



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.	<b>ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN</b>	Whitaker Campus Center
5-6 p.m.	<b>CAMPUS TOUR WITH GRADUATE SCHOOL STAFF</b>	Depart from Whitaker Campus Center
6:30-7 p.m.	<b>OPENING RECEPTION, BUFFET DINNER, AND WELCOME</b> from the provost, graduate dean, and program director	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
7-8 p.m.	<b>OPENING READINGS</b> 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.	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	<b>ORIENTATION WITH PROGRAM DIRECTOR AND FACULTY</b>	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
Noon-1:30 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>	Coblentz Hall
1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>PUBLISHING PANEL</b> 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.	<b>READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME</b>	
5-6:30 p.m.	<b>DINNER</b>	Coblentz Hall
7:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>SURELOCKED IN ESCAPE GAMES</b>	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.	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	<b>WORKSHOP IN PROSE</b> Susan Muaddi Darraj	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
	<b>WORKSHOP IN POETRY</b> Tonee Mae Moll	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
Noon-1:30 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>	Coblentz Hall
1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>MEETINGS WITH FACULTY MENTORS</b>	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
3:30-5 p.m.	<b>READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME</b>	
5-6:30 p.m.	<b>DINNER</b>	Coblentz Hall
6:30-8 p.m.	<b>READINGS</b> Susan Muaddi Darraj and Tonee Mae Moll	Tatem Arts Center, Black Box Theatre

# MONDAY, JUNE 23

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





# TUESDAY, JUNE 24

8-9:30 a.m.	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	<b>WORKSHOP IN PROSE</b> Donna Hemans	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
	<b>WORKSHOP IN POETRY</b> Steven Leyva	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
Noon-1:30 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>	Coblentz Hall
1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>PERGOLA MEETING</b>	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
3:30-5 p.m.	<b>READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME</b>	
5-6:30 p.m.	<b>DINNER</b>	Coblentz Hall
6:30-8 p.m.	<b>READINGS</b> 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.	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	<b>WORKSHOP IN PROSE</b> Donna Hemans	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
	<b>WORKSHOP IN POETRY</b> Steven Leyva	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
Noon-1:30 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>	Coblentz Hall
1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>CRAFT TALKS: "ON REVISION: FINDING THE HEART OF YOUR STORY"</b> Donna Hemans	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
	<b>"HI-FIVES, HANDSHAKES, AND HUGS: HOW TO BUILD TRUST WITH THE READER"</b> Steven Leyva	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
3:30-5 p.m.	<b>READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME</b>	
5-6:30 p.m.	<b>COOKOUT</b>	Whitaker Campus Center, Patio
6:30-8 p.m.	<b>READINGS</b> 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.	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	<b>WORKSHOP IN PROSE</b> Aaron Hamburger	Whitaker Campus Center, Commons
	<b>WORKSHOP IN POETRY</b> James Allen Hall	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
Noon-1:30 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>	Coblentz Hall
1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>CRAFT TALKS: "REPEAT OBSESSION: THE GHAZAL"</b> James Allen Hall	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
	<b>"FIFTY SHADES OF FUNNY: HOW TO USE HUMOR IN YOUR WRITING, WHETHER YOUR WORK IS COMIC, TRAGIC, OR SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN"</b> Aaron Hamburger	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
3:30-5 p.m.	<b>READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME</b>	
5:30-7:30 p.m.	<b>COMPLIMENTARY GROUP DINNER</b> The Orchard Restaurant in Downtown Frederick	Depart from Whitaker Campus Center at 5:15 p.m.





## FRIDAY, JUNE 27

8-9:30 a.m.	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	<b>WORKSHOP IN PROSE</b> Aaron Hamburger	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
	<b>WORKSHOP IN POETRY</b> James Allen Hall	Rosenstock Hall, room 216
Noon-1:30 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>	Coblentz Hall
1:30-3:30 p.m.	<b>PRAGUE SUMMER PROGRAM PRESENTATION AND Q&amp;A</b>	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
3:30-5 p.m.	<b>READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME</b>	
5-6:30 p.m.	<b>DINNER</b>	Coblentz Hall
6:30-8 p.m.	<b>PERFORMANCE: <i>SEMINAR</i> BY THERESA REBECK</b> 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.	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Coblentz Hall
10 a.m.-noon	<b>PRIDE DAY IN DOWNTOWN FREDERICK</b>	Depart from Whitaker Campus Center at 10 a.m.
Noon- 1:30 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>	Coblentz Hall
1:30- 3:30 p.m.	<b>A CELEBRATION OF CONTEMPORARY QUEER AUTHORS</b> James Allen Hall and Aaron Hamburger	Whitaker Campus Center, room 220
3:30-5 p.m.	<b>READING, WRITING, AND REFLECTION TIME</b>	
5-6:30 p.m.	<b>DINNER</b>	Coblentz Hall
6:30-8 p.m.	<b>READINGS</b> 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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