# AWP's Twenty-third Tweet Chat: #TellAWP17 February 23, 2017 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. ET



In just one hour, we'll be chatting with you about the <u>#AWP17</u> Conference & Bookfair. Please share your experiences using <u>#TellAWP17</u>.



#### #TellAWP17

Share your thoughts about the #AWP17 Conference & Bookfair with AWP staff.

February 23, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. ET



Welcome to the <u>#TellAWP17</u> tweet chat discussing your feedback and experiences at the 2017 Conference & Bookfair in Washington, DC.



The conference staff is live for the next hour to respond to your **#TellAWP17** feedback.









George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

<u>@awpwriter</u> <u>@ChristianTeresi</u> <u>@cshermanva</u> Good to meet you. Plz <u>#TellAWP17</u> that we need doors that work <u>#CripLit</u>



Also here are Registration Coordinator <u>@AWPsTiffany</u> and Events Coordinator Colleen Cable <u>@colleen\_cable</u>. <u>#TellAWP17</u>





George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

<u>@awpwriter</u> <u>@AWPsTiffany</u> <u>@colleen cable</u> Good to meet you! Plz <u>#TellAWP17</u> that we need ramps to get on stages



## Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

Did you attend #AWP17 in DC? Please complete this #TellAWP17 survey & help us create a

better conference: <a href="https://www.awpwriter.org/awp">https://www.awpwriter.org/awp</a> conference/survey ...





Tiffany@AWPsTiffany

Thank you to all that attended <u>#AWP17</u> it was a pleasure meeting you in the registration area! <u>#TellAWP17</u>



AWP@awpwriter

Feel free to leave your <u>#AWP17</u> Conference & Bookfair feedback any time during the <u>#TellAWP17</u> chat.



Tiffany@AWPsTiffany

Over 250 students & adjunct professors volunteered for <u>#AWP17</u>. Thank you for your service you were a HUGE help! <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

The <u>#AWP17</u> conference staff is live until 4 PM EST to respond to your <u>#TellAWP17</u> feedback and questions. Let us know what you think.





Jenee Darden@CocoaFly

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> I would like to see more publishers of color. This was my 1st time & I enjoyed it. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@CocoaFly</u> We welcome any publisher or press that wants to come to the bookfair. We send out extensive solicitations. We would love that too.



Mrs. Judd@mrs mjudd

Had a great time presenting at AWP!#TellAWP17

Mrs. Judd Retweeted Mrs. Judd



Mrs. Judd@mrs\_mjudd
Presenting with professors at the AWP conference!@StreetsboroHS



## Cynthia Sherman@cshermanva

#TellAWP17 Thank you bookfair exhibitors and attendees for such a great bookfair!





<u>Lisa Romeo@LisaRomeo</u>

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> If you don't mind a suggestion, I think it might work better for the tweet feedback if you asked questions. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



<u> Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi</u>

Thanks <u>@LisaRomeo</u>. Have you filled out the survey? https://www.awpwriter.org/awp\_conference/survey...



<u>Lisa Romeo @LisaRomeo</u>

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> I did yes - that was a great follow-up to get so soon, while fresh in mind. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Cynthia Sherman@cshermanva

#tellawp17 Bookfair fun! Thank you, Poetry Fox, love my poem ♥



Loved <u>@awpwriter</u> had ASL ppl signing at <u>@azarnafisi</u> talk. Hope org can do that for all of the major speakers at future AWPs <u>#tellAWP17</u>.



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@ClaireKirchMN</u> We prioritize interpreters based on individual need. A lot of deaf attendees don't use ASL. <u>#tellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@ClaireKirchMN</u> Many deaf attendees use Cued Speech Transliteration or CART, & we prioritize the needs of those attendees. <u>#tellAWP17</u>.



Claire Kirch @ClaireKirchMN

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> Ohhh. wonder if you can do that, "subtitles," on the screens you have above the speakers? asking for a friend. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

<u>@ClaireKirchMN</u> We are happy to take individualized CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) requests. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



<u>@ClaireKirchMN</u> <u>@ChristianTeresi</u> For future confs, if you (or a friend) needs accessibility services, contact us so we can make arrangements



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@ClaireKirchMN</u> We arrange interpreters based on the kind they need, & this makes it specific to what works best for them. <u>#tellAWP17</u>.



George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> <u>@ClaireKirchMN</u> You need interpreters at the headline events. Please. Otherwise it's like you don't want us there.



