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WILKES UNIVERSITY CREATIVE WRITING NEWSLETTER

Revise This – September 2019

Norman Mailer Society Annual Conference

This year's conference will be held at **Wilkes University, in Wilkes-Barre, PA**, from **Thursday, October 10 through Saturday, October 12, 2019**.

Thursday and Friday will be full days of panels and events; panels will continue on Saturday morning and the conference will conclude with our Saturday luncheon and keynote address. This year, we are happy to announce that the keynote will be delivered by Norman's youngest daughter, Maggie Mailer, a New York-based painter. You can find more information about Maggie's work at www.maggiemailer.com.

Susan Mailer will be reading from her new release, *In Another Place With and Without My*

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Father, Norman Mailer,
followed by a book
signing on **Thursday,**
October 10 at 4:30 p.m.

The conference will also
feature a screening of
the 1982 film *The
Executioner's Song*
(based on Mailer's
Pulitzer Prize winning
true-crime novel
published in 1979) on
Friday, October 11 at

7:00 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. (The screening is free
and open to the public.)

On **Saturday, October 12**, a reading of selections from Mailer's 1998
anthology, *The Time of our Time*, will be presented by The Wilkes
Readers Theatre, featuring students, alum, and faculty of the Maslow
Family Graduate Program in Creative Writing at Wilkes University.

Hotel Accommodations

Hotel accommodations will be provided by Genetti's Best Western, just a
few blocks from the Wilkes University campus. You can reserve your
room one of two ways (in both cases, making sure to mention you will be
there for the Norman Mailer Conference; the room block is under "Wilkes
Creative Writing/Norman Mailer Conference"):

- 1) By email: frontdesk@genetti.com
- 2) By phone: 1-570-823-6152

Transportation

If you are booking a flight to the conference, the closest airport is the
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport (AVP). From there, it is about
a 20-minute cab/Uber/Lyft ride to Genetti's Best Western. The Best
Western also offers a free airport shuttle; however, you will need to call
the hotel 24 hours in advance of your arrival to arrange for airport pick-
up.

For those driving to the conference, or flying into a different airport and renting a car, the hotel does provide free parking for guests.

Registration

Registration fees for the 2019 conference are as follows:

- 2019 Individual Registration Fee: \$150
- 2019 Student Registration Fee: \$75
- 2019 Guest Fee: \$50

Each presenter, moderator, or individual attendee may bring one guest who must pay the Guest Registration Fee of \$50. The guest does not have to be a member of the Norman Mailer Society. If someone is NOT a presenter or moderator but attends the conference, that person must be a member, must pay the respective registration fee, and may still bring only one guest. Registration fees can be paid at <https://www.paypal.me/normanmailor>.

Fall Writing Workshop

The Maslow Family Creative Writing Program will be offering a Introduction to Fiction community workshop to interested students this Fall:

Introduction to Fiction: The Elements of Story

An introductory workshop in fiction writing. Adults of all ages and all experience levels and genres are welcome. Each week, an element of story (image, voice, character, setting, and story) will be explored through lecture, discussion and writing exercises. At the end of each workshop session, a writing prompt will be assigned. Students will craft a one to two-page piece of fiction and return the following week with these assignments, to be delivered during the workshop. Participants will complete a portfolio of fiction writing samples during this workshop series.

Meetings: Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Cohen Science Center, Room 102

September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15 and 22

Cost: \$65.00 for the entire series

Instructor: Bill Schneider

June 2019 Residency Scholarship Award Winners

Sara Pisak of Sugarloaf, Pa., was awarded The Norris Church Mailer Scholarship on June 21, 2019. Pisak completed her M.A. in Creative Writing - Creative Nonfiction and is pursuing her M.F.A. in Creative Writing at Wilkes University.



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The Norris Church Mailer Scholarship is awarded to a student with demonstrated talent, need and a commitment to serving the writing community. Created by Norman Mailer, it is given in honor of Norris Church Mailer, a writer and board member in her own right. Awarded annually, faculty members nominate students who are already in the program.

Julianna Evans of Jim Thorpe, Pa., was awarded The Jennifer Diskin Scholarship on June 21, 2019. Evans is pursuing her M.A. in Creative Writing - Poetry at Wilkes University.



