Bianca Spriggs, Ellen Hagan, Parneshia Jones, Kelly Norman Ellis, Makalani Bande, Stephanie Pruitt, Randall Horton and Ricardo Nazario y Colón.

5:30PM-
7:00PM

TriQuarterly Books/Northwestern University Press Fiction Reading

Location: Jake Melnick's Corner Tap, 41 E. Superior St.

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.nupress.northwestern.edu>

Join us for a reading and a beer or two. Featuring NU Press authors Katherine Karlin (Send Me Work: Stories) and Michael Griffith (Trophy: A Novel). Signing to follow.

- 6:00PM **Windy City Queer Reading & Reception**
Location: Film Row Cinema, 1104 S. Wabash, 8th fl.
Cost: Free
 Join contributors David Trinidad, Achy Obejas, Sharon Bridgforth, E. Patrick Johnson, Karen Lee Osborne, J. Adams Oaks, Deb R. Lewis and editor Kathie Bergquist for a reading, reception, and booksigning of the new anthology *Windy City Queer: LGBTQ Dispatches from the Third Coast* (University of Wisconsin Press). This event is sponsored by Columbia College's Fiction Writing Department, Creative Writing Poetry and Nonfiction (English Department), and Critical Encounters. Film Row Cinema is located only 2 blocks away from the Chicago Hilton. Free and open to the public.
- 6:00PM-8:00PM **Ashland University MFA Program Poetry Faculty Reading**
Location: The Court, Columbia College Chicago
Cost: free and open to the public
Website: <http://www.ashland.edu/graduate/mfa>
 Ashland University MFA poetry faculty members Stephen Haven, Peter Campion, Angie Estes, Carmen Gimenez Smith, Mark Irwin, and Ruth L. Schwartz will give a reading celebrating the fifth anniversary of the program. Poets will preface a reading of their poems by commenting on ways the Ashland Program's close community of poets and creative nonfiction writers has been a formative influence on their work. The quality and aesthetic range of these poets will speak to the success of this low-residency MFA Program, with a regional base in Ohio and students from 25 states.
- 6:00PM **Pleiades Press 15th Anniversary Reading**
Location: Beauty Bar, 1444 W Chicago Ave
Cost: Free, Cash Bar
Website: <http://ucmo.edu/pleiades>
 A reading by past winners of Pleiades Press' Lena-Miles Wever Todd Poetry Prize, including Kevin Clark, Matthew Cooperman, Ryan Flaherty, Al Maginnes, Nils Michals, Susan Parr, Kevin Prufer, and Bruce Snider. Hosted by editors Susan Ludvigson, Wayne Miller, and Kathryn Nuernberger.
- 6:00PM-8:00PM **Come on, Seven!**
Location: School of the Art Institute of Chicago Ballroom, 112 S. Michigan
Cost: free
 Seven of the leading risk-takers of the fiction avant-garde are betting you will love what they read from their works because baby needs a new pair of shoes! Yuriy Tarnawsky, Tantra Bensko, Lance Olsen, Davis Schneiderman, Adam D. Jameson, James R. Hugunin, and Eckhard Gerdes. Organized by Eckhard Gerdes, Editor and Publisher, the Journal of Experimental Fiction and JEF Books. Sponsored by Writing Program, SAIC.
- 6:00PM-8:00PM **Bread Loaf Waiter Reading**
Location: The Green Door Tavern, 678 N. Orleans
Cost: Free (cash bar)
Website: <http://greendoorchicago.com/>
 Live, from a Chicago Speakeasy... the Bread Loaf Waiter Reading! Come hear the 2011 Bread Loaf Waiters read in Chicago's oldest tavern. Enter the historic green front door, and we will serve you a plate of savory poems, sizzling stories, and delicately-salted nonfiction.
- 6:00PM **Beecher's - Parcel Happy Hour Reading**
Location: Manhattan's Bar - 415 S Dearborn St
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.beechersmag.com/>
 Beecher's and Parcel, two sweet, young, little lit magazines invite you to come enjoy happy hour drinks, free pizza and a great line-up of readers in Chicago's oldest skyscraper. This fast-paced event, just a few blocks from the conference hotel, will include readings by: Rebecca Evanhoe, Jenny Gropp Hess, Lincoln Michel, Scott Wrobel, James Yeh, and Nick Courtright. For more information about the lit magazines, please visit: <http://www.beechersmag.com/> & <http://www.parcelmag.org/>

6:00PM-
8:00PM

Women of the Wild West

Location: The Hideout 1354 W Wabansia Ave Chicago, Illinois 60642

Cost: Free!

Website: <http://www.hideoutchicago.com/>

Come join women of all genders from rough terrains! Drink whiskey, and celebrate Laura Ingalls, seraphims and rattlesnakes! Featuring: Wendy McClure, Kelly Kathleen Ferguson, Rich Smith, Zach Oden, Ashley Cowger, Darlin Neal and Special Guest.

6:00PM-
7:30PM

A Celebration of Villanelles!

Location: Harold Washington College, 30 E. Lake St. (Wabash & State), Room 102

Cost: Free

Features contributors to the Everyman's Library Pocket Poets Series' new anthology, VILLANELLES, co-edited by Annie Finch and Marie-Elizabeth Mali. Free and open to the public. Readers include: Grace Bauer, Robin Becker, Bruce Bennett, Martha Collins, Brendan Constantine, Steven Cramer, Timothy Donnelly, Annie Finch, Charles Fort, Claudia Gary, Matthew Hittinger, Marie-Elizabeth Mali, Taylor Mali, Patricia Monaghan, Kamilah Aisha Moon, Marilyn Nelson, Kathleen Ossip, Lois Roma-Deeley, Jill Allyn Rosser, Susan B.A. Somers Willett, Kate Sontag, Lisa Vihos, and Ken Waldman

6:00PM-
9:00PM

The University of Miami MFA in CW: Tapas y Más

Location: Nacional 27 325 West Huron Street

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.as.miami.edu/english/creativewriting/>

The University of Miami's MFA in Creative Writing Program invites U for an evening of sangria, tapas and more. Come join UM faculty, students, and alumni at Nacional 27 to celebrate a life of writing and to find out more about our amazing, fully-funded program. Free and open to the public.

