**Event title:** Wordpeace & Naugatuck River Review Reading  
Thursday, February 8, 2024, 12:10pm  
Bookfair Stage 1, AWP24 conference, Kansas City, MO

**Description:** This is a reading of mainly Wordpeace authors to commemorate our ninth year of publication. The newest issue is posted online at http://wordpeace.co

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**Event Organizer and Moderator:** Lee Desrosiers  
Lee Desrosiers’ (they/them) latest book of poems is *Keeping Planes in the Air* (Salmon Poetry). They edit *Naugatuck River Review*, a narrative poetry journal, and Wordpeace.co, a multi-genre online journal for peace and social justice. Desrosiers teaches poetry in Lesley University’s MFA program.

**Event Participants:**

**Subhaga Crystal Bacon**  
Subhaga Crystal Bacon (she/they) is a Queer poet living in rural Washington on unceded Methow land. She is the author of four collections of poetry including *Surrender of Water in Hidden Places*, Red Flag Poetry, 2022, and the Isabella Gardner Award winning *Transitory*, was recently released from BOA Editions.

**Sarah Browning**  
Sarah Browning is the author of two books of poems, *Killing Summer* (Sibling Rivalry Press, 2017) and *Whiskey in the Garden of Eden* (The Word Works, 2007). She teaches poetry workshops for Writers in Progress and is co-founder and for 10 years was Executive Director of Split This Rock in Washington, DC. An Associate Fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies, she is a recipient of the Lillian E. Smith Writer-in-Service Award, as well as fellowships from the DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities, Yaddo, Mesa Refuge, the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, and the Adirondack Center for Writing. She has been guest editor or co-edited special issues of *Beltway Poetry Quarterly*, *Origins*, *The Delaware Poetry Review*, and *POETRY* magazine. Browning now lives in Philadelphia and holds an MFA in poetry and creative nonfiction from Rutgers University Camden. More at: www.sarahbrowning.net

**David W. Janey**  
David W. Janey is a Boston-based African-American poet and essayist. He writes about racial justice, social change, personal memory/growth, and lessons learned from nature. David is a university administrator by day and his writing has appeared in the *Solstice Magazine* Features Blog, WBUR’s *Cognoscenti*, Boston University's *BU Today*, *Wordpeace Journal*, and *Pride and a Paycheck*.

**Robin Michel**  
Robin Michel has worked in nonprofits and education for most of her career, including as a teacher, preK-12 administrator, and a community organizer at the grassroots level. Her poetry and prose have appeared in many print and online journals, and she is the founder of Raven & Wren Press. Robin lives in San Francisco.