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# FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Dear AWP Members and Supporters,

After twenty-one years of AWP membership and eight years of service on the board, I am excited to serve you as board chair. My heartfelt thanks to Kathleen Driskell for her three years of leadership during a tumultuous time. AWP has never been better positioned to deliver year-round support, services, and programming to our members.

AWP's bright future was on display at #AWP22 Philadelphia. I couldn't be more pleased with the attendance, both virtually and in person, and the positive spirit that abounded throughout the week. This conference would not be possible without the tireless work of AWP's Executive Director Cynthia Sherman, Director of Conferences Colleen Cable, and the remarkable staff who plan this event and our other vital programs year-round. For many students, this is their first AWP conference experience and their first foray into professional writing. For others, the conference is about the community—an inclusive space celebrating the writing life, which is both a calling and a labor of love.

As we move past the pandemic and are learning to live with COVID-19, AWP has been focusing its efforts in two areas: a much-needed overhaul of the website and strengthening our membership in both the institutional and individual categories. While we are retaining our institutional memberships, we recognize that colleges, universities, and nonprofits face budget issues, a slow recovery from COVID-19, and inflation worries. But we see opportunities to grow our reach with writers who have honed their craft outside of academia.

As a board, we continue to support the staff with its most pressing issues: developing a strategic plan, strengthening our infrastructure, hiring additional talented professionals for new positions, and continuing efforts to become a more sustainable and inclusive organization. We look to you, the membership, to guide us in leading the organization into this bright new future.

In closing, I must say that I have never worked with a more diverse, more committed staff and board than the one in place today. They are passionate about creative writing, dedicated to serving our members, and committed to building an inclusive, diverse, and responsive association that puts forth a compelling vision for the writers, teachers, students, and literary practitioners whom we serve.

Sincerely,

January Gill O'Neil, MFA

Chair, AWP Board of Directors, 2022-2023

Vice Chair, AWP Board of Directors, 2019-2022

Northeast Regional Council Chair, 2015-2019



# FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear AWP Members and Supporters,

This past year AWP focused on becoming an even more diverse, vibrant, and responsive professional association of writers and writing programs that places writers at the heart of literary education, nurtures the programs that sustain and enlarge the field, and provides individual writers with access to the resources and information they need to build their artistic lives and professionalism while coming together to celebrate inspiring creativity and accomplishment.

Our work toward building diversity and excellence in creative writing means providing access to literary resources, information and networks to all writers who need them. Yet writing programs, AWP's major historical source of support, are facing difficult financial times as are our individual members. We need innovative strategies to widen the circle of writers we serve while sustaining our baseline support. To answer these challenges, we've been developing lower-cost virtual options and programs that help our community like the Conference Scholarship Program, building on mentorship models like Writer to Writer, and improving our website.

Our vision of providing ease of access for writers seeking artistic and professional resources to build their craft and participation in the larger literary landscape will be facilitated by the improved website with user-friendly navigation and the introduction of the Writer's Compass, a central hub which will direct users to the parts of the website that are most relevant to their interests. Users will be able to orient themselves using the following actions:

- · Connect with other writers
- · Find an MFA program
- · Find a job/opportunity

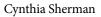
- · Finish/improve your work
- · Publish your work
- · Promote your work

· Teach/mentor writing

These actions connect with various parts of the website to narrow down the options for users and provide a clear path forward, illustrating the value AWP provides. This website is part of our overall strategy to close the revenue gap. Other components include board and staff efforts in development, fundraising, emerging opportunities with the website, and the fully digital version of *The Writer's Chronicle*.

Our commitment to you, our members and supporters, has never been stronger. The board, staff, and I sincerely thank you for belonging to this strong and passionate community. We invite you to join us as we continue our work building greater equity, access, and inclusion in the creative writing community.

Warmest regards,





# 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & BOOKFAIR

#AWP22 saw the return of the in-person annual conference & bookfair in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. AWP welcomed 6,000 in-person attendees, over 500 exhibitors, and 250 in-person events. AWP not only hosted an in-person conference but also offered a virtual component with over 100 virtual events, hybrid caucus meetings, and over 1,000 virtual attendees. The theme of conference week was joy and celebration, as many attendees were reuniting after the COVID-19 lockdowns. AWP instituted a vaccination requirement and required masks in all AWP spaces.

