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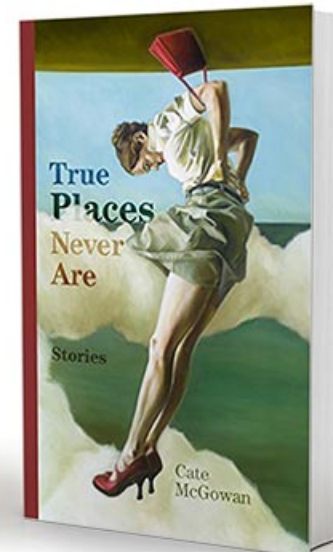
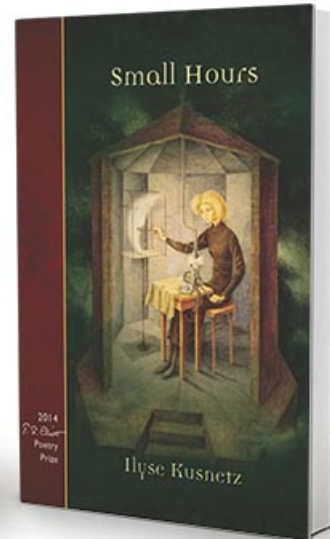
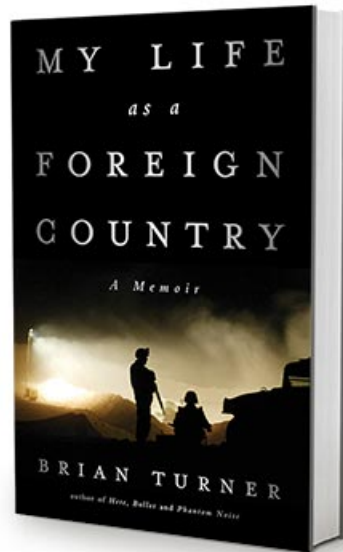
WINTER PARK WRITERS FESTIVAL

A THREE-DAY CENTRAL FLORIDA
CELEBRATION OF
CRAFT, COMMUNITY, AND LOCAL WRITERS

SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2015



LET'S HOST A READING!



Winter Park Campus Authors Win National Prizes, Publish Books

Professor Ilyse Kusnetz—

- Winner of the T.S. Eliot Prize for Poetry for her collection, *Small Hours* (Trumansburg State Press, 2014)

Professor Cate McGowan—

- Winner of the Moon City Short Fiction Award for her story collection, *True Places Never Are* (Moon City Press, 2015)

Brian Turner, Our Third Reader, Renowned Author and Speaker

Featured often on NPR, Turner's work has been published in *Harper's Magazine*, *National Geographic*, *The New York Times*, *Poetry Daily*, *Shortlist* (UK), and other journals, as well as in the *Voices in Wartime Anthology* published in conjunction with the feature-length documentary film of the same name.

Turner was also featured in the Academy Award-nominated film *Operation Homecoming*, a unique documentary that explores the firsthand accounts of American service members through their own words.

Two poetry collections:

- *Here, Bullet*, which won the 2005 Beatrice Hawley Award, the *New York Times* "Editor's Choice" selection, the 2006 PEN Center USA "Best in the West" award, and the 2007 Poets Prize, among others;
- *Phantom Noise*, which was shortlisted for the 2010 T.S. Eliot Prize in Poetry.

Memoir: *My Life as a Foreign Country*

- Powell's Best Nonfiction of 2014 list.
- Reveals Turner's experience of one soldier in one recent war—the preparations, actions, homecomings, and infinite aftermath—but then explodes from those narrow limits. Turner's account combines recollection and imagination and leaps centuries and continents to seek parallels in the histories of other men.

In 2009, Turner was selected as one of fifty United States Artists Fellows. He traveled extensively with an Amy Lowell Poetry Traveling Scholarship, and to Japan in 2012 with a US-Japan Friendship Commission Fellowship. His poems have been published and translated into more than fifteen languages.

Turner served seven years in the US Army, including one year as an infantry team leader in Iraq with the 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. Before that, he was deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1999-2000 with the 10th Mountain Division.

NOW WHAT?

LET'S REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY!

Planning

- We asked East campus faculty, Holly Elliott and Tori Grajeda, to help us plan and promote.
- We asked all Valencia faculty for veteran-related and war literature lesson plans and readings.
 - These materials were incorporated in Winter Park Campus and East Campus curricula.
- We reached out to veterans' groups who tabled at our campus during events.
- We invited veterans to attend workshops and readings.

