OUTLINE

T113. Queering Kansas: LGBTQ+ Writers in the Heartland

Thursday, February 8, 2024

9:00am to 10:15am

Room 2102A, Kansas City Convention Center, Street Level

((Laura Lee Washburn, Jericho Hockett, Fable Briggs, Dennis Etzel Jr)

9:00 – 9:10

Welcome

Discussion about complaint to AWP

Dennis reads bios

9:10 – 9:30

Each panelist takes a turn discussing their work, as well as optionally answering one of the upcoming questions

9:30 – 10:00

Dennis presents the names of other LGBTQA+ poets and writers

Dennis quotes Queer Nature intro to lead into discussion

Panelists take turns (five minutes) answering these questions:

How do LGBTQ+ poets and writers draw on the landscape of Kansas, from the Tallgrass Prairie to the Flint Hills?

How is memoir and poetry shaped by writing as survival?

How has prose and poetry played a role in coming out?

How does community play a role in subject matter and support in LGBTQ+ writing?

10:00 – 10:15 am

ten-to-fifteen-minute audience Q&A