6:00PM-
7:30PM

After-Hours Salon. Reading & Writing Workshop

Location: 624 S. Michigan, 6th floor--Room 602 aka "the Collins"

Cost: FREE EVENT

Website: <http://proyectolatina.org/>

Proyecto Latina (Chicago, IL) and the Latino Writers Collective (Kansas City, MO) present an after-hours literary event to network, create and feature readers from both Midwestern cities. Stay for the Q&A and definitely join us for the writing workshop. Hosted by the Center for Community Arts Partnerships at Columbia College Chicago. Held at 624 S. Michigan Ave, room 602. One block north of the Hilton where AWP takes place.

6:00PM-
9:00PM

Reading & Reception with the University of New Orleans MFA Programs, UNO Press, and Bayou Magazine

Location: Mac's American Pub (1801 W. Division St.)

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.unopress.org/content2/>

Low & Hi Res students, alumni, faculty, friends, UNO Press & Bayou Magazine authors, editors & translators: Come out on Friday night and let's show 'em how it's done in New Orleans, Edinburgh, San Miguel, Madrid, and Prague--and showcase our most excellent work in Chicago! Don't miss it--everyone will be asking, "Where were you on the night of the UNO AWP party?" Scheduled readers include: Adam Sorkin, Bob Cowser, Jim Fairhall, Sean Ennis, Sasha Steensen, and Dan Mancilla. <https://www.facebook.com/events/343852508969535/>

6:00PM-
8:00PM

Tumblr Writers Happy Hour

Location: Uncharted Books

Cost: Free

Website: <http://rachelfershleiser.com/post/18034018669/are-you-coming-to-awp-do-you-live-in-chicago-do>

Do you write, blog, or look at funny things on the internet? Please join Tumblr for free drinks, goodies, and awesome people at Uncharted Books, a new crowdfunded bookstore.

6:30PM

Kale Soup for the Soul

Location: Chicago Cultural Center, 5th Floor, Washington Room, 78 East Washington Street (5

minute walk from AWP Conference)

Cost: FREE. There will be wine and live music by the Chicago band, "About a Girl"
Kale Soup for the Soul: Luso-American writers share stories and poems about family, food and Portuguese culture. Line-up includes Oona Patrick, Paula Neves, Millicent Borges Accardi, Carlos J. Queirós, Amy Roberts, Lara Gularte, Carlo Matos, Linette Escobar, and Tony J Roma.

6:30PM

Mayapple Press Reading

Location: Exchequer Restaurant & Pub

Cost: \$20.00

Website: <http://www.mayapplepress.com>

Come join us for the 4th annual Mayapple Press Reading at AWP! Dinner and drinks at 6:30 pm for \$20, various Mayapple Authors to read from 7:30-9:30. RSVP by emailing jbkerman@mayapplepress.com by February 10, 2012.

6:30PM-
9:00PM

Get Lit!

Location: The Double Door :: 1551 N, Damen Ave.

Cost: Free

Website: <http://mentalmarginalia.wordpress.com>

A celebration of the importance of exclamation points, Get Lit! is a joint collaboration between the curators of Brooklyn's Mental Marginalia Reading Series and the editors of LIT and Dewclaw. On the occasion of the launch of LIT 21 and the AWP conference, writers try to stay sober enough to read. Featuring: Darren Angle, Amina Cain, Mark Gurarie, Jeff T. Johnson, Alex Crowley, Mark Bibbins, Nick Demske, Jaclyn Lovell, Claire Donato, Christian Ochoa, Jackie Clark, Christie Ann Reynolds, Matt Hart and more.

6:30PM-?

Beauty is a Verb Off-Site Reading and Celebration

Location: Access Living, 115 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60654-3209

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.accessliving.org/>

Sponsored by Bodies of Work and Access Living's Arts/Culture project, an off-site Beauty is a Verb reading will be held Friday, March 2 at Access Living, 115 West Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60654-3209. Readers will include: Jennifer Bartlett, Sheila Black, Jim Ferris, Kenny Fries, Anne Kaier, Stephen Kuusisto, Laurie Clements Lambeth, Danielle Pafunda, and Jillian Weise.

7:00PM

Diode and Barn Owl Review Offsite Poetry Reading & Celebration

Location: Curtiss Hall, Fine Arts Building, 410 S. Michigan Av.

Cost: Free

Website: <http://barnowlreview.blogspot.com/2011/10/barn-owl-review-diode-awp-offsite.html>

Barn Owl Review and Diode present an offsite poetry reading and fifth birthday party for both journals. Readers include Jason Bredle, Traci Brimhall, Peter Campion, John Gallaher, Brent Goodman, Matthew Guenette, Rebecca Hazelton, Sandy Longhorn, Erika Meitner, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Alison Pelegrin, and G.C. Waldrep. Treats and drinks and the finest poetry imaginable.

7:00PM-
9:00PM

Burnt Bridge & Flywheel Magazine Reading

Location: Billy Goat Tavern, 430 N. Michigan Ave

Cost: FREE

Website: <http://burntbridge.net>

Burnt Bridge & Flywheel Magazine will be holding an off-site reading at the 2012 AWP Conference in Chicago. The reading will be graciously hosted by our good friends The Billy Goat Tavern on Michigan Ave. Attendees or general Chicago dwellers are invited to come out from 7-9 and hear some literary grit hurled unceremoniously at their ears. We're told the food is good, too.

7:00PM-
9:00PM

Stymie Magazine Presents the Literature of Sport

Location: Theory Sport.Dine.Lounge; 9 W. Hubbard

Cost: FREE

Join the editors and authors of Stymie Magazine for an evening of sports-related literature, good cheer, and general frivolity.

7:00PM-
10:00PM

Beautiful, Words

Location: Beauty Bar, 1444 W. Chicago Ave.

