

SKIDMORE

NEW YORK STATE SUMMER WRITERS INSTITUTE

Public Events Schedule 2025

Monday June 23, 8 PM: **Elizabeth Benedict** (fiction) & **Binnie Kirshenbaum** (fiction) Reading, Davis Auditorium
Tuesday June 24, 8 PM: **Garth Greenwell** (fiction) and **Megan Fernandes** (poetry) Reading, Davis Auditorium
Wednesday June 25, 8 PM: **Honor Moore** (non-fiction) & **Hannah Assadi** (fiction) Reading, Davis Auditorium
Thursday June 26, 8.00 PM: **Phillip Lopate** (non-fiction) & **Rosanna Warren** (poetry) Reading, Davis Auditorium
Friday June 27, 8 PM: **Queer Poetry: Reading & Conversation w/ Tom Healy & others**, Tang Museum
Sunday June 29, 3 PM: Student Reading, Davis Auditorium

Monday June 30, 8 PM: **Claire Messud** (fiction) & **Sandra Lim** (poetry) Reading, Davis Auditorium
Tuesday July 1, 8 PM: **Jerald Walker** (non-fiction) & **Campbell McGrath** (poetry) Reading, Davis Auditorium
Wednesday July 2, 6:30 PM: **Film Screening, Pedro Almodovar "Bad Education"** ("Maleducacion") followed by 8:30 Panel/Conversation with **Jim Miller** (author of the new book *The Passion of Pedro Almodovar*), **Phillip Lopate & Robert Boyers**, Davis Auditorium. Film also available on Amazon Prime and other platforms.
Thursday July 3, 8 PM: **Vinson Cunningham** (fiction) & **April Bernard** (poetry) Reading, [Caffe Lena](#) tickets required

Friday July 4, 8 PM: **Jim Shepard** (fiction) & **Chase Twichell** (poetry) Reading, Davis Auditorium

Monday July 7, 8 PM: Novelist **Mary Gaitskill: A Conversation with Robert Boyers**, Davis Auditorium
Tuesday July 8, 8 PM: **Amy Hempel** (fiction) & **Peg Boyers** (poetry) Reading, Davis Auditorium
Wednesday July 9, 8 PM: **Poetry & Jazz: Robert Pinsky, Todd Coolman and others**, [Caffe Lena](#) tickets required
Thursday July 10, 8 PM: **Francine Prose** (fiction) & **Ishion Hutchinson** (poetry) Reading, Davis Auditorium
Friday July 11, 8 PM: **Rick Moody** (fiction) & **Adam Braver** (fiction) Reading, Davis Auditorium
Sunday July 13, 3 PM: Student Reading, Davis Auditorium

Monday July 14, 8 PM: **Thomas Chatterton Williams** (memoir) & **Steve Stern** (fiction) Reading, Davis Auditorium

Tuesday July 15, 8 PM: NY Times Columnist **John McWhorter: A Conversation on Politics, Language & The Culture Wars with Robert Boyers**, Davis Auditorium

Wednesday July 16, 8 PM: **Jamaica Kincaid** (fiction) & **Susan Minot** (fiction) Reading, Davis Auditorium

Thursday July 17, 8 PM: **Joyce Carol Oates** (fiction) & **Henri Cole** (poetry) Reading, Davis Auditorium

Friday July 18, 8 PM: Reading and Panel on Memoir: **Why Write About Yourself? With Memoirists Laura Kipnis, Melora Wolff and Robert Boyers**, Davis Auditorium

Led by directors Robert Boyers and Adam Braver, the New York State Summer Writers Institute has been offering students the opportunity to learn from an extraordinary faculty of distinguished writers since 1987. The program is an offshoot of the [New York State Writers Institute](#) created by Albany native and Pulitzer Prize-winning author William Kennedy. The curriculum is designed for college-aged students and adults and is well-known for its small classes that offer individualized attention. Unless otherwise noted, all events are held on the Skidmore College campus and are free and open to the public. Tickets are required for [Caffè Lena](#) events.