The #AWP22 Keynote Address by Toi Derricotte, Sponsored by Wilkes University, was a high point. AWP was proud to honor Cave Canem's founder on their 50th anniversary year. Her Keynote titled "JOY is an Act of Resistance" was a jubilant and thoughtful address to the literary community. As part of AWP's virtual component, several featured events, including the Keynote Address, were livestreamed to virtual audiences. Other featured events were livestreamed from the in-person conference or had been prerecorded from partners such as the Academy of American Poetry, Alice James Books, the Authors Guild, Blue Flower Arts, Cave Canem, Center for Fiction, Copper Canyon Press, PEN America, National Book Critics Circle, and Zoeglossia. These events featured such authors as Chris Abani, Elizabeth Acevedo, Ayed Akhtar, Kemi Alabi, Kazim Ali, Kay Ulanday Barret, K-Ming Chang, Victoria Chang, Meg Day, Mark Doty, Cornelius Eady, Melissa Febos, Rivka Galchen, Allison Adelle Hedge Coke, Brenda Hillman, Raven Leilani, Paul Lisicky, Carmen Maria Machado, Dawn Lundy Martin, Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Ruth Ozeki, Deesha Philyaw, Kristin Valdez Quade, Patrick Rosal, and Brandon Taylor, among many others.

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The bookfair was host to hundreds of exhibitors including *American Poetry Review*, Blue Stoop, Cervena Barva Press, CUNY MA Program in Biography & Memoir, Dzanc Books, FC2 / Fiction Collective Two, Hurston / Wright Foundation, Lanternfish Press, Mizna: Arab/SWANA Literature + Art, *Painted Bride Quarterly*, Philadelphia Stories, Reed Magazine, Saturnalia Books, The University of the Arts BFA in Creative Writing, University of New Mexico Press, and YesYesBooks.

AWP was thrilled to partner with local Black-owned bookstore Uncle Bobbie's as its official #AWP22 bookseller. Thanks to a continued partnership between AWP and Bookshop.org, AWP exhibitors also received an additional 5% commission on sales from Bookshop. org was also host to the #AWP22 Community Bookfair which allowed for eight nonprofits from the Philadelphia area to exhibit on Saturday free of charge.



# **MEMBERSHIP**

From our online resources to our thriving Writer to Writer Mentorship Program, AWP serves writers throughout all stages of their careers. The newsletters we send twice a month inform members of the latest news and services from AWP. Curated videos, both fresh content and rereleases from the annual conference, keep writers engaged year-round. Our steady social media presence encourages interaction and discussion and strengthens the literary community.

# Website

AWP's website saw 2,290,957 page views and 1,901,778 unique visitors, driven in large part by the virtual and in-person AWP conference in March 2022. The AWP Job List ranks consistently in the top ten most viewed pages throughout the year (number eight in FY22), just behind the conference pages. The site continues to serve as a trusted source of writing news, advice, and opportunities—for members and nonmembers alike.

Some of the content added in FY22:

- 40 videos (6 Virtual AWP; 13 conference event re-releases; 15 Writer to Writer; 6 misc.)
- 35 articles from The Writer's Chronicle
- 36 Writer's News pieces
- 6 press releases
- 74 member books featured on the online Bookshelf
- 293 opportunities for grants, awards, and publication
- 873 jobs listings

# Online Communities

AWP hosts a thriving and engaged community of writers across its various social media platforms. In addition to promoting events and services via these channels, AWP spotlights individual writers and organizations, boosts news relevant to its stakeholders, sparks discussion BECOME A MEMBER

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Check out new articles in April's issue of *The Writer's* Chronicle!



### Featured This Month

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The Writer's Chronicle Archives: Entertaining the Eavesdropper

Douglas Bauer | October/November 2000

### The Writer's News

May 3, 2023

AWP Joins the Human Artistry Campaign: Stands in Support of the WGA Strike

AWP has joined the Human Artistry Campaian, a coalition of associations, trade unions, and other professionals protecting the rights of creators across the globe. The campaign promotes responsible use of artificial intelligence to support but not supplant human creation. Read more..