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.curbsidesplendor.com/curbside/blog/beautiful-words-awp-2012-event>
Readings by: Kim Addonizio, Kate Zambreno, Vanessa Veselka, Greg Olear, Stacy Bierlein, Michael Cyzyk, David Galef, Tod Goldberg, Jonathan Evison, Shannon Cason. Sponsored by: The Nervous Breakdown, Other Voices Books, Bookslut, Red Lemonade, Dzanc Books, Curbside Splendor, Emergency Press, Elephant Rock Books, University of California-Riverside MFA program, Sunday Salon Chicago. Live music by Rob Roberge and Vanessa Veselka, and live DJ.

7:00PM-9:00
PM

The Denver-Chicago Continuum

Location: SAIC MFAW BOOK LAB, Sharp Building, 37 S. Wabash, 2nd floor

Cost: free

The creative writing programs at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the University of Denver have a decade-long history of cross pollination. SAIC will host a reading featuring writers who have taught or studied at both programs, including Bin Ramke, Dan Beachy-Quick, Amy England, and others.

7:00PM-
9:00PM

Rescue Press, Canarium Books, Transom, & Factory Hollow Press

Location: 656 W. Randolph Street, Suite 5E

Cost: Free

Website: <http://rescuepress.wordpress.com>

Rescue Press, Canarium Books, Transom Journal, & Factory Hollow Press combine efforts to present an off-site reading featuring: Madeline McDonnell, Marc Rahe, Anthony Madrid, Darcie Dennigan, MA Vizsolyi, Kaethe Schwehn, Ata Moharreri, Alex Phillips, and others. Open bar and book raffle included.

7:00PM

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Location: The Horseshoe, 4115 N. Lincoln Avenue

Cost: free

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/203462383031095/>

As we are un beholden to any particular school, method, or ideology, the one constant for this reading is each participant's unique kick-assness. Participants so far confirmed include Karren Alenier, Fred Arroyo, Sarah Barber, Seth Berg, Jesse Bradley, Jane L. Carman, Sarah Carson, Larry O. Dean, Eric Elshtain, Maggie Flanagan-Wilkie, Nathan Floom, Joseph Lease, Jacklyn Dre Marceau, Anna March, Karen McElmurray, Daniel Nester, Pamela Johnson Parker, Brianna Pike, Mike ThePoet Sonksen, Mark Statman, Elissa Schappell, Christine Simokaitis, Margo Stever, Ben Tanzer, Meg Tuite, Robert Vaughan, Chet Weise, Snezana Zabic, V Lazaro Zamora, and Cindy Zelman., with more TBA. Immediately following will be music from The Injured Parties, Khalid Hanifi, and Decoy Prayer Meeting. The venue has a menu that includes food and drink. Come early, stay late!

7:00PM

McSweeney's AWP Party and Poetry Imprint Launch

Location: 826 Chicago

Cost: FREE

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/275318479190753/>

Come celebrate the launch of our poetry imprint in a four-part reading. We're featuring poets Matthea Harvey (Of Lamb, Spring 2011) and Rebecca Lindenberg whose collection, Love: An Index, is kicking off the McSweeney's Poetry series. Also Adam Levin, author of the Instructions will be reading from his forthcoming short-story collection, Hot Pink and Tom Barbash, McSweeney's Issue 39 contributor.

7:00PM-
9:00PM

Cleveland State University Poetry Center Reading

Location: Villain's

Cost: Free

Website: <http://villainschicago.com/Events.aspx>

Please join us for readings by Samuel Amadon, Emily Kendal Frey, Dora Malech, Shane McCrae, Zach Savich, Sandra Simonds, S. E. Smith, & Jon Woodward. See bookfair table B1 for you invitation and directions.

- 7:00PM **Literary Death Match — AWP Special**
Location: Buddy Guy's Legends
Cost: \$5 advance/\$10 door
Website: <http://www.literarydeathmatch.com/upcoming-events/march-2-2012-at-awp.html>
 Doty! Smiley! Strauss! Jackson! To celebrate our 200th episode at Buddy Guy's Legends, we're teaming with Versal and Painted Bride Quarterly for Literary Death Match: Journal Porn Edition at AWP, and we've assembled the most colossally-awarded lineup of literary superstars ever to participate in a LDM ever before. Other plans? Cancel them. This is going to be a sexy-literary-comedic night to remember
- 7:00PM-10:00PM **Sixth Finch and YesYes Books reading**
Location: Columbia College's Center for Book and Paper Arts (1104 South Wabash, 2nd Floor)
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/events/198506656912495/>
 In conjunction with CPBA's "Poems and Pictures" exhibit. Reception at 7 PM, followed by a reading at 8 PM featuring Emily Kendal Frey, Ally Harris, Matt Hart, Mark Leidner, Thomas Patrick Levy, Ben Mirov, Metta Sama, Nate Slawson, Leigh Stein, Gale Marie Thompson, Phillip B. Williams, Angela Veronica Wong and Matthew Yeager. Only two blocks from the conference.
- 7:00PM-10:00PM **The Dollhouse Reading Series Presents: On the Escape**
Location: 1850 W. Belle Plaine Ave., #3
Cost: Free
Website: <http://thedollhousereads.tumblr.com/>
 The Dollhouse Reading Series presents On the Escape, an evening with Writers from the first six episodes of the eponymous film and writing series. Featuring: Macgregor Card, Corina Copp, Ted Dodson, Tyler Flynn Dorholt, Alina Gregorian, Amy Lawless, Paul Legault, Ryan Doyle May, Chris Martin, Mary Austin Speaker, Jennifer Tamayo, & Ken Walker
- 7:00PM-9:00PM **Poetry Reading**
Location: Danny's Tavern, 1951 W. Dickens Ave., Chicago, IL
Cost: FREE
 Readings from Emily Skillings, HR Hegnauer, Krystal Languell and Carmen Giménez Smith. Free commemorative/collaborative chaplet for the first 50 attendees!
- 7:00PM **Patricia Smith Book Release Reading/Party**
Location: Chicago Cultural Center Ballroom, 78 E. Washington Blvd.
Cost: Free
 Reading/party to celebrate the release of "Shoulda Been Jimi Savannah," the latest collection by Patricia Smith, the 2008 National Book Award finalist for "Blood Dazzler." Sponsored by Young Chicago Authors' Louder Than a Bomb, and featuring LTAB performers Malcolm London, Jamila Woods and the West Side regional champions. Great food, raffles and Motown music!
- 7:00PM-8:00PM **Dusie/Pussipo Reading presented by Red Rover Series**
Location: Outer Space Studio, 1474 N. Milwauakee Ave.
Cost: free
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/268926943178706>
 Readers: Hugh Behm-Steinberg, Tamiko Beyer, Naomi Buck Palagi, Maria Damon, Carrie Etter, Jennifer Firestone, K. Lorraine Graham, Larkin Higgins, Megan Kaminski, John Pluecker, Chris Pusateri, Marthe Reed, Judy Roitman, Sarah Rosenthal, Elisabeth Workman.
- 7:30PM-10:00PM **Top Shelf Poets (First Friday Poetry Series)**
Location: Creative Studio Space, Studio A, 2941 W. Belmont, Chicago, Illinois
Cost: FREE
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Top-Shelf-Poets-First-Friday-Poetry-Series/208827072482738>
 Poetry reading: Kris Bigalk, Bill Yarrow, Gloria Mindock, Tony Barnstone. Hosted by Waiting 4 the Bus.
- 7:30PM **Patricia Henley & Myfanwy Collins Reading**
Location: Women and Children First, 5233 N. Clark St.

