

# Converse College

## MFA Low Residency Program

### January 2012 Residency Schedule

\*Schedules for Special Manuscript Conference Sessions with Keith Morris (prose) and Denise Duhamel (poetry) will appear at the end of this document when you receive your final version at the opening day of the residency. If you are interested in having an additional conference session with one of these writers, please be sure to pre-register before Thanksgiving break.

#### Friday, December 30, 2011

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| By 3:30        | Student and Faculty check-in at hotel.   |
| 3:30–4:15 pm   | All Student Orientation, Concord Room-Conference Center Bldg.  |
| 4:15-4:45      | Faculty meeting, Concord Room-Conference Center Bldg.  |
| 5:00-6:00      | Happy Hour in Library Bar (Cash Bar)   |
| 6:00 p.m.      | Opening Dinner for students and faculty (paid for by program-encourage all students to attend this dinner). Pine Crest Dining Room |
| 8:30–9:15 p.m. | Opening Reading, Richard Tillinghast, Concord Rm-Conf. Center  |

#### Saturday, December 31, 2011

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| 7:00 a.m.        | Breakfast on your own. Hotel restaurant is open.  |
| 8:30-9:10        | <b><u>3rd semester students</u></b> attend meeting on semester-long critical essay project and preparations for thesis (required). <b><u>Optional for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester students</u></b> : Rick Mulkey, Harmony Room, lower level, Conference Center. |
| 9:15-9:55        | <b><u>Fourth semester student</u></b> meeting (required) Rick Mulkey, Harmony Room, lower level, Conference Center.   |
| 10:00–11:30 p.m. | Craft Lecture: Marlin Barton, "Criticism and Rejection: Ah, the Writing Life" Concord Room, Conf. Center:   |
| 11:30-1:30 p.m.  | Lunch on your own.  |
| 1:30–4:15 p.m.   | First meeting with Faculty Mentor and Workshop Writing Group: Introductions, Schedule and Guidelines<br>Fiction Workshop I (Barton, Pietrzyk) Concord Room, Conf. Ctr<br>Fiction Workshop II (Olmstead), Stone Cottage Great Room                           |

Creative Nonfiction Workshop (Tekulve/Tillinghast), Small Dining Room  
Poetry Workshop (Smith), Harmony Rm, lower level, Conf. Ctr.

- 4:30- 5:45            Craft Lecture, Richard Tillinghast, Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.
- 6:00-7:30 p.m.        Dinner on your own.
- 8:00–9:00 p.m.       Faculty Reading: Denise Duhamel and Robert Olmstead ,  
Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.
- 9:00 p.m.-until       New Year’s Eve Beer Tasting: Pine Crest Inn (Optional Event for  
those who want to purchase it.)

**Sunday, January 1, 2012**

- 7:00                    Breakfast on your own.
- 8:30–9:30 a.m.        Free writing time and/or Conferences with faculty mentor (sign  
up for meeting with individual faculty)
- 10:00–11:30 p.m.     Craft Lecture: R.T. Smith, "Riffing Historical, or Narcissus Is  
Not Enough." Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.,
- 11:30-1:30 p.m.       Lunch on your own.
- 1:30–4:15 p.m.        Fiction Workshop I (Barton, Pietrzyk) Concord Room, Conf. Ctr  
Fiction Workshop II (Olmstead), Stone Cottage Great Room  
Creative Nonfiction Workshop (Tekulve/Tillinghast), Small  
Dining Room  
Poetry Workshop (Smith), Harmony Rm, lower level, Conf. Ctr.
- 4:30–5:45 p.m.        Craft Lecture: Susan Tekulve, Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.
- 6:00-7:30 p.m.        Dinner on your own.
- 8:00–9:00 p.m.        Student Reading (sign up for 10 minute slot), Concord Room,  
Conf. Ctr.
- 9:00 p.m.-until        Reception in Library Bar

**Monday, January 2, 2012**

- 7:00                    Breakfast on your own.
- 8:30–9:30 a.m.        Free writing time and/or Conferences with Faculty mentor (sign  
up for meeting)
- 10:00–11:30 p.m.     Craft lecture: Leslie Pietrzyk, "It's Alive!": Creating Characters,”  
Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.

11:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own.
1:30-4:15 pm	Fiction Workshop I (Barton, Pietrzyk) Concord Room, Conf. Ctr Fiction Workshop II (Olmstead), Stone Cottage Great Room Creative Nonfiction Workshop (Tekulve/Tillinghast), Small Dining Room Poetry Workshop (Smith), Harmony Rm, lower level, Conf. Ctr.
4:30-5:45	Craft lecture: Denise Duhamel, "Punch Lines And Line Breaks: Humor In Poetry," Concord Room, Conf. Ctr. PUNCH LINES AND LINE BREAKS: HUMOR IN POETRY
6:00-7:30 p.m.	Dinner on your own.
8:00-9:00 p.m.	Faculty Reading, Leslie Pietrzyk and Keith Morris, Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.
9:00 p.m.-until	Reception in Library Bar

**Tuesday, January 3, 2012**

*(Students signed up for meeting with Keith Morris for individual prose manuscript critiques please see conference schedule time for today and location at the end of this document.)*

7:00	Breakfast on your own.
8:30-10:00 a.m.	Conferences with Faculty mentor (sign up for meeting)
10:00-11:30	Craft lecture, Bob Olmstead," Pastoral: Thoughts On Place," Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.
11:30-1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30-4:15 p.m.	Fiction Workshop I (Barton, Pietrzyk) Concord Room, Conf. Ctr Fiction Workshop II (Olmstead), Stone Cottage Great Room Creative Nonfiction Workshop (Tekulve/Tillinghast), Small Dining Room Poetry Workshop (Smith), Harmony Rm, lower level, Conf. Ctr.
4:30-5:30 p.m.	Panel on Small Press Publishing, Betsy Teter, editor of the award-winning Hub city Press, Marlin Barton, Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.
6-7:30	Dinner on your own
8:00-9:00 p.m.	Faculty Reading, Cary Holladay and R.T. Smith, Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.
9:00 p.m.-until	Reception in Library Bar

### **Wednesday, January 4, 2012**

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own.
- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Writing time and or Conferences with Faculty mentor (sign up for meeting)
- 10:00-11:30 p.m. Craft Lecture: Cary Holladay, Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.
- 11:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own.
- 1:30-4:15 p.m. Fiction Workshop I (Barton, Pietrzyk) Concord Room, Conf. Ctr  
Fiction Workshop II (Olmstead), Stone Cottage Great Room  
Creative Nonfiction Workshop (Tekulve/Tillinghast), Small Dining Room  
Poetry Workshop (Smith), Harmony Rm, lower level, Conf. Ctr.
- 3:00 Graduating Residency Students check-in
- 3:00-4:15 \*Graduating residency prose students meet with Cary Holladay  
\*Graduating residency poetry students meet with Anita Skeen.
- 4:30-5:50 p.m. Graduating Student Reading: Davis Enloe, Karin Gillespie, Genny Ellis
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own.
- 8:00-9:00 p.m. Faculty Reading, Anita Skeen and Rick Mulkey, Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.
- 9:00 p.m. Reception in Library Bar

### **Thursday, January 5, 2012**

- 7:00 Breakfast on your own.
- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Conferences with Faculty mentor (sign up for meeting)
- 9:00-10:30 a.m. Graduating Student Lectures: Martha Miller, Kathleen Nalley, Kristina Atkins, Concord Room, Conf Ctr.
- 10:30-11:30 p.m. Craft Lecture: Anita Skeen, Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.
- 11:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own.