May 1, 2023

## A Bittersweet Farewell to AWP's Director of

AWP bids a bittersweet farewell and wishes a happy retirement to Supriya Bhatnagar, one of our longesttenured staff members. Read more ...

May 1, 2023

### Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

Join AWP in celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month this May! AWP has compiled the following resources in honor of AAPI Month and its rich cultural history. Don't forget to check out AWP's staff curated AAPI Month Bookshop.org list! Read more...

April 18, 2023

## AWP Stands in Solidarity With the LGBTQIA+

AWP stands in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community Dear AWP Community, The 2024 AWP Conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, February 7-10. Read more

April 4, 2023

### Writing News Roundup

We are thrilled to bring you the latest in literary events that have caught our attention. These events encompass a range of free and ticketed registration and are not affiliated with AWP. All times are in ET. Read more ...

### Writer's Chronicle

April 2023



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### Calendar

Indigenous Dramaturgies Exchange

108 Indigenous Dramaturgies Exchange offers you professional development and space for artistic exchange on a current or upcoming

dramaturgy project, with a focus on on-theland engagement as a way of locating

MAY Writing the Six-Minute Memoir

This workshop is an opportunity to capture a "stored image" from your past and bring it to life on the page.

MAY Longleaf Writers' Conference @

Seaside, Florida

Longleaf Writers' Conference is an annual literary conference beginning every year in the second week of May. This conference provides lectures, workshops, seminars, readings, and social events in poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, screenplay, and mixe

MAY

Last Week to Register for Monthly Mentorship, September 2023 -Morch 2024

If you are looking to set aside time for your writing practice and allow yourself space away from the hectic day to day, Monthly Mentorship will help you do it. Become a better writer and your own best editor, on your own terms, for life

MAY Writeaway in New Mexico, Spring 2023

Our new Spring Writeaway in New Mexico was designed to take advantage of the best season in one of the best locations in the Southwest. They call it the Land of

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among followers, and celebrates accomplishments in the writing world. On Facebook, AWP facilitates focused conversations in specialized groups such as AWP Program Directors, Community of Writers, and Writer to Writer mentees and mentors. Our social media community continues to grow, and we currently have 149,008 total followers distributed as follows: 98,215 on Facebook, 39,493 on Twitter, and 11,300 on Instagram.

# Writer to Writer Mentorship Program

This year, AWP's mentorship program matched thirty-two emerging writers of creative nonfiction, fiction, and poetry with exceptional mentors. Some of the mentors who served with us this year included Daniel Olivas, Lily Hoang, Neil Aitken, Rachel Beanland, and Lara Lillibridge.

# Life After the MFA

The popular Life After the MFA email series continued with 75.5% open rate. This series delivers the sage advice of accomplished writers to new and emerging writers, devoted to the concerns and questions graduates have as they prepare to leave their creative writing programs. The emails are organized by topic and include archival articles and podcasts as well as brand new content from around the web.



Season 18 is underway! Mentee applications for Season 19 will be open

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See a list of previous Writer to Writer participants.

mentorship@awpwriter.org

months per session. We match emerging writers with published authors to work towards the mentees' writing goals. Mentors volunteer their time and receive a free one-year AWP membership. Writer to Writer is free of charge, though we do require that mentees have an active AWP membership to participate in the program.

See who's participating in Season 18!!





