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Annual Spring Writers Festival

Milwaukee—The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education presents the Annual Spring Writers Festival, March 9-11, 2007, a conference for writers who want to improve their skills and learn more about being published.

Keynote speaker and novelist Dean Bakopoulos talks about the worries, fears, and heartaches that fuel his own writing. He also discusses the importance of facing one's own personal obsessions as part of the creative process. Following his presentation he will host a question and answer discussion.

The Annual Spring Writers Festival is recognized as an outstanding resource and educational experience for writers. In addition to readings, craft workshops, panels and manuscript reviews, there are manuscript pitch sessions with authors, editors and representatives from literary agencies.

The Annual Spring Writers Festival also includes two pre-conference intensive sessions.

The Intensive Workshop with Literary Agent Sheree Bykofsky will help you learn about the world of literary agents. This one-day session includes information on working with an agent, what to expect from an agent and how to work without an agent. It will include an interactive workshop on creating and delivering pitches at conferences.

At the Orientation for New Participants Learn how a writers’ conference can help you succeed. This session will give you an overview of the Spring Writers Festival, some tips on how to make it helpful to you and a chance to set some goals for yourself. Learn from former participants who have had success as a result of the Festival.

Other highlights of the festival include workshops on practical tips for getting published, networking with principles in the publishing industry, inspiration to help writers maximize their goals and quality, as well as opportunities to have works in progress reviewed by writing professionals.

The Annual Spring Writers Festival will be held March 9-11 at the UWM-School of Continuing Education, 161 W Wisconsin Ave, in downtown Milwaukee. To learn more contact Anne O’Meara at 227-3311 or aomeara@uwm.edu.###