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Acclaimed Literary Figures to Visit Milwaukee for UWM Writers Festival

MILWAUKEE, March 2, 2009 – Distinguished authors, agents and editors will share valuable information on improving writing and getting published at the UWM Seventh Annual Spring Writers Festival.

Writers of all levels are invited to take this opportunity to improve skills, build confidence, pitch ideas, demystify the world of publishing and join a true community of writers.

Registration is open until March 6 for this three-day conference at the UWM School of Continuing Education, 161 W. Wisconsin Avenue, March 6 -8, 2009. All authors are available for interviews.

Register now, and receive a coupon good for a 10% discount on a future School of Continuing Education writing or publishing class. Download the brochure and register at sce-writersfestival.uwm.edu. Cost of the festival is $269 for the weekend and includes meals.

Featured speakers include:
- American novelist Keith Donohue, local poet and professor
- Maurice Kilwein Guevara, UWM professor and poet
- Lori Tharps, freelance journalist
- Liam Callanan, UWM professor of creative writing and Executive Producer of Poetry Everywhere

Panelists include:
- Sheree Bykofsky, founder and president of Sheree Bykofsky Associates, Inc.
- Katie Dublinksi, Greywolf Press Editorial Director and grant writer
- Chris Fischbach, Senior Editor at Coffee House Press
- Philip Martin, Director of Great Lakes Literary and LitWave, series editor of The New Writer’s Handbook
- Katharine Sands, literary agent with Sarah Jane Freymann Literary Agency
Additional presenters, lecturers and guests include:

- Linda Albrecht, freelance writer and columnist
- Traci Clark, author and professor at UWM School of Continuing Education and MATC
- Libby Fischer Hellmann, suspense novelist
- Jeffrey Gingold, accomplished author and freelance writer
- Dasha Kelly, author and freelance writer
- Michael Kula, author and Carroll University Assistant Professor of English and Director of the Writing Seminars
- Valerie Laken, author and UWM Assistant Professor of English
- Kevin Peterka, screenwriter
- Linda Mulholland, freelance writer
- Eva Augustin Rumpf, author and freelance writer
- Paul Salsini, author and Marquette Professor of Journalism
- Gary Shea, writer and Information Technology consultant
- Mary-Jean Smoller-Phillips, novelist
- Kimberly Stezala, author, motivational speaker and consultant
- Marilyn Taylor, author and Wisconsin’s Poet Laureate
- Katy Vopal, fiction writer, novelist and Lakeland College and Ottawa University professor
- Carolyn Kott Washburne, freelance writer/editor and UWM Adjunct Professor of English

About the School of Continuing Education

As one of 12 schools and colleges that comprise the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, SCE meets the needs of participants through an assortment of courses, programs and workshops. With 19,000 participants each year, SCE is the largest provider of noncredit continuing education in Southeastern Wisconsin. Its mission is to generate knowledge and learning opportunities for individuals who are interested in developing professional skills in business, technology, and human services, enriching their lives with classes in the arts and humanities, and/or simply looking for a new intellectual challenge.

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