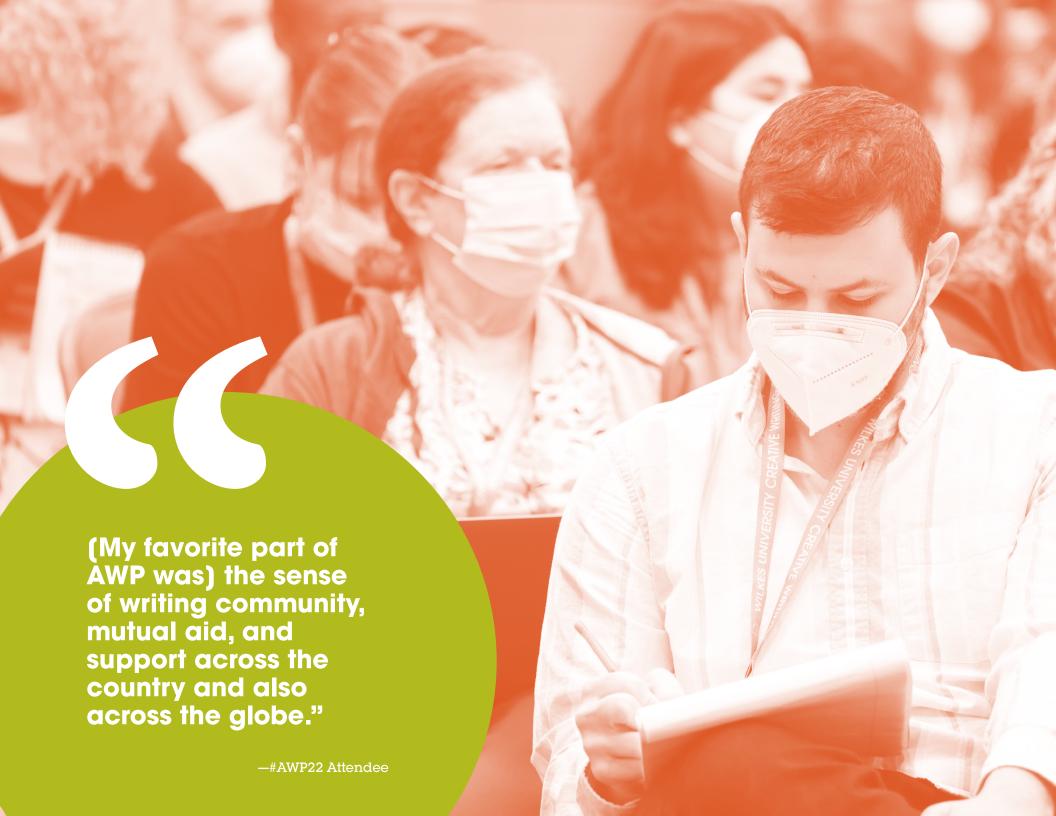
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# AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

AWP sponsors the Award Series, an annual competition for the publication of excellent new book-length works. In addition to the award and publication, winners receive significant promotional support, including paid advertisements and featured readings at the conference.

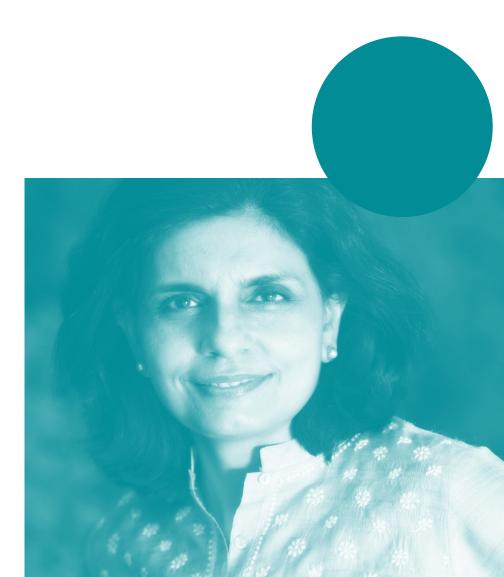
# The 2022 Donald Hall Prize for Poetry

went to **Sahar Muradi** for *Octobers*. The Donald Hall Prize includes a \$5,500 honorarium and publication by the University of Pittsburgh Press. Naomi Shihab Nye, the judge, wrote: "*Octobers* is a richly gripping poem-journey through lives and languages, migrations/transitions, with profound openness to curious complexity. The poet employs subtly understated images, reeling us in to woven mysteries of time and story. Births, childhoods, cities, histories, quiet discoveries, studding the wide panoply of chaos and possibility—I loved the quietude of these brilliant scenes, their haunted reverberations. It's as if the poet is speaking up from a difficult often silent space for those who are forced to flee, recalibrate, make new homes, somewhere, anywhere, right here: 'this one morning with its distinct wink'—brilliant. I felt I had never read anything quite like this voice before—it's rare and so important."