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.womenandchildrenfirst.com/>

Engine Books presents Patricia Henley reading from her new story collection, OTHER HEARTBREAKS, and Myfanwy Collins reading from her debut novel ECHOLOCATION. Both books will be available for purchase and signing.

7:30PM

Mandorla Magazine Reading

Location: Chicago Cultural Center, 5th Floor Millennium Park Room

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.litline.org/Mandorla>

Mandorla: New Writing from the Americas will feature Anna Deeny, LaTasha Nevada Diggs, Roberto Harrison, Timothy Liu, David Matlin, Elena Minor, Urayoán Noel, Davis Schneiderman, Edwin Torres, Rodrigo Toscano, and Eliot Weinberger. The CCC is straight up Michigan Ave from the conference hotels: enter at 78 E. Washington, across from the silver bean sculpture, or via wheelchair accessible entrance at 77 E. Randolph. Doors open 7pm, reading starts at 7:30.

7:30PM-
8:45PM

Look! See! Read! An Evening of Word and Image

Location: STOP SMILING Books, 1371 N. Milwaukee

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.sigliopress.com/news>

Join Siglio and Ugly Duckling Presse authors Erica Baum (Dog Ear), Amaranth Borsuk (Between Page and Screen), Danielle Dutton (SPRAWL), and Jill Magi (SLOT) for a multi-media evening of performance, readings, and visual presentations. From uncanny poems made by folding the pages of old paperbacks to an epistolary romance that can only be read in augmented reality, these are works that dissolve the boundaries between the visual and literary and re-envision the form of "the book" itself. Come be astonished.

7:30PM

Engine Book Authors Myfanwy Collins and Patricia Henly

Location: 5233 N. Clark Street

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.womenandchildrenfirst.com>

Women & Children First Bookstore presents Engine Press authors Myfanwy Collins and Patricia Henly for a reading and booksigning. The bookstore is located four blocks west of the Red Line "Berwyn" stop.

7:30PM

Crossed

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8:00PM

Literature Party

Location: Lincoln Hall, 2424 N Lincoln Avenue

Cost: \$10.00

Website: <http://literatureparty.com/>

A night of literature and party benefiting Young Chicago Authors. With literature from Dorothea Lasky, Mary Miller and Tim Kinsella, and a special performance by Jesse Ball accompanied by puppeteers Jill Summers and Susie Kirkwood. Hosted by Zach Dodson and Lindsay Hunter. Bookstore by Vouched. Sponsored by School of the Art Institute of Chicago Writing Program, Bookforum, featherproof, Hobart, HTMLGiant, The Lit Pub, Publishing Genius, and Wave Books. See literatureparty.com

- 8:00PM **Bread Loaf Waiters' Reading, Auld Lang Syne version**
Location: After-Words Bookstore, 23 E. Illinois St. (between State St. & Wabash Ave.)
Cost: Free
 Join us for a rollicking reading at After-Words, where a gathering of 2009 Bread Loaf waiters will read for three-minute intervals. Wine will be served! Snacks will be on offer!
- 8:00PM **6 Debut Fiction Writers, 1 Night of Reading Mayhem**
Location: The Book Cellar (4736 North Lincoln Ave)
Cost: 0
Website: <http://bookcellarinc.com/>
 Six debut fiction writers (William Giraldi, Amina Gautier, Christine Sneed, Debra Brenegan, Tom Williams, and Phong Nguyen) will read excerpts from their award-winning books at The Book Cellar (4736 North Lincoln Ave) on Friday, March 2nd at 8pm. The event is free and open to the public. Strong possibility of drinks afterward.
- 8:30PM-11:30PM **Table X/Y Party & Reading Experiment presented by Red Rover Series**
Location: Outer Space Studio 1474 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Cost: Free
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/221605691264245/>
 Organized cacophony. Writers from 32 small presses read simultaneously in one space!
 Reading Experiment #1 / 9-9:30pm: Lori Anderson Moseman, Harold Abramowitz, Gretchen E. Henderson, Peter Connors, Molly Gaudry, Kathy Fish, Paige Lipari, Amy King, Judith Goldman, Bianca Stone, Philip Metres, Marcus Pactor, Jonathan Stalling, Katie Fowley, Ben Mirov, Lisa Ciccarello, Marina Blitshsteyn, Rodrigo Toscano, Anna Joy Springer, Corina Copp, James Maughn, Amanda Deutch, Lily Ladewig, Jennifer H. Fortin, Kristin Prevallet, Alina Gregorian, Sidebrow reading from White Horse, Alan Gilbert, Nicole Schildkraut, Miranda Mellis, & Jennifer Karmin.
 Reading Experiment #2 / 10-10:30pm: Kate Durbin, Laura Goldstein, Matvei Yankelevich, Janice Lee, Noel Black, Dana Teen Lomax, Deborah Poe, Adam Peterson, Jeff Alessandrelli, Caroline Crumpacker, Christie Ann Reynolds, Sidebrow reading from White Horse, Joe Elliott, Matias Viegner, Elizabeth Gentry, Gina Caciolo, Robert Kloss, Ben Segal, BC Edwards, Jennifer Scappettone, E. Tracy Grinnell, Ben Pease, Serena Chopra, Tracy DeBrincat, Giovanni Singleton, Jessica Laser, Brent Cunningham, Tisa Bryant, Erika Jo Brown, & Frances Richard.
- 9:00PM **Writers Who Rock -- Tiny Magnets at AWP**
Location: Cole's, 2338 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Cost: Free
Website: <http://coleschicago.blogspot.com/>
 Kick out the literary jams with Chicago's Tiny Magnets and AWP Guests! Join Laurie Lindeen (ex-Zuzu's Petals, author of Petal Pusher), Tony Trigilio (ex-Drumming On Glass, author of Historic Diary), Allison Felus, Brian Cremins, and Tris Carpenter for a night of music featuring the songs of Tiny Magnets, Zuzu's Petals, Drumming On Glass, The Confessors, and more!
- 9:00PM **The Normal School and The Pinch AWP Bash**
Location: Elephant and Castle Pub on Wabash
Cost: FREE
Website: <http://www.facebook.com/events/316973445004476/>
 Join literary magazines, The Normal School and The Pinch for our annual AWP Bash. Meet Editors and Contributors, have some fun on Friday.
- 9:00PM-12:00AM **VIDA: Women In Literary Arts' 2012 AWP Off-Site Benefit:**
Location: Tamarind Restaunt, 14 South Wabash, a half block down from the Hilton's back doors.
Cost: \$10.00
Website: <http://www.vidaweb.org>
 VIDA's off site benefit this year will be a sushi-umbrella drinks-Karaoke cocktail party extravaganza, taking place at Tamarind restaurant, mere steps from the front door of the AWP conference hotel (greatly decreasing the risk of hypothermia for all). We already have some intrepid writers lined up to wow us with their vocal stylings. And who knows, you might get up there yourself! So come let your hair down, relax and celebrate with us after a hefty day of panels and book fairing