Julianna Evans (right) is presented The Jennifer Diskin Scholarship by Dr. Bonnie Culver (left), co-founder and director of the Maslow Family Graduate Program in Creative Writing at Wilkes University. Photo credit: Bill Schneider

The Jennifer Diskin Scholarship is awarded to a student with demonstrated need and talent and a commitment to studying poetry. It is given in honor of alumna Jennifer Diskin, who passed away after a brave struggle with cancer. Started by her family, poetry faculty members nominate students who are already in the program.

Congratulations to the New Editorial Team of *River and South Review*!

- Managing Editor - Amanda Cino
- CNF Editor - Jennifer Tarr
- Fiction Editor - James "Jake" Cannington
- Poetry Editor - Caitlin Downs
- Production and Design Editor - Danah Lassiter
- Readers - Wayne Benson, Tyler Miles, Ely Reyes-Viruet
- Proofreader - Toni-Lyn Sorger

This literary review will continue to be produced by current students in the Maslow Family Graduate Creative Writing Program. *River and South Review* seeks to be a home for work that evokes a visceral reaction, encourages continued conversation, captures the adventures of life, and spurs its readers to go find their own adventures to write about.

Announcements

Faculty

J. Michael Lennon recently published a review in the *Times Literary Supplement* (July 12) of Douglas Brinkley's new book, *American Moonshot: JFK and the Great Space Race*. Please click on the following link to access the review:

<https://www.the-tls.co.uk/articles/private/cold-war-trophy/>

Alumni

Randee Bretherick, M.F.A. '13. The Kindle version of Randee's second novel, *Criminal Chokehold* (published under the name Randee Green) was released on July 16, 2019. The paperback version will be available on September 10, 2019. Randee was also a featured speaker at the Gaithersburg Book Festival in May.

Cindy Dlugolecki, M.A. '11, was one of eight playwrights with a short play included in the Cicada Festival at Mt Gretna, Pa, on August 30. *Boxed In* had its premier in an evening of staged readings with the theme "Sanity Takes a Holiday."

Janine P. Dubik, M.F.A. '19, taught a six-week community writing workshop on character development at Wilkes University this summer. Her poem "My heart" is part of the 2019 Poetry in Transit program with the Luzerne County Transportation Authority. This is the fourth consecutive year her work is being displayed in LCTA buses. "Self" and "Alphabet," two of her poems, are published in Issue 16, 2019, of *Word Fountain*, the Osterhout Free Library literary magazine. The literary magazine is being released this month.

Richard Fellingner, M.F.A. '10, published an excerpt from his novel, *Summer of '85*, in the 2019 edition of *Seven Hills Review* (Volume 24). The excerpt from the unpublished novel won the journal's Novel Excerpt Contest. Richard also published a pair of op-eds on national politics in Lancaster's LNP newspaper. His July 14, 2019 op-ed is titled "In defense of the seemingly lost art of the apology," and his June 14, 2019 op-ed is titled "About Joe Biden's frontrunner problem."

Cooper Gorelick, M.A. '17, showcased three of his ten-minute plays being produced as part of the Third Annual One-Act Play Festival *Act 1 Scene 1* at the Village Playbox in Haddon Heights, New Jersey (September 12-14).

Margaret McCaffrey, M.A. '15. Her story "Winter in America" was broadcast on Vision Australia Radio this July. The Cover to Cover program featured members of Elwood Writers (Elwoodwriters.com) who curated stories and poems around the theme of Winter.

Ginger Marcinkowski, M.F.A. '11, was chosen as a recipient for a five-day residency for the Nancy Zafris Short Story Fellowship at The Porches in Norwood, Virginia which she attended in July 2019. Nancy Zafris is the series editor of the Flannery O'Connor award for short fiction and was for nine years the fiction editor of *The Kenyon Review*. Ginger was also chosen from over 300 applicants to attend the Kingsbrae International Residency for the Arts (KIRA) in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada for the month of August 2019.

Nisha Sharma, M.F.A. '14, received the RITA award for best YA novel of 2018 from the Romance Writers of America Organization.

Pamela Turchin, M.F.A. '18, was selected to read a piece of short fiction at OutWrite, Washington DC's annual LGBTQ literary festival on August 3, 2019.