# The 2022 Prize for the Novel

was awarded to **Parul Kapur Hinzen** for *Inside the Mirror*. The Award in the Novel comes with a \$2,500 honorarium and publication by the University of Nebraska Press. Brandon Hobson, the judge, wrote: "*Inside the Mirror* is an extraordinary and moving story about two twin sisters, Jaya and Kamesh, as they struggle to pursue their passion and independence as women artists from a conservative society. Crafted with elegance and precision, and heartrending in its exploration of family drama, this novel is a beautiful and ambitious work of fiction."



# The 2022 Sue William Silverman Prize for Nonfiction

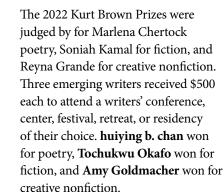
was awarded to Jessica Hendry Nelson for her book Joy Rides Through the Tunnel of Grief: A Memoir. The Nonfiction Prize includes a \$2,500 honorarium and publication by The University of Georgia Press. Judge Brian Turner wrote: "[This] is a memoir of 'contradictory truths'—where a father is dead and alive all at once, where the past is as present as the word now in a world 'so full of love and longing and wonder and grief and fear.' It is an elegy. It is a love song. It is a cry to women to renew their bonds with one another. It is a sister's lament and it is a dirge for a marriage gone under. It is also a book-length braided meditation on the act of creation itself—from the creation of life to the creation of story. By the book's end, it is a recognition that time is a construct, that everything is always happening all at once, that we carry as much of our lives within us as we can handle, for as long as we can. And '[c]all it god, call it love, call it archetypes, call it play, call it poetry, call it wonder, call it grace. There are no exclusions. It is & and & and & and & and.' Call it Thunderstruck."

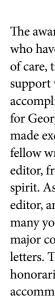
# The 2022 Grace Paley Prize for Short Fiction

was awarded to **E.P. Tuazon** for their collection *Professional Lola*. The Grace Paley Prize includes a \$5,500 honorarium and publication by Red Hen Press. The judge was Z.Z. Packer. Lysley Tenorio, author of *The Son of Good Fortune*, said about Tuazon's book, "The stories in *Professional Lola* are hilarious, heartbreaking, and true. Like members of one big Filipino family, these characters love hard and squabble often, lose themselves in the nostalgia of suburban malls and VHS movies, and grapple with a reality mired in COVID and Duterte. These stories are simultaneously classic and urgently contemporary, and they'll stay with you long after the final word. E.P. Tuazon is a writer to watch."



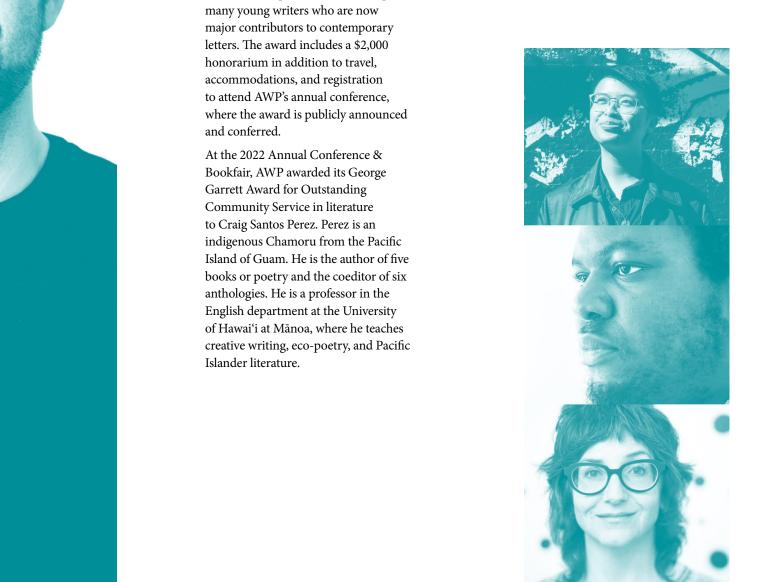






GEORGE 'AWARD

The award recognizes individuals who have made notable donations of care, time, labor, and money to support writers and their literary accomplishments. The award is named for George Garrett (1929-2008), who made exceptional contributions to his fellow writers as a teacher, mentor, editor, friend, board member, and good spirit. As a writer, teacher, mentor, editor, and inspiration, Garrett helped honorarium in addition to travel, to attend AWP's annual conference, and conferred.