- 9:30PM-
12:00AM
- Literary High Jinx**
Location: Brando's Speakeasy, 343 S. Dearborn St., Chicago (historic South Loop)
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.brandoschicago.com>
Literary loons and AWP marauders, unite! Patasola Press and Atticus Books join indie forces to present a spirited night of reading high jinx, complete with quirky novelists, saucy poets, brainy sirens, and devious wordsmiths in a slick, private upstairs bar. Rae Bryant, Steve Himmer, Dave Housley, John Minichillo, J.A. Tyler and other underground small press sensations are on hand to incite sentence riots and more.
- 9:30PM-
12:30AM
- Write Bloody Word Party**
Location: Elastic Arts, 2830 N Milwaukee Ave.
Cost: \$5 cover, \$3 for students and artists
Website: <http://www.writebloody.com>
The Write Bloody crew are infiltrating Chicago with radness and poetry on March 2, 2012. Come on out for the most irreverent and entertaining offsite reading of AWP, featuring readings and performance from Derrick Brown, Cristin O'Keefe Aptowicz, Anis Mojgani, Jon Sands, Laura Yes Yes, Benjamin Clark, Tim Stafford, Elaina Ellis, Josh Boyd, Stevie Edwards, Robbie Q. Telfer AND MORE! BYOB, ID's will be checked at the door.
- 9:45PM-
12:00AM
- Black Tongue Review's AWP "Black Ladder" reading**
Location: Pregnant Buffalo Loung of Chopin Theatre--1543 West Division
Cost: FREE
Website: <http://blacktonguereview.wordpress.com/about/>
Featuring the following readers climbing the black ladder: George Kalamaras-author of, Chad Sweeney, Adam Clay, Greg Santos, Bruce Covey, LS Klatt, Tim Kahl, Josh Young, Katerina Stoyklov-Klemer.
- 10:00PM
- The Best AWP Reading & After-Party EVER! (Jagged Door & Gold Line Presses)**
Location: Due to the sheer magic of the space, the event is all secretive and exclusive-like, so please RSVP for location and directions via email at awpsbestreading@gmail.com.
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.jaggeddoorpress.com>
Jagged Door Press and Gold Line Press cordially invite you to the best off-site reading and after party that AWP has to offer! Music, comedy, cocktails, and finger food will warm up the crowd for the poetry and fiction, and will keep everyone going for the after-party that follows....
The evening will kick off with readings by: G.M. Palmer (Jagged Door Press), Kelli Anne Noftle (Omnidawn Press), Jessica Piazza (Red Hen Press)
...followed by the Gold Line Press line-up: Bradley Harrison Smith, Kyle WInkler, Jay Shearer (winner of the 2011 Gold Line Press Chapbook Contest)
You will eat, you will drink, you might even dance. Your mind will be blown, is what we're trying to say.
- 10:00PM-
2:00AM
- Calles y Sueños Poetry & Music**
Location: Calles y Sueños, 1900 S. Carpenter St, Chicago
Cost: free
Website: <http://www.pilsenportal.org/directory/707>
Featuring Chicago Scratch Orchestra & Carlos Bueno's Band with poets Wayne Allen Jones, Charlie Newman, Jules Nyquist, John Roche, Charlie Rossiter and Susan Deer Cloud. La Casa de Arte y Cultura Calles y Sueños-Chicago Collective is a collective of Chicago artists and cultural activists who work to provide an alternative arts space for exhibition, the performing arts, music, film and cultural workshops for the Latino community. In the heart of Little Italy/Pilsen district, a short cab ride away from main hotel.
- 11:00PM
- Special Screening of Being Flynn**
Location: ShowPlace ICON Theatre, 150 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago
Cost: Free
Website: <http://www.beingflynnawp.com/>
FOR AWP ATTENDEES ONLY: Nick Flynn, The Rumpus, and Blue Flower Arts in association with Focus Features and W.W. Norton want to wish you... "another bullshit night in suck city" with a special free screening of BEING FLYNN starring Robert DeNiro, Paul Dano, Julianne Moore Lili

Taylor and Olivia Thirlby. The screening will be preceded by a brief conversation between: Author NICK FLYNN, Host STEPHEN ELLIOTT of The Rumpus.