Suzi G@SuziG

I hope future Caucus meetings are staggered since we contain multitudes. Would love to go to the Queer & the Latino Caucus for ex <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@SuziG</u> The caucuses are allowed to pick their own schedule between Thurs, Friday, & Saturday. Those dates they picked themselves. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@SuziG</u> For <u>#AWP18</u>, they will be able to choose between two times on each day. 6 to 7:15 pm and 7:30 to 8:45 pm. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@SuziG</u> This should give the <u>#AWP18</u> caucuses the space to spread out meeting if they choose. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



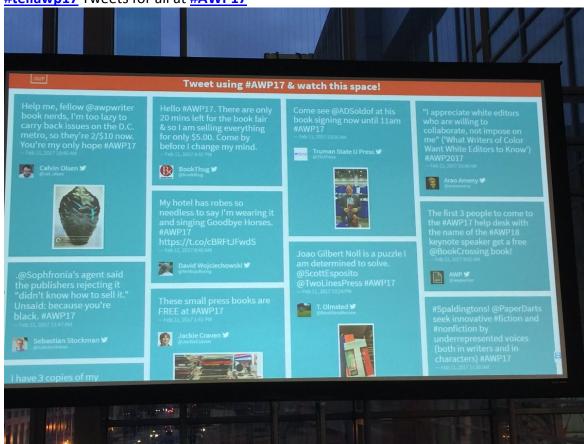
George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad

@SuziG yes yes, we should not have to decide btw our identities. #TellAWP17



#### Cynthia Sherman@cshermanva

#tellawp17 Tweets for all at #AWP17





## Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

What was your favorite <u>#AWP17</u> event? What event fell short of your expectations? Any events give you ideas for future proposals? <u>#TellAWP17</u>





Jenee Darden@CocoaFly

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> I loved Adichie and Coates but was disappointed that people were kept out when there were empty seats. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

I'm sorry to hear that <a href="#">@CocoaFly</a>. The convention center pulled rank on us because they were so worried about the fire code.



Jenee Darden @CocoaFly

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> They were disorganized and shouldn't have set up so many seats if it was an issue. Luckily I got in.



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

CocoaFly The huge crowd was the issue. The center was concerned about safety. We knew the crowd would be large but it exceeded expectations



Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

<u>@CocoaFly</u> I think the main ballroom was filled, & I know the center was actively working to fill empty seats in the overflow room.



Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

<u>@CocoaFly</u> We haven't see a crowd like that since Seamus Heaney & Derrick Walcott shared the stage in 2013.



Jenee Darden @CocoaFly

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> I heard there were some seats in the main room. I made it to overflow and there were plenty of seats.



Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

Thanks <u>@CocoaFly</u>. We asked people to hold up their hands if they had an empty seat next to them in the main room. Vast majority were filled.



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

#TellAWP17 @ChristianTeresi My favorite panel was I Sing the Body Queer & Crip. I wish it was easier to find #CripLit I almost missed it



Meg Day @themegdaystory

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> I loved the <u>@AWPDisability</u> Caucus, despite the stairs/door/extra agenda items we had to add last minute bc <u>#ableism</u>



Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

<u>@themegdaystory</u> And we appreciated the opportunity to discuss each of these concerns in depth with the <u>@AWPDisability</u> caucus. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

<u>@themegdaystory</u> Feel free to contact me yourself to if you would like to have a larger discussion. I think you have my email. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Which did you find most useful for the schedule: the digital app, the large printed program, the thin grid, or the website? **#TellAWP17** 



Claire Kirch@ClaireKirchMN

Printed out my schedule from website 2 days b4 <u>#AWP17</u>, was perfect for my purposes <u>#TellAWP17</u>. Large printed program too big & heavy.



Robert J. Williams @rwilliams69

<u>@awpwriter</u> <u>#TellAWP17</u> Thin grid. Needed a few more posted around the conference venue, inside book fair, etc.



AWP @awpwriter

@rwilliams69 More large schedule meter signs posted, you mean? Thanks!



Lisa Romeo@LisaRomeo

I agree with both points - thin grid was great AND if it were enlarged and posted in various locations, that would be helpful. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



<u>@LisaRomeo</u> We did have some enlarged schedule signs for each day, but sounds like we needed more! Thanks!