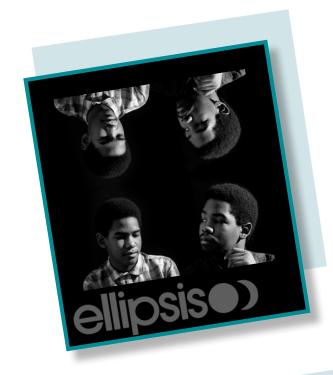




Several emerging writers were selected for the 2022 Intro Journals Project, which helps young writers find publication in established journals. Judges for the 2022 competition were Susan Moeller (poetry), Cliff Garstang (fiction), and Rebecca Moon Ruark (creative nonfiction). Participating magazines were *Colorado Review*, *Hayden's Ferry Review*, *Iron Horse Literary Review*, *Mid-American Review*, *Puerto del Sol, Quarterly West*, *Reed Magazine*, and *Tampa Review*. Winners for poetry were KJ Janeschek, Andrew Acuna, Sam Burt, N.L. Shompole, Kanika Ahuja, Maggie Wolff, John Kneisley, Zach Simon, and Luke Smith. Winners for fiction were Laura Dzubay and Serenity Marshall. Creative nonfiction winners were Elizabeth Bolton, Sandy Robertson, Kara Melissa Sharp, Summer Wrobel, and Jerilynn Aquino.

AWP's Small Press Publisher Award is an annual prize for nonprofit presses and literary journals that recognizes the important role such organizations play in publishing creative works and introducing new authors to the reading public. The award includes a \$2,000 honorarium and a complimentary exhibit booth, including two complimentary conference registrations, at the AWP Conference & Bookfair in the year following the recipient's recognition. In even years, the award is given to a journal, and, in odd years, to a press. The 2022 winner is *Ecotone*.

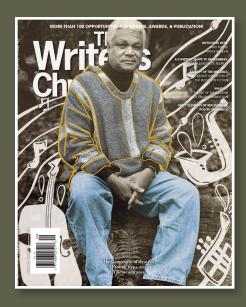
Instituted by the directors of AWP's member programs, two National Program Directors' Prizes for undergraduate literary magazines are awarded annually to outstanding journals in the categories of content and design. Each winning magazine receives a \$1,000 cash award. This 2022 prize for content went to *Ellipsis* (Westminster College/Selected by Judy Wilson, Southwest Minnesota State University) and the prize for design went to *Arcturus* (Highline College/Selected by DeMisty D. Bellinger-Delfeld, Fitchburg State University).





# **PUBLICATIONS**





# SEPTEMBER 2021

A Conversation with Mary Ruefle by Tina Cane

The Geography of Heaven: Al Young 1939–2021 by Alan Soldofsky

A Coherent Shape to Brokenness: The 2021 AWP Conference & Bookfair Keynote Address by Joy Harjo

Gravity of the Invisible: Absent Characters & The Physics of Fiction by Liam Callanan

The Power of Words: A Conversation with San Antonio Poet Laureate Andrea "Vocab" Sanderson by Sheila Black

An Interview with Essayist Patrick Madden by Anne McGrath

What If? The Art of Speculation in Creative Nonfiction by Ana Maria Spagna

Craft Elements of Multilingual Poetry in America by Amanda Galvan Huynh



# NOVEMBER 2021

**Dorianne Laux, Elegiac Witness: A Conversation**by Helena Feder

Just Enough Light to See By: Conveying Meaning in Nonfiction Writing by Clifford Thompson

**A Conversation with Helon Habila**by Chikodi Adeola Olasode

**The Iceberg of Ageism** by Natasha Sajé

The Urgency of the Writer: Thomas E. Kennedy, 1944–2021: In Memoria by Robert Stewart