- 1:30–4:15 p.m. Fiction Workshop I (Barton, Pietrzyk) Concord Room, Conf. Ctr  
Fiction Workshop II (Olmstead), Stone Cottage Great Room  
Creative Nonfiction Workshop (Tekulve/Tillinghast), Small Dining Room  
Poetry Workshop (Smith), Harmony Rm, lower level, Conf. Ctr.
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. Graduating Student Seminar, “The Job Search” Rick Mulkey  
2:45-4:15 p.m. Seminar: Editing an Online Journal, Sarah Gray, editor of South 85 Journal, (Prerequisite: currently participating as editorial interns on the journal)
- 4:30–5:50 p.m. Graduating Student Readings: Martha Miller, Lindsay Jackman, Austin Turner, Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own.
- 8:00–9:00 p.m. Faculty Reading, Marlin Barton and Susan Tekulve, Concord Room, Conf. Center.
- 9:00 p.m Reception in Library Bar

**Friday, January 6, 2012**

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own
- 8:30–9:30 a.m. Conferences with Faculty mentor (sign up for meeting)
- 9:00-10:00 Graduating Student Lectures: Genny Ellis, Karin Gillespie, Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.
- 10:30-11:30 Seminar: Jeff Kleinman, Agent, Folio Literary Management
- 11:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own.
- 1:30–4:15 p.m. Fiction Workshop I (Barton, Pietrzyk) Concord Room, Conf. Ctr  
Fiction Workshop II (Olmstead), Stone Cottage Great Room  
Creative Nonfiction Workshop (Tekulve/Tillinghast), Small Dining Room  
Poetry Workshop (Smith), Harmony Rm, lower level, Conf. Ctr.
- 2:30-3:30 and 4:00 to 5:30 Conferences and Pitch Sessions with Jeff Kleinman, Folio Literary Management. (Must sign up in advance. Graduating students and 4<sup>th</sup> semester students receive priority scheduling)
- 6:00–7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own.
- 8:00- 9:00 p.m. Student Reading (sign up for 10 minute slot), Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.

9:00

Reception in Library Bar

### **Saturday, January 7, 2012**

7:00.

Breakfast on your own.

8:30-9:30

Conferences with Faculty mentor

10:00-11:30

Graduating Student lectures: Davis Enloe, Austin Turner, Lindsay Jackman, Concord Room, Conf. Ctr.

11:30

Lunch on your own.

1:30-4:15 p.m.

Fiction Workshop I (Barton, Pietrzyk) Concord Room, Conf. Ctr  
Fiction Workshop II (Olmstead), Stone Cottage Great Room  
Creative Nonfiction Workshop (Tekulve/Tillinghast), Small Dining Room  
Poetry Workshop (Smith), Harmony Rm, lower level, Conf. Ctr.

5:30-6:30

Graduating Student Reading: Kristina Atkins and Kathleen Nalley

7:00

Graduating Celebration and Dinner will follow the reading. (We encourage all students to attend this dinner and celebration in support of your peers. (You'll need to make your reservation with the Pine Crest Inn-cost \$38) Pine Crest Dining Room.

### **Sunday, January 8, 2012**

11:30 a.m.

Hotel Checkout for those departing today.

**Semester plans and all other end-of-residency paperwork must be turned into Melody Boland before departure.**

## **Special Conference Sessions**

**Special Conference Sessions with Denise Duhamel and Keith Morris will appear here in the final residency schedule provided to you at the start of the residency session. Space is limited.**

Prose Manuscript Critiques with Keith Morris 9-10 a.m. and 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3

Denise Duhamel: times TBA.

\*Fiction and Nonfiction students interested in participating in Conference/Pitch sessions with literary agent Jeff Kleinman must notify the MFA Office before Thanksgiving

break. Space is limited. Graduating residency students and 4<sup>th</sup> semester students will receive priority placement, but 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> semester students are welcome to notify us and we can place you on a wait list in case space is available.

**Faculty for January:**

Marlin Barton (Fiction)  
Robert Olmstead (Fiction)  
Leslie Pietrzyk (fiction)  
Susan Tekulve (Fiction/Nonfiction)  
R.T. Smith (fiction/Poetry)  
Denise Duhamel (Poetry)  
Richard Tillinghast (Nonfiction/Poetry)  
Rick Mulkey (poetry)

**Visiting Faculty:**

Cary Holladay (Fiction)  
Anita Skeen (Poetry)  
Jeff Kleinman (Agent)  
Betsy Teter (Editor)  
Keith Morris (Prose)