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2012 CONFERENCE NEWS

Faculty invitations have gone out, and acceptances are rolling in. You may want to mark your calendars already; the 2012 conference line-up is going to be amazing. Here's who we have confirmed already:

Poet **Kim Addonizio** (www.kimaddonizio.com/), the author of five collections of poetry including TELL ME, a 2000 National Book Award Finalist. Kim also writes flash fiction.

Mystery novelist **David Corbett** (www.davidcorbett.com/), the Edgar-nominated author of DO THEY KNOW I'M RUNNING? which was highly praised by MCWC advisory board member John Lescroart.

Jack Shoemaker, vice president & editorial director of Counterpoint Press, whose impressive list of fiction and nonfiction books may be found at www.counterpointpress.com/

Claudia Sternbach, editor-in-chief of *Memoir(and)*, a literary journal that publishes all types of creative nonfiction allied with memoir. Check it out at <http://memoirjournal.squarespace.com