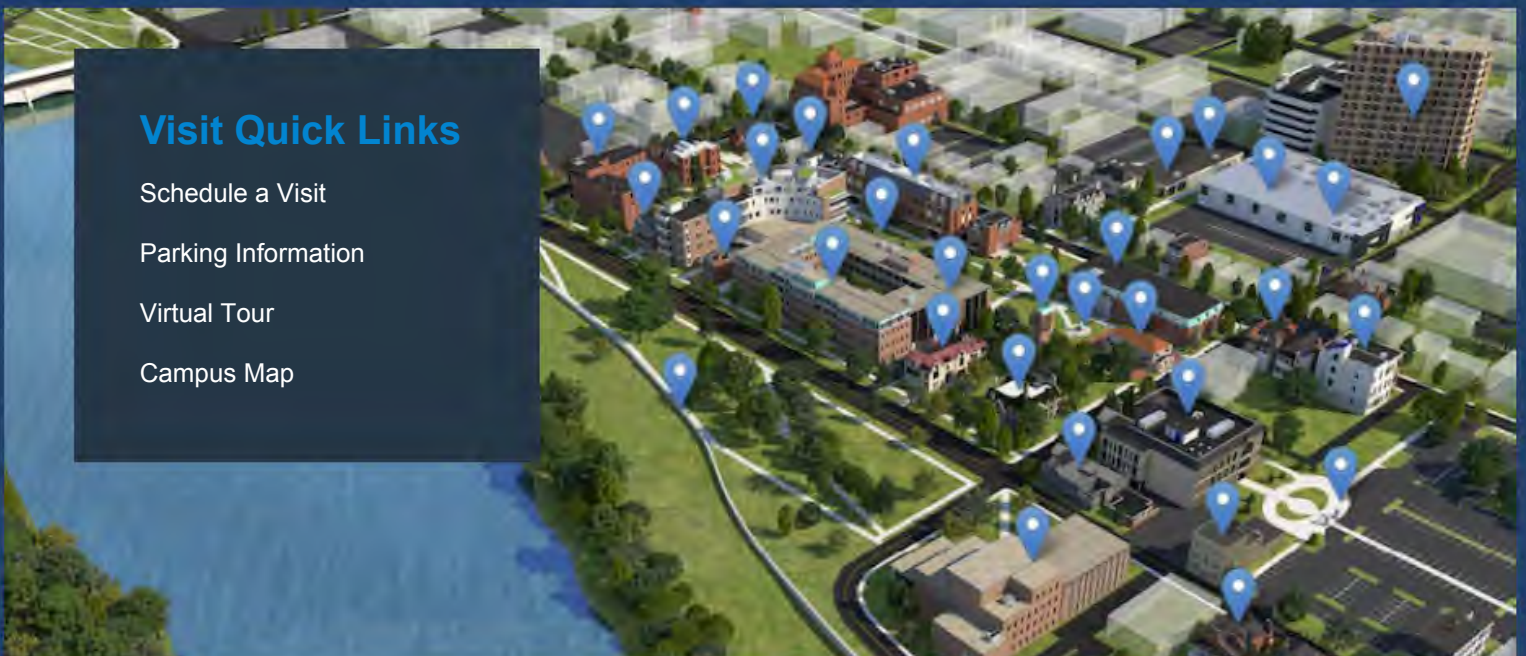
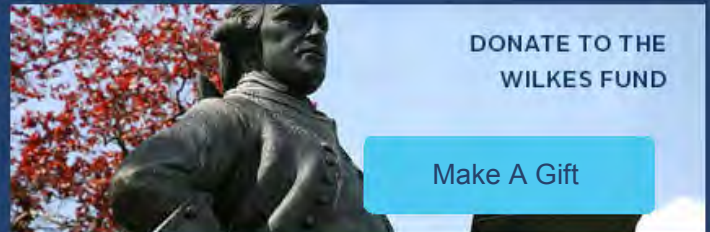
Current Students

Tyler Miles shorty story "A Change in the Winds" was recently published by the online fantasy and science fiction magazine [Collective Realms](#).

Jason Miller's flash fiction piece "We All Scream" has been accepted by the online journal *Prometheus Dreaming* (www.prometheusdreaming.com).

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