**LET'S REACH OUT TO THE
COMMUNITY**



Come join Valencia College's Winter Park, Florida, Campus Community for our *inaugural* Winter Park Writers Festival, September 23-25, 2015!

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THE GIST

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Valencia hosts the Winter Park Writers Festival, featuring a special poetry vs. prose slam

Posted By [Bernard Wilchusky](#) on Tue, Sep 22, 2015 at 10:54 am

You want writers? They got writers. You want workshops? They got those too. You want – hold your breath – a poetry-versus-prose battle royale? Well, hitch up your britches and saddle up, cowboy, because you're headed to the Winter Park Writers Festival. The three-day festival at Valencia College features student-oriented activities like workshops led by local authors Ilyse Kusnetz (*Small Hours*) and Cate McGowan (*True Places Never Are*), and a master class by poet Brian Turner (*My Life as a Foreign Country*). For the unenrolled among us, there's a free (RSVP required) evening reading on Thursday from those writers and a slam hosted by There Will Be Words that pits slam poets against flash fiction prose writers in a showdown liable to upend local literary discourse for at least days to come. Be there or be gauche.



Kim Buchheit

Brian Turner

Newspapers, Blogs, and Magazines, including *Orlando Weekly*, *Orlando Magazine*



Winter Park Writers Festival
Community

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Write something...

Winter Park Writers Festival
Published by Cate McGowan [?] · December 21, 2015 ·

A great article about our inaugural writers' festival!

Festival Gets it Write at Winter Park Campus
The Winter Park Writers Festival is a three-day event held at the Winter Park Campus in late September.

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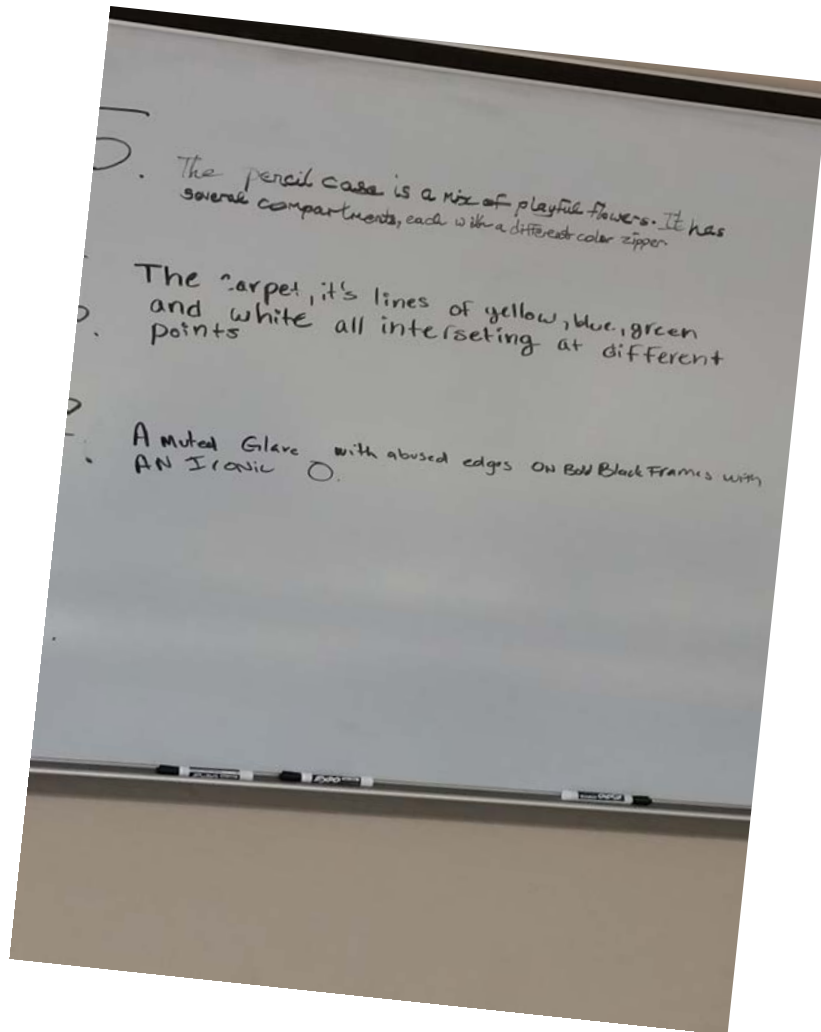


A THREE-DAY EVENT

September 23-24: Workshops

Two writing classes were offered to students and taught by Cate McGowan and Brian Turner.

Over 40 students participated.



EVENING READINGS

Thursday, September 24



An evening of literature with Ilyse Kusnetz, Cate McGowan, and our headliner, Brian Turner.



