



HOOD COLLEGE
GRADUATE SCHOOL



HOOD COLLEGE LOW-RESIDENCY MFA IN CREATIVE WRITING

SUMMER RESIDENCY SCHEDULE

JUNE 20-30, 2025



LOW-RESIDENCY MFA IN CREATIVE WRITING

2025 Residency Schedule

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

2-4:30 p.m.	ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN	Whitaker Campus Center
5-6 p.m.	CAMPUS TOUR WITH GRADUATE SCHOOL STAFF	Depart from Whitaker Campus Center
6:30-7 p.m.	OPENING RECEPTION, BUFFET DINNER, AND WELCOME from the provost, graduate dean, and program director	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
7-8 p.m.	OPENING READINGS Aaron Angello, Amy Gottfried, and Elizabeth Knapp	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons



AARON ANGELLO
Hood College



AMY GOTTFRIED
Hood College



ELIZABETH KNAPP
Hood College

FRIDAY'S PRESENTERS



SATURDAY, JUNE 21

8-9:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	ORIENTATION WITH PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND FACULTY	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
Noon-1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	Coblentz Hall
1:30-3:30 p.m.	PUBLISHING PANEL with Caroline Bock (Washington Writers' Publishing House), Jona Colson (Washington Writers' Publishing House), Barbara Westwood Diehl (<i>The Baltimore Review</i>), Susan Muaddi Darraj (HarperVia), and Tonee Mae Moll (Yellow Arrow Publishing)	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
3:30-5 p.m.	READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME	
5-6:30 p.m.	DINNER	Coblentz Hall
7:30-8:30 p.m.	SURELOCKED IN ESCAPE GAMES	Depart from Whitaker Campus Center at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY'S PRESENTERS



SUSAN MUADDI DARRAJ
The Johns Hopkins University,
Harford Community College



TONEE MAE MOLL
Harford Community College

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

8-9:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	WORKSHOP IN PROSE Susan Muaddi Darraj	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
	WORKSHOP IN POETRY Tonee Mae Moll	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
Noon-1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	Coblentz Hall
1:30-3:30 p.m.	MEETINGS WITH FACULTY MENTORS	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
3:30-5 p.m.	READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME	
5-6:30 p.m.	DINNER	Coblentz Hall
6:30-8 p.m.	READINGS Susan Muaddi Darraj and Tonee Mae Moll	Tatem Arts Center, Black Box Theatre

MONDAY, JUNE 23

8-9:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	WORKSHOP IN PROSE Susan Muaddi Darraj	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
	WORKSHOP IN POETRY Tonee Mae Moll	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
Noon-1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	Coblentz Hall, Dreiling Seminar Room
1:30-3:30 p.m.	CRAFT TALKS: "VOICE: THE VITAL ELEMENT IN FICTION" Susan Muaddi Darraj	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
	"EXPERIMENTATION: WEIRDING YOUR POETRY" Tonee Mae Moll	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
3:30-5 p.m.	READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME	
5-6:30 p.m.	DINNER	Coblentz Hall
7-9 p.m.	MOVIE NIGHT <i>Wonder Boys</i>	Rosenstock Hall, Hodson Auditorium



TUESDAY, JUNE 24

8-9:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	WORKSHOP IN PROSE Donna Hemans	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
	WORKSHOP IN POETRY Steven Leyva	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
Noon-1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	Coblentz Hall, Dreiling Seminar Room
1:30-3:30 p.m.	PERGOLA MEETING	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
3:30-5 p.m.	READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME	
5-6:30 p.m.	DINNER	Coblentz Hall
6:30-8 p.m.	READINGS Donna Hemans and Steven Leyva	Tatem Arts Center, Black Box Theatre



DONNA HEMANS
DC Writers Room



STEVEN LEYVA
University of Baltimore

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY’S PRESENTERS

ADDITIONAL WEDNESDAY PRESENTER



MATT LEE
Hood College

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

8-9:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	WORKSHOP IN PROSE Donna Hemans	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
	WORKSHOP IN POETRY Steven Leyva	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
Noon-1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	Coblentz Hall, Dreiling Seminar Room
1:30-3:30 p.m.	CRAFT TALKS: "ON REVISION: FINDING THE HEART OF YOUR STORY" Donna Hemans	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
	"HI-FIVES, HANDSHAKES, AND HUGS: HOW TO BUILD TRUST WITH THE READER" Steven Leyva	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
3:30-5 p.m.	READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME	
5-6:30 p.m.	COOKOUT	Whitaker Campus Center, Patio
6:30-8 p.m.	READINGS Matt Lee and open mic	Whitaker Campus Center, Patio

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY PRESENTERS



JAMES ALLEN HALL
Washington College



AARON HAMBURGER
The George Washington
University, Stone Coast MFA
Program

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

8-9:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	WORKSHOP IN PROSE Aaron Hamburger	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
	WORKSHOP IN POETRY James Allen Hall	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
Noon-1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	Coblentz Hall, Dreiling Seminar Room
1:30-3:30 p.m.	CRAFT TALKS: "REPEAT OBSESSION: THE GHAZAL" James Allen Hall	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
	"FIFTY SHADES OF FUNNY: HOW TO USE HUMOR IN YOUR WRITING, WHETHER YOUR WORK IS COMIC, TRAGIC, OR SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN" Aaron Hamburger	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
3:30-5 p.m.	READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME	
5:30-7:30 p.m.	COMPLIMENTARY GROUP DINNER The Orchard Restaurant in Downtown Frederick	Depart from Whitaker Campus Center at 5:15 p.m.



FRIDAY, JUNE 27

8-9:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	WORKSHOP IN PROSE Aaron Hamburger	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
	WORKSHOP IN POETRY James Allen Hall	Rosenstock Hall, room 216
Noon-1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	Coblentz Hall
1:30-3:30 p.m.	PRAGUE SUMMER PROGRAM PRESENTATION AND Q&A	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
3:30-5 p.m.	READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME	
5-6:30 p.m.	DINNER	Coblentz Hall
6:30-8 p.m.	PERFORMANCE: <i>SEMINAR</i> BY THERESA REBECK Ardeo Theatre Company	Tatem Arts Center, Black Box Theatre

ADDITIONAL FRIDAY PRESENTER



**ARDEO THEATRE
COMPANY**



SATURDAY, JUNE 28 (PRIDE DAY 🏳️‍🌈)

8-9:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	PRIDE DAY IN DOWNTOWN FREDERICK	Depart from Whitaker Campus Center at 10 a.m.
Noon- 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	Coblentz Hall
1:30- 3:30 p.m.	A CELEBRATION OF CONTEMPORARY QUEER AUTHORS James Allen Hall and Aaron Hamburger	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
3:30-5 p.m.	READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME	
5-6:30 p.m.	DINNER	Coblentz Hall
6:30-8 p.m.	READINGS James Allen Hall and Aaron Hamburger	Tatem Arts Center, Black Box Theatre

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

8-9:30 a.m.	BREAKFAST	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	SUBMIT-A-THON AND PERGOLA MEETING	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
Noon- 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH	Coblentz Hall
1:30- 3:30 p.m.	MEETINGS WITH FACULTY MENTORS	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
3:30-5 p.m.	READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME	
5-6:30 p.m.	CLOSING RECEPTION AND BUFFET DINNER	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
6:30-8 p.m.	STUDENT READINGS	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons

MONDAY, JUNE 30

10 a.m.	MIMOSA BREAKFAST	Blazer Hall, fifth floor
Noon	CHECKOUT AND DEPARTURE	Whitaker Campus Center





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