Saturday, March 3:

11:00AM-
4:00PM

Poetry Foundation

Location: 61 W. Superior Street

Cost: FREE

Website: <http://poetryfoundation.org>

When Harriet Monroe founded POETRY magazine in 1912, she wrote that her publication was "a modest effort to give to poetry her own place." Now, one hundred years later, poetry quite literally has that place. Opened to the public in June 2011, our building houses a public garden, a 30,000-volume library, an exhibition gallery, and a performance space for the Foundation's extensive roster of public programs and events. Please visit us during the conference. Red Line north from the conference hotel to Chicago or bus route 22 north to Dearborn and Huron.

1:00PM

TJY & The Actionettes

Location: Multikulti, 1000 N Milwaukee Ave

Cost: \$5 suggested

Website: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/219588>

Sponsored by Action Yes! and Red Lightbulbs, an afternoon of queer, feminist, gurlisque & grotesque literary performance featuring kitschy, campy, glamorous and otherwise unruly bodies & texts, starring Kate Durbin, Ji Yoon Lee, Carina Finn, Meghan Lamb and Tim Jones-Yelvington.

1:00PM-
8:00PM

dancing girl press OPEN STUDIO & BOOK SIGNINGS

Location: 410 S. Michigan Ave #921

Cost: free

Website: <http://www.dancinggirlpress.com>

Join us as we welcome you into our space in the historic Fine Arts Building (just 3 blocks north of the Hilton). This is a great chance to pick up the newest titles, have a look at our latest offerings, and see exactly what we do. Plus a huge roster of book signings by our authors throughout the afternoon, including Megan Fernandes, Sheila Squillante, Megan Kaminski, J.Hope Stein, Gina Abelkop, Jackie White, Kristen Eliason, and more TBA.

2:00PM-
3:30PM

Poetry Reading

Location: Oak Park Public Library

Cost: FREE

Website: <http://oppl.org/events/calendar>

Join us for an afternoon of poetry with local performance poet and author Charlie Rossiter, and other prominent poets including Maria Gillan and Laura Boss from New York, and M.L. Liebler from Detroit.

2:00PM

TriQuarterly Books/Northwestern University Press Poetry Reading

Location: Poetry Foundation, 61 W. Superior St.

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.nupress.northwestern.edu>

Please join us for a reading as NU Press authors read from their new poetry collections. Featuring Heidi Steidlmayer (Fowling Piece); Greg Alan Brownderville (Gust); Bruce Weigl (The Abundance of Nothing); and Brett Foster (The Garbage Eater). Signing to follow.

3:00PM-
5:00PM

Woman Made Gallery Welcomes Women Who Write: Strong Words, Strong Voices

Location: Woman Made Gallery, 685 N Milwaukee Ave

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.womanmade.org/poetry.html>

This year, Woman Made Gallery celebrates 20 years of supporting the creative endeavors of women around the world. Literature has been prominently featured among gallery programs, including poetry readings, often organized around the themes of the concurrent art exhibit. Honoring Women's History Month, we bring together five seasoned poets with distinctive

voices, vision and presence: Kim Addonizio, Brenda Cardenas, Nina Corwin, Patricia Spears Jones and Patricia Smith. The reading will be followed by a conversation and celebration hosted by six prominent women's literary organizations from around the country.

4:00PM-
6:00PM

Many Mountains Moving Press Reading

Location: Gage Gallery, Roosevelt University

Cost: free to all

Website: http://www.mmminc.org/html/events/events_new.htm

Another terrific lineup from MMM: Anne-Marie Cusac, Renato Rosaldo, Patrick Lawler, Jeffrey Ethan Lee, as well as Scott Blackwood, and the Creative Writing Program. A beautiful large space within walking distance of the conference hotels at 18 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL.

4:00PM-
5:00PMPM
gather

Brain Trust: a Reading of New Works on Dementia and other brain-straining subjects

Location: Overflow Coffee Bar, 1550 S. State St.

Cost: none, but beverage purchase appreciated

Website: <http://www.overflowcoffeebar.org>

Featured author: Alice LaPlante, Turn of Mind. Poets and prose writers in all genres are invited to read at this gathering of writers who are addressing Alzheimer's disease and other assaults on the brain. Maximum length: five minutes. To sign up, contact Ann Hedreen at ann@whitenoiseproductions.com. Please include: title of your poem or prose piece, genre, and a few lines of introductory copy about you and your work.

5:00PM-
6:00PM
reading

6:00PM
Overflow
Open Mic

5:00PM-
7:00PM

Women Write Books @ Women Made Art Gallery: A Conversation and Celebration Hosted by Six Prominent Women's Literary Organizations

Location: Women Made Gallery, 685 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL, 60642

Cost: FREE

Website: <http://vidaweb.org>

VIDA: Women in Literary Arts, Hedgebrook: Women Authoring Change, She Writes, Women Review of Books, A Room of Her Own, Kentucky Womens Writers Conference. What do these enterprising literary organizations have in common? Each was founded to support women's writing. Please join us for a reception at which these respective organizations discuss their contributions to the literary community, the specific programs they offer, and how you can become involved. We'll provide the drink and nosh. You provide your presence, questions, and know-how.

5:00PM-
8:00PM

Mixed Fruit Reading

Location: Black Rock Bar

Cost: Free

Contributors to Mixed Fruit Magazine read their work.

5:00PM-
6:30PM

Mixer/Paper Darts Last Chance Happy Hour

Location: The Beauty Bar, 1444 West Chicago Avenue

Cost:

Mixer and Paper Darts team up to present an epic reading/sendoff on the final night of AWP. Swing by the Beauty Bar and dip your callused and brittle hands in a luxurious wax bath while you hear the likes of Amelia Gray, Tom Bonfiglio, John Jodzio, Chelsea Martin, Edward Trefts and Anne Yoder.