Excerpts of the reading may be heard in the online *Vitae Magazine* article.

The link is on your handout.

Standing-room only!

Friday, September 25: Open-mic and Poetry/Fiction Slam Competition

Students, faculty, and community writers participated with over fifty attendees and contributors.



The winning slam team members were awarded book prizes supplied by our community partner book store, Bookmark It.

LOOKING FORWARD

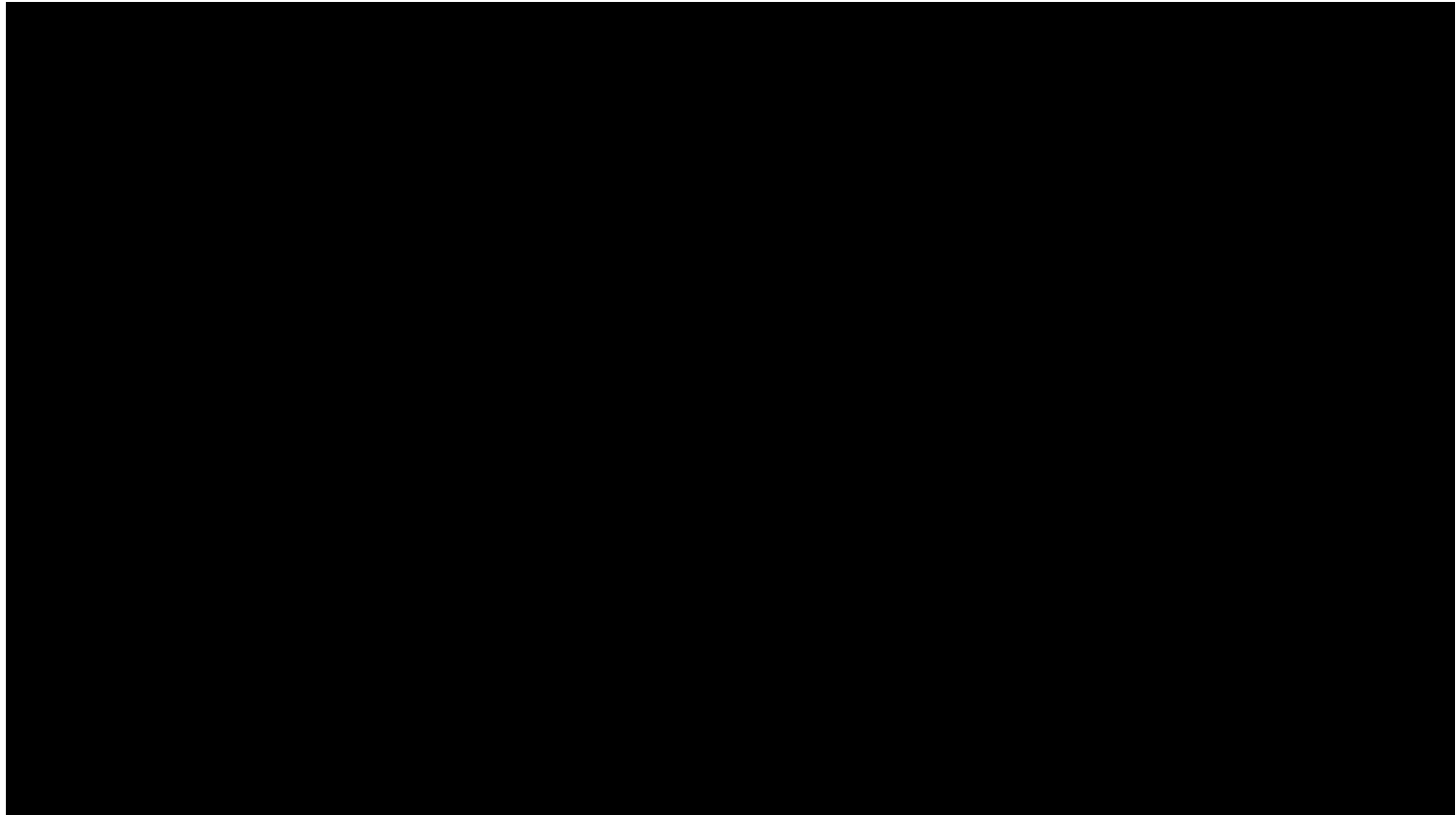
Patricia Smith, Noted Poet, Performer, and Essayist



October 13-15, 2016.

- Master Class
- Reading at Winter Park Campus
- Community Event Reading and Talk at Zora! Gallery in Eatonville

The Power of Words, The Power of Poetry



Theodora Almansberger