MFA Program in Writing and Literature Presents

Writers Speak

Fall 2007

Wednesdays at 7:00pm • Duke Lecture Hall • Chancellors Hall • Stony Brook Southampton
Southampton NY • Free & Open to the Public

October 3 – Josh Gidding

Josh Gidding reads from his new memoir, Failure: An Autobiography (Cyan Books), in an evening of self-deprecating humor. A professor at Dowling, he’s published fiction and criticism and has worked for years (without success) in the movie business.

October 10 – Jill Bialosky

Poet, novelist and editor Jill Bialosky reads from her new novel, The Life Room (Harcourt), about a woman contemplating an extramarital affair. She’s an editor at W.W. Norton; her poems and essays have appeared in The New Yorker and O, The Oprah Magazine.

October 17 – Robin Magowan

Robin Magowan, travel writer, memoirist and poet takes us inside the Hamptons scene. He’s the author of Lilac Cigarette in a Wish Cathedral, chosen for the James Dickey Contemporary Poetry Series, and Memoirs of a Minotaur; from Merrill Lynch to Patty Hearst.

October 24 – Jean Gallagher and Joy Katz

Two emerging poets, both with prize-winning collections, read their work. Jean Gallagher’s This Minute won the 2005 Poets Out Loud Prize; Stubborn was named a FIELD Poetry Prize winner.

Joy Katz’s Fabulae was a finalist for the ForeWord Book of the Year. The Garden Room received a Tupelo Press Snowbound Chapbook Prize. A Stenger Fellow, her work has been anthologized in The Best American Poetry. She’s a senior editor at Pleiades.

November 7 – Clark Blaise

Visiting faculty and former head of the International Writing Program at the University of Iowa, Clark Blaise is the author of 16 books, including, most recently Southern Stories and Time Lord: Sir Sanford Fleming and the Creation of Standard Time. His Collected Essays is forthcoming this fall.

November 14 – Simon Van Booy & Lucas Hunt

Novelist and poet Simon Van Booy is the winner of the H. R. Hays Poetry Award. He teaches at the School of Visual Arts.

Lucas Hunt has worked as a journalist, written several plays, and is a John Steinbeck award winner for his poetry. His most recent book of poems, Lives, is published by Vagabond Press.

November 28 – Julie Raynor

Julie Raynor holds an MFA from Columbia, where she received two fiction fellowships and was made a Jacob K. Javits fellow. Her novel, Goodbye, Sister, has been through multiple drafts—she’ll discuss the delights and agonies of revision as she reads the manuscript to resubmit in hopes of publication.

December 5 – MFA Students and Alumni Reading

The tradition continues: students and recent alumni of the MFA in Writing and Literature at Stony Brook Southampton take the stage.

For more information about these readings or other events or programs, please see our website www.stonybrook.edu/mfa or call 631-632-5030.

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