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AWP 2014 Seattle Conference & Bookfair opens February 26, featuring 2,000 Presenters and 550 Literary Events

Fairfax, VA, February 19, 2014 — Now the largest literary conference in North America, the 2014 AWP Conference & Bookfair will take place February 26 to March 1 at the Washington State Convention Center and Sheraton Seattle Hotel. More than 11,000 people are expected to attend. The conference will highlight over 2,000 authors, editors, teachers, and publishers. Featured presenters include the Pulitzer Prize winner Annie Proulx, along with many of contemporary literature's best authors including, Chris Abani, Sherman Alexie, Elizabeth Alexander, Timothy Egan, Gretel Ehrlich, Ben Fountain, Cristina García, David Guterson, Robert Hass, Jane Hirshfield, Gish Jen, Rachel Kushner, Erik Larson, Chang-rae Lee, Ursula K. LeGuin, Barry Lopez, Harryette Mullen, Sharon Olds, Carl Phillips, Mary Ruefle, Amy Tan, Tobias Wolff, and Ghassan Zaqtan along with many others. The complete schedule can be viewed at https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/schedule_overview.

"We are thrilled that AWP's conference continues to grow in stature, allowing us to provide such a diverse gathering of wonderful writers, editors, publishers, teachers, and literary arts professionals," noted Executive Director David Fenza.

Onsite registration will open on Wednesday, February 26 at the Washington State Convention Center, 800 Convention Place in Seattle: \$190 for members and \$285 for nonmembers. Registration includes admission to AWP's bookfair, an exhibit area featuring over 700 independent and university presses; print and online literary magazines; trade publishers; writers' conferences, centers, and retreats; national literary organizations; and creative writing programs.

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