Lisa Romeo @LisaRomeo

@awpwriter Yes, because HUGE venue! #TellAWP17



Claire Kirch@ClaireKirchMN

<u>@rwilliams69</u> <u>@awpwriter</u> Great idea, I looked for posted thin grids a few times. I left <u>#AWP17</u> program in my hotel 15 mins. away <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Cathy Day @daycathy

#TellAWP17 @awpwriter Big program isn't needed anymore. Most research the panels online in advance, only need thin grid or app at conference



Claire Kirch @ClaireKirchMN

<u>@daycathy</u> <u>@awpwriter</u> I think the program is mostly for ad revenues -- and souvenir. Love the pics of previous AWPs.



Cathy Day @daycathy

<u>@ClaireKirchMN</u> <u>@awpwriter</u> True. Those ads are important. I used to bring them home with me, but now, they are so heavy and I'm old. :-)



Lisa Romeo @LisaRomeo

<u>@awpwriter</u> I like paper, but big book is cumbersome & heavy. I've seen (& liked) daily newsprint schedule at other conferences. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Claire Kirch @ClaireKirchMN

<u>@LisaRomeo</u> <u>@awpwriter</u> <u>@PublishersWkly</u> publishes daily newspaper at Book Expo ... just saying, just saying <u>#tellAWP17</u>.



Jenee Darden @CocoaFly

@awpwriter The app and thin grid were most useful. #TellAWP17



Janna Marlies Maron @justjanna

@awpwriter app! 💯



Leslie Pietrzyk @lesliepwriter

<u>eawpwriter</u> I always study the website & print out info...then I use the thin grid. Had a friend in love with the app!



the slimmest pug @levicitodd

<u>@awpwriter</u> Definitely the website and app, i hated thinking how much paper the books were using.



Nanda Dyssou @nandadyssou

<u>@awpwriter</u> The app, but it had a glitch. I couldn't rate the sessions. The ratings didn't show up.



Ms. Ellee @wordwonk

@awpwriter loved and used the app and the thin grid.



John Williams @Beard a Bull

@awpwriter the thin grid was the most popular



JB Blaine @ibblaine

<u>@awpwriter</u> The printed program doesn't require charging one's batteries; a real pain finding an outlet between sessions.



Marisa PC @Professor Gaga

<u>@awpwriter</u> I used the website to plan and the print versions while I was there. #OldSchool



<u>@awpwriter</u> Most useful was Add to My Schedule option on website, which I printed out. Sync this to mobile app, and that would be the bomb.



Tiffany@AWPsTiffany

Feel free to <u>#TellAWP17</u>. Your registration experience is important to us.





Tiffany@AWPsTiffany

How did you feel about the registration process? Is there anything different you would like for us to do? #TellAWP17



Lisa Romeo@LisaRomeo

<u>@AWPsTiffany</u> It was so quick and easy - I registered on site, couldn't remember my password, but it didn't matter. Kudos on that. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Claire Kirch @ClaireKirchMN

<u>@AWPsTiffany</u> Best registration process I've ever seen. Good job!



Tiffany @AWPsTiffany

@ClaireKirchMN Thank you, that is fantastic to hear! Hope to see you in Tampa!



Claire Kirch @ClaireKirchMN

**@AWPsTiffany** Believe me, me too! Tampa in March ... yes please!



Janna Marlies Maron @justjanna

@AWPsTiffany @sukrungruang registration was very smooth for me. No complaints!



Colleen Cable@colleen cable

Did you download the <u>#AWP17</u> digital app? What was useful? What would you like to see changed? <u>#tellawp17</u>



Windy Lynn Harris @WindyLynnHarris

<u>ecolleen cable</u> I was confused by the inbox. I didn't even know I had messages until I returned home. Was there a chime?



Colleen Cable @colleen cable

<u>@WindyLynnHarris</u> Any inbox message you have was originally sent as a push notification.



Windy Lynn Harris @WindyLynnHarris

@colleen cable Got it :)



Windy Lynn Harris @WindyLynnHarris

<u>@colleen\_cable</u> My favorite thing on the app was the My Schedule. Used that more than anything  $\begin{tabular}{l} \end{tabular}$ 



Leanne Bowers @larryspub

<u>excolleen cable</u> SO useful! I loved that I could click on the location of an event and the map popped up with a marker cool! <u>#tellawp17</u> #AWP17



Janna Marlies Maron @justjanna

<u>@larryspub</u> <u>@colleen\_cable</u> Agree. SUPER USEFUL! Love the note feature, too, to keep notes attached to events!



Cynthia Sherman@cshermanva

Any of your favorite BF exhibitors missing at <u>#AWP17</u>? Let me know and I will invite them to <u>#AWP18 #TellAWP17</u>





Claire Kirch @ClaireKirchMN

Book Expo live streams its breakfast keynoters ... can <u>#AWPwriter</u> live stream major speakers, esp. evening keynoters <u>#tellAWP17</u>?



Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

Sorry <u>@ClaireKirchMN</u> we can't live stream. BEA has a lot more resources than we do. We're thinking about it for the future. <u>#tellAWP17</u>



George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> <u>@ClaireKirchMN</u> If <u>#BinderCon</u> can livestream (and they can, and they do), then why can't you <u>@awpwriter</u> even if it's 1 event



Eloisa Amezcua@Eloisa Amezcua

what if awp had 'scholarships' for indie litmags/presses to be a part of the bookfair...? #TellAWP17



AWP @awpwriter

<u>@Eloisa Amezcua</u> The winner of our small press publisher award does receive free exhibit space & registrations for the next conference.



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@Eloisa Amezcua</u> We're definitely are working on this for the future. We don't have the staff to admin. such a program right now. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@Eloisa Amezcua</u> But please feel free to nominate any lit mags or presses for the Small Press Award. #TellAWP17

https://www.awpwriter.org/contests/small\_press\_publisher\_award\_overview ...



Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva

<u>**@Eloisa Amezcua**</u> We are working towards that goal! AWP recognizes importance of all work being represented. Thanks for writing! <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

Did <u>@azarnafisi</u>'s <u>#AWP17</u> keynote inspire you? <u>#AWP18</u> Tampa event proposals will be accepted on March 7. The deadline is May 1. <u>#TellAWP17</u>





Claire Kirch@ClaireKirchMN

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> <u>@azarnafisi</u> Hard to tell what the future will bring, but Azar Nafisi was perfect choice for <u>#AWP17</u> <u>#tellAWP17</u> <u>#prescient</u>.



Tiffany@AWPsTiffany

Feel free to share more of your thoughts by completing the survey <a href="#tellawp17">#tellawp17</a><a href="https://www.awpwriter.org/awp">https://www.awpwriter.org/awp</a> conference/survey ...



Cynthia Sherman@cshermanva

#AWP18 Bookfair sales open in June. We are really excited about being in Tampa! And look forward to seeing you there! #AWP17 #TellAWP17







George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

**#TellAWP17** How come the automatic doors for disabled writers were broken throughout the conference?



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@GeorgesDryad</u> We welcome your criticism, but it's not possible to discuss all of this in 140 characters. Please email events@awpwriter.org.



George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> Here's this Storify. Did you miss it? https://<u>storify.com/GeorgesDryad/getting-started</u> ... <u>#CripLit</u>



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

#TellAWP17 We disabled writers are trying to understand where you're coming from. But we really don't get it @awpwriter



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@GeorgesDryad</u> There's a lot of information that would address your concerns, but it's really hard to discuss in 140 characters. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@GeorgesDryad</u> But to have a real conversation, one that allows us the best clarity, that would have to happen by email or phone.



Meg Day @themegdaystory

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> <u>@GeorgesDryad</u> Only one character needed! Make em d/Deaf or Disabled & give em a job as a liaison 4 #AWP18



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@themegdaystory</u> I agree it would help, and we're working on it and more. It's also not a magic bullet . . . <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@themegdaystory</u> We're a new venue annually, which will present logistical issues for even the most seasoned accessibility events coordinator



George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> Believe me. We have called you we have emailed you since 2014. This is not about our attempts. It's about yours.



Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

<u>@GeorgesDryad</u> Did you attend the conference? Would you like to have a personal conversation with me. We can make that happen.



Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

<u>@GeorgesDryad</u> I've had many conversations about accessibility and the conference, and it always always helps to have those by email or phone



<u>Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi</u>

<u>@GeorgesDryad</u> It's important for us to hear from attendees. Did you attend <u>#AWP17</u>? If so, we'd like to discuss accessibility in details.



George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> Obviously, I attended.



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@GeorgesDryad</u> I ask because it's not uncommon for people to write about the conference without ever having attended. It's hard to tell.



Cynthia Sherman@cshermanva

#AWP17 #AWP18 Check AWP-Bookfair Facebook page for updates! https://www.facebook.com/awpbookfair #TellAWP17



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad 33m33 minutes ago

**#TellAWP17** Could you explain why the stages were inaccessible?



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

#TellAWP17 You accepted 20 of our panels. But then you made the buildings and stages inaccessible. @awpwriter @ChristianTeresi



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

<u>#TellAWP17</u> Some of us were stuck in conference rooms because the doors were inaccessible and there were no attendants



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

**#TellAWP17** & then we really wanted to be at the main readings, but there were no captions on the screens. And no interpreters.