**K. Is for Consciousness** by Sanaphay Rattanavong

On Enchantment, Community, and Seasons Forever Changed in Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings's Cross Creek

by Vanessa Blakeslee

The Poet in Time: The Art and Teaching of Ralph Angel by Audrey Hackett



# FEBRUARY 2022

Against the Typography of Colonization: Decolonization Through & of the Printed Text by Contemporary Indigenous Poets by Beatrice Szymkowiak

**An Interview with Spencer Reece**by Collin Berry

Where Do You Get a
Poetic License to Infringe
Copyright?
By Cathy Wittmeyer

Complicity & the Rise of the Post-Human Poem by Jon D. Lee

Conflicting Truths: Navigating Unreliability in Stories of Ethical and Emotional Complexity by Hannah Markos Williams

Eight Ways to Create Knowledge with Creative Writing by Robert McGill



# APRIL 2022

In the Note Between Notes, In Round Sound of Breath: A Conversation with Kazim Ali by Karthik Purushottaman

The Body of the Poetry
Manuscript: Patterning Your
Collection with Structural
Repetition
by Annie Finch

An Abandoned Immigrant Finds Her Voice: An Interview with Allison Hong Merrill by Megan Vered

Writing the Story of Mental Illness for Young Readers by Ann Jacobus and Nancy Bo Flood

Awaiting Your Response: Writing (Into and Against) Silence by Scott Nadelson "Into a Shadowed Plain": Cathy Park Hong and the Ballad Tradition by Brian Brodeur

The World Comes to Light: Understanding and Cultivating the Art of Metaphor by Karin de Weille

Sanctuary: Rethinking Trouble in Fiction by Anne Elliott



# FRIENDS OF AWP 2021–2022

We express our great appreciation for our friends and supporters during FY22, who raised a total of \$8,496 in general contributions. Membership and conference fees only cover a portion of the expenses associated with AWP's programs and services. Our treasured donors play a vital role in keeping AWP's services and programs affordable and accessible to all. Thank you, Friends of AWP!

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- Northeast Ohio MFA (NEOMFA) Program
- NYU Creative Writing Program/Washington Square Review
- Rosemont College MFA in Creative Writing and MA in Publishing
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- Poetry Foundation

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- Ashland MFA
- Austin Peay State University/Zone 3 Press
- Carnegie Mellon Creative Writing Program
- Chapman University MFA in Creative Writing
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# 2022 AWP AUDITOR'S REPORT

The firm of Wegner CPAs, LLP has audited the financial statements of the Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. The full audit letter and the audited financial statements and related notes are available upon request.

# Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The management of AWP is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Wegner CPAs conducted AWP's audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Their objectives were to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes their opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. This includes obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal controls. Accordingly, no such opinion was expressed by Wegner CPAs. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

In the referenced audit letter, Wegner CPAs believes that the audit evidence obtained was sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for their audit opinion.

In the audit letter, Wegner CPA stated that the financial statements represented in the audited financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Association of Writers & Writing Programs as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# AWP STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2022	2021
Program service revenue		
Annual conference	1,574,078	457,462
Membership services	542,573	504,347
Advertising income	259,437	52,741
Publications	16,204	17,741
Award series fees	36,087	41,914
Mailing list rental income	1,389	268
Conference insurance proceeds	699,802	600,012
Other income	1,507	2,870
Contributions		
Individual donations	77,967	22,710
Grant revenue	55,000	61,000
PPP loan forgiveness	201,515	273,500
Investment return, net	(664,455)	679,620
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2,801,104	2,714,180
EXPENSES		
Program services		
Annual conference	1,645,329	752,752
Membership services	336,391	311,963
Publications	406,354	365,614
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	2,388,074	1,430,329
Supporting activities		
Management and general	598,415	533,843
Development	149,403	147,281
Loss on sale of furniture (office closure)	12,496	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,148,388	2,111,453
Change in net assets	(347,284)	602,732
Net assets at beginning of year	4,090,715	3,487,983
Net assets at end of year	3,743,431	4,090,715



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