

# AWP 2023 Event Outline

## **Event Title:**

LIGHTNING READINGS BY WRITER TO WRITER ALUMNI

## **Event Description:**

Quick 2-minute reads performed by published writers from the AWP Writer to Writer Mentorship Program. We invite you to enjoy a mix of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction from these talented writers. Organized and emceed by alumni P.D. Keenen. 3rd annual event returning after COVID hiatus.

<https://pdkeeney.com/2022/08/02/awp23-lightning-readings-by-writer-to-writer-alumni/>

## **Event Category:**

Multiple Literary Genres Reading

## **Event Organizer & Emcee:**

**P.D. Keenen** is a writer, empathy activist, and Washington-based constellation facilitator. They write memoir and poetry. Their work focuses on our shared humanity, points of cognitive dissonance, and advocating for the less visible.

## **Event Participants:**

The participants list may have changed see updated version and all bios at this website:

<https://pdkeenen.com/2022/08/02/awp23-lightning-readings-by-writer-to-writer-alumni/>

The list is organized alphabetically by last name and has the following information available: Writer Name, Writer-to-Writer Alumni Season, which role they participated as either Mentee or Mentor, and finally the Genre of the piece they are reading from.

Reading participants:

Dawn Angelicca Barcelona Spring 2022 Mentee Poetry  
Jennifer Bullis Spring 2015 Mentee Poetry  
Lauren K. Carlson Fall 2018 Mentee Poetry  
Gail Folkins Fall 2017 Mentor Nonfiction  
Lucas Jacob Fall 2017 Mentee Poetry  
Lara Lillibridge Fall 2022 Mentor Nonfiction  
Mary Pan Spring 2019 Mentee Nonfiction  
Ken Post Spring 2019 Mentee Fiction  
Vimla Sriram Fall 2021 Mentee Nonfiction  
Lisa C. Taylor Fall 2020 Mentor Poetry  
Shze-Hui Tjoa Spring 2022 Mentee Nonfiction  
Naomi Ulsted Spring 2016 Mentee Fiction  
Evan Williams Spring 2019 Mentor Fiction

## Opening Remarks & Housekeeping Announcements

### WELCOME REMARKS

Peace/Emcee: Welcome to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual alumni reading after a few year COVID hiatus of in-person events. As overwhelming as AWP can be, I have missed being in proximity and in real-world space with so many beings who care about words and how to use them well.

My name is Peace, and I am an alum from Season 3 in fall of 2015. I created this event so we could have a space and time to come together to celebrate the alumni community of Writer-to-Writer participants. Each of the individuals we will hear from have had a work published recently or as recently as COVID time allows anyways....

We will spend quick moments with each writer and their words giving us a lightning flash experiences of hearing their words in their own voices.

We ask that due to the already high level of auditory stimulation around us that the audience use deaf applause or hand waving (demonstrate and ask audience to demonstrate) rather than clapping or vocal applause as an author takes or leaves the stage.

I invite you to notice the bookfair crowd and activities teeming around us and let that be the bass line syncopation to our storm of writers' melodies.

## READING SECTION

First up will be...

- 1) Emcee will read author bio introducing writer, title of the piece
- 2) Writer will read for 2 minutes
- 3) Emcee will thank writer (deaf applause welcome now)

Emcee will repeat these steps until we have heard from all writer-to-writer alumni reading participants.

### CLOSING REMARKS

Short remarks on how to apply to the next season of Writer-To-Writer as mentor or mentee.

(Can also be found at this website for the most up-to-date information:

[https://www.awpwriter.org/community\\_calendar/mentorship\\_program\\_application\\_information](https://www.awpwriter.org/community_calendar/mentorship_program_application_information))

Thank you to AWP staff members.

Thank you to community donors that make writer-to-writer possible.

Thank you to our event stage sponsor.

Thank you to our emcee & event founder Peace.

If there is time, we will invite audience and writers to mingle near the stage after the event or at the AWP information booth about the Writer-to-Writer program.