5:00PM-
7:15PM

Cambridge Writers' Workshop Reading

Location: Danny's Tavern, 1951 West Dickens Avenue, Chicago, IL 60647

Cost: Free

Website: <http://cambridgewritersworkshop.org/>

Learn about the Cambridge Writers' Workshop Writing Studio & Literary Salon in Brooklyn, NY and our Summer 2012 Eco-living and Writing Retreat at the Château de Sacy in France (Aug 22-31, 2012). /// The CWW featured writers include Rita Banerjee (author of Cracklers at Night and Co-Director of the Cambridge Writers' Workshop), Pattabi Seshadri (whose poetry has appeared in Cincinnati Review, American Letters and Commentary, & TYPO), Jessica Piazza (whose poetry collection Interrobang is forthcoming from Red Hen Press), Brandon Krieg

(Founding Editor of The Winter Anthology), Rebecca Lindenberg (whose book Love, an Index is forthcoming as the first poetry imprint from McSweeney's), Marc McKee (author of What Apocalypse?, Fuse, and Bewilderness), Tara Skurtu (whose poems have appeared in Poet Lore, Salamander, The Southeast Review, and Hiram Poetry Review), Derek JG Williams (who puts words in rows both long and short), and Amanda Lichtenstein (Director of the MANENO (WORDS) poetry series in Zanzibar, Tanzania). /// Cambridge Writers' Workshop * 922 Kings Highway * Brooklyn, NY 11223 * Twitter: CamWritersWkshp

5:30-7:30pm

Books Have Ruined Our Lives, Now We Want to Ruin Yours: Starcherone in Chicago Chicago Reading

Location: The Green Door, 678 New Orleans St., Chicago

Cost: FREE

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/events/384306104919479/>

Starcherone Books celebrates the publication of 30 Under 30: Innovative Fiction by Younger Authors, with ten contributors (Matt Bell, Ian Davisson, Ryan Downey, Andy Farkas, Evelyn Hampton, Sean Kilpatrick, Alissa Nutting, Brian Oliu, Todd Seabrook, Megan Milks) and editor Lily Hoang joining Starcherone authors Gretchen Henderson (The House Enters the Street, due out in Fall '12) and Alissa Nutting (Unclean Jobs for Women & Girls) in an evening certain to destroy your capacity to live a comfortable life and make a decent wage. Hosted by Starcherone publisher Ted Pelton.

6:00PM-

9:00PM

Ear Eater #13: The Impossible, The Extraordinary

Location: Beef & Brandy, 127 S. State Street

Cost: FREE

Website: <http://eareater.tumblr.com/post/16833972149/ear-eater-13-awp-edition>

Join Us for Ear Eater #13: The Impossible, The Extraordinary! ALL-STAR CAST: Amelia Gray: (Author of AM/PM (Featherproof Books) and Museum of the Weird (FC2). Her first novel, THREATS, is due March 2012 from Farrar, Straus and Giroux.); Vanessa Place: (Writer, lawyer, and co-director of Les Fignes Press. She is the author of Dies: ...A Sentence (2006), La Medusa (FC2, 2008), and The Guilt Project: Rape, Morality, and Law (2010); Kevin Sampsell: (Author of the short story collections Beautiful Blemish and Creamy Bullets. He is the editor of The Insomniac Reader and Portland Noir. His newest book is A Common Pornography: A Memoir. He runs the micropress, Future Tense Books); Adam Robinson: (Adam Robinson lives in Baltimore, where he operates Publishing Genius Press. He is the author of Adam Robison and Other Poems, (Narrow House Books, (2010). More info at the EAR EATER site

<http://eareater.tumblr.com/post/16833972149/ear-eater-13-awp-edition>

6:00PM-

8:00PM

2012 Willow Books Lit Fest

Location: Blanc Gallery, 4445 S. MLK Drive, Chicago, IL 60653

Cost: Free; cash bar

Website: <http://www.WillowLit.com/events.html>

Evening of poetry and fine art with Willow Books authors, featuring Kelly Norman Ellis, MFA Director, Chicago State Univ., Randall Horton, Curtis L. Crisler, Makalani Bandele, Reggie Flood, Alan King and Tara Betts. Special guests Samiya Bashir and Parneshia Jones, Aquarius Press Legacy Award winners. Art exhibition by Kindred Visions. Free. Cash bar.

6:00PM-

7:30PM

Orange Alert and Silver Tongue Present the Unstuck Group Reading

Location: Columbia College, Stage Two, 618 South Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60605

Cost: FREE

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/267981013270477/>

Chicago's Orange Alert and Silver Tongue reading series host a huge group reading at Columbia College for Austin's newest and weirdest literary annual, Unstuck. The spacious and comfortable venue is within a stone's throw of the conference Hilton. The readings will feature ghosts, ape-men, elephant-men, alluring zombies and a golem. Readers: Gabriel Blackwell, Ian Richard Jones, Meghan McCarron, Joe Meno, Kiki Petrosino, Dan Rosenberg, Zach Savich, Francesca Thompson, Matthew Vollmer.

6:00PM

Fence & Action Books Party

Location: Buddy Guy's Legends (upstairs), 700 S. Wabash (right behind the Hilton)

Cost: Free

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/events/348951215137634/>

Come join Fence & Action Books for an Evening of Lovely&Bitey/Cosmopolitan&Cannibalistic / (Amor)phous&Macabre & More... Featuring: Olivia Cronk, Don Mee Choi and Jiyeon Lee (poems by Kim Hyesoon), Lara Glenum, Paul Legault, Joyelle McSweeney, Ariana Reines, Peter Richards, and Laura Wetherington.

6:00PM

Unstuck**Location:** Columbia College, Stage Two, 618 South Michigan Ave**Cost:** free**Website:** <http://www.facebook.com/unstuckbooks?sk=events>

Unstuck, a journal of the futuristic and the fantastic, the surreal and the strange, presents a night of fiction and poetry from authors featured in our inaugural issue. Readers include Joe Meno, Matthew Vollmer, Gabriel Blackwell, Zach Savich, Dan Rosenberg, and Kiki Petrosino. Only a few blocks from the conference hotels.