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

#TellAWP17 Plz, plz hire a Disability and D/deaf Liaison. Okay, we would even settle for an ADA Coordinator. @awpwriter @ChristianTeresi



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@GeorgesDryad</u> That's one thing we're working on for <u>#AWP18</u>. We are constantly updating accessibility with updated best practices.



Ashley Strosnider@bravenewlady

One AWP-related idea: what if orgs with more free registrations than they need could donate them as "scholarship" registrations? #TellAWP17



Lisa Romeo@LisaRomeo

Great idea! #TellAWP17



Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva

<u>ebravenewlady</u> We wrestle with this one every year and appreciate the idea of "scholarship" registrations. Thank you! <u>#AWP17</u> <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Ashley Strosnider @bravenewlady

@cshermanva Thanks for all you do!



Janna Marlies Maron@justjanna

Wifi continues to be an issue in the bookfair, it seems. @awpwriter #TellAWP17



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

#TellAWP17 you say "Let us know what you think." I think the conference is #ableist. Prove me wrong next year @awpwriter



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

#TellAWP17 I know you'll say "we're doing the best that we can." But it's simply not best not close to best not even bare minimum #ADA 1990



Janna Marlies Maron@justjanna

<u>@awpwriter</u> More distinct exhibitor badges would be useful, to alleviate traffic jam getting into bookfair before 9a. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

#TellAWP17 I know you'll say "we're doing the best that we can." But it's simply not best not close to best not even bare minimum #ADA 1990



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

#TellAWP17 What should I tell the disabled writers who don't want to come back? who don't think the conference is for them? @awpwriter



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

#TellAWP17 Should I tell them, again, like in 2014, 2015 and 2016, that you're working on it? @awpwriter @SFdirewolf



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

#TellAWP17 Do you even know about @monsteringmag @thedeafpoets @wordgathering & all the writers these mags bring to you?



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

#TellAWP17 If we can't enter the doors of the conference, then it's hard for us to feel happy about it. #PlzKnow



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

#TellAWP17 Plz check out #AccessibleOrganizingMeans and #CriptheVote and #CripLit



Jenee Darden@CocoaFly

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> Some of the diversity, writers of color panels overlapped on the schedule. They should be spread out. <u>#TellAWP17</u>



Lisa Romeo @LisaRomeo

<u>@CocoaFly</u> <u>@ChristianTeresi</u> Yes! Also happened w/genre topics - 4 panels on essay/ CNF/memoir at same time. <u>#tellAWP17</u>.



Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

<u>@LisaRomeo</u> We work very hard to spread similar events. There are so many events that overlapped its not always possible. <u>#tellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

<u>@LisaRomeo</u> We also need to account for many schedule requests, AV requests, and presenters on more than one event. <u>#tellAWP17</u>



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@LisaRomeo</u> Making the schedule is the hardest thing we do all year. It's a priority to spread out similar events as much as possible.



Lisa Romeo @LisaRomeo

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> I'm sure it's an enormous headache w/lots of conflicting priorities! But you asked for feedback...



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@CocoaFly</u> Making the schedule is the hardest single thing we do all year, & it's a priority to spread out similar events as much as possible



Jenee Darden @CocoaFly

<u>@ChristianTeresi</u> I can imagine it's hard!



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

@CocoaFly We work very hard to spread similar events out as much as possible.



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@CocoaFly</u> There were so many events that overlapped between multiculturalism, writers of color, and social justice that it was not possible.



Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

<u>@CocoaFly</u> We also need to account for many schedule requests, AV requests, and presenters on more than one event.



George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

Next time advertise this to caucuses **#TellAWP17 @ChristianTeresi** plz 4 the luv of the goddess



<u>Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi</u>

<u>@GeorgesDryad</u> We've been advertising this to everyone for several weeks. We haven't been shy about it.



#TellAWP17 I'm sorry I'm late. @awpwriter



Thank you all for participating in our <u>#TellAWP17</u> chat and sharing your experiences.



If you have more <u>#AWP17</u> feedback, please feel free to fill out this survey: <a href="https://www.awpwriter.org/awp">https://www.awpwriter.org/awp</a> conference/survey ... #TellAWP17



Please join us on 3/16 for <u>#AWPWCC</u> about our writer's conferences & centers programs and scholarship competition. <u>#TellAWP17</u>