6:00PM-
8:00PM**The University of Tulsa presents Versed = Versed****Location:** Manhattan's Bar (upstairs), 415 S. Dearborn Street (6 blocks from Hilton and Palmer)**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.facebook.com/events/330943280276337/>

"Forgetting to remember; after all we are / human beings and seeded for growth." A reading featuring Grant Jenkins, Joy of God and Other Series (Blackbird) and Morphs (Cracked Slab); Timothy Bradford, Nomads with Samsonite (BlazeVOX); Shira Dentz, black seeds on a white dish (Shearsman); Julie Sophia Paegle, torch song tango choir (University of Arizona Press); John Beer, The Waste Land and Other Poems (Canarium); Lea Graham, Hough & Helix & Where & Here & You, You, You (No Tell Motel); Joseph Harrington, Things Come On: An Amneoir (Wesleyan UP); Andrew Schelling, From the Arapaho Songbook (La Alameda Press) and The Oxford Anthology of Bhakti Literature (OUP, Delhi); Rebecca Eland, "Species of Space"; and others. Private upstairs space, great pizza & drink specials, versed individuals.

6:15PM-
7:30PM**Lost Chicago Drinking Poems****Location:** Berghoff, 17 West Adams St.**Cost:** FREE with rsvp**Website:** <http://blog.chicagodetours.com/2012/02/lost-chicago-drinking-poems/>

Walk just a block from the Palmer House to drink and listen to readings of forgotten poems about drinking, beer, and saloons that creative tour company Chicago Detours dug up from archives. Chicago by the Pint author Denese Neu reads an excerpt from her book, and Sophie Grimes and others join AWP Award Winners Douglas Light and Mandy Keifetz in a lively poetry reading. RSVP required to info@chicagodetours.com as space is limited and light appetizers are included.

6:30PM-
10:00PM**Gemma Open Door Launch Party****Location:** Comix Revolution**Cost:** free!**Website:** <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Open-Door-North-America/259902710711634>

Gemma Open Door is an innovative program of original works by some of our most beloved modern writers, originally designed in Ireland to promote adult literacy, now for American audiences. With 12 books available at AWP, we are celebrating the official launch at Comix Revolution, 606 Davis Street, Evanston. Authors Naeem Murr, Brian Bouldrey, Lucy Jane Bledsoe, Elizabeth Mosier, Joseph Schuster, and many more will be on hand to toast!

7:00PM-
9:00PM**Before We Go****Location:** Beauty Bar, 1444 W. Chicago Ave**Cost:** Free**Website:** <http://www.facebook.com/events/371496909532464/>

Presented by Big Lucks, Gigantic Sequins, Knee-Jerk, Magic Helicopter, and Rose Metal Press. Readings from Amanda Auchter Jason Bredle, Adam Drent, Loren Erdich, Adam Golaski, Christie Ann Reynolds, Matthew Siegel, Justin Sirois, Jordan Stempleman, and Ben Tanzer.

7:00PM-
9:00PM**Literary Salon****Location:** Unchartered Books, 2630 N. Milwaukee Avenue

Cost: Free & Open

Website: <http://www.unchartedbooks.com/>

Join host Metta Sáma and prose writers & poets Mahogany Browne, Racquel Goodison, Kirsten Hemmy, Saeed Jones, Alexander Long, Beth Martinell, Carrie McGath, Imad Rahman, Kevin Simmonds as they share new work &/or work from their collections!

7:00PM-
12:00AM

Stop the Sentence: A Night of (Inter) Active Readings presented by Red Rover Series

Location: Outer Space Studio, 1474 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Cost: free

Website: <http://www.facebook.com/events/290471547683482/>

Feature readings 7:30 Matthew Klane, 8:30 Cara Benson, 9:30 Michelle Naka Pierce, 10:30 Ronaldo Wilson, 11:30 Tracie Morris. Plus more readings, presentations, performances, and audience participation. *7:45 AWP SHOW AND TELL* Teresa Carmody, Feng Sun Chen, Gloria Frym, BJ Love, Mark Wallace; *8:45 O.P.P./OTHER PEOPLE'S POETRY* Claire Donato, Sueyeun Juliette Lee, Luis Humberto Valadez, Catherine Wagner, Tyrone Williams, Tim Yu, a tribute to Akliah Oliver with a video by Ed Bowes & Anne Waldman; *9:45 TAG TEAM READING* cris cheek, Laura Goldstein, MC Hyland, Tim/Trace Peterson, Michelle Taransky, Edwin Torres, Christine Wertheim; *10:45 INSTANT READING* David Emanuel, Jennifer Karmin, Edwin Perry, Jai Arun Ravine, Adam Roberts, Kenyatta Rogers.

7:30PM

Crossed

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Cost: \$20 (say AWP for a disc)

Website: <http://www.teatroluna.org>

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8:00PM

An Evening with The Sun

Location: The Heartland Cafe

Cost: Free

Website: <http://www.thesunmagazine.org>

Join Sy Safransky, founder and editor of The Sun magazine, along with contributors Poe Ballantine, Krista Bremer, and Cheryl Strayed for a free reading on March 3rd at The Heartland Café. Doors open at 7:00 pm; reading begins at 8:00 pm. Please visit www.thesunmagazine.org for details.

Sunday, March 4:

2:00PM-
3:30PM

Writers Who Teach, Teachers Who Write

Location: Open Books, 213 W. Institute Pl., Chicago IL 60610

Cost: Free

Website: <http://dreamofthings.com/MetzSneedRemberPoster.pdf>

Three distinguished authors and teachers of creative writing read from their work and talk about the creative process: Robin Metz, winner of the Rainer Maria Rilke International Poetry Prize for "Unbidden Angel." Christine Sneed, winner of the Grace Paley Prize in Short Fiction for "Portraits of a Few of the People I've Made Cry." John Rember, winner of Nautilus and Hoffer Awards for "MFA in a Box: A Why to Write Book."

4:30PM

Eleanor Henderson and Shannon Cain Reading

Location: 5233 N. Clark St.

Cost: free

Website: <http://www.womenandchildrenfirst>

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Monday, March 5:

7:00PM

James Ragan Reading

Location: The Book Stall / Chestnut Court/ 811 Elm Dr./ Winnetka, Illinois 60093

Cost: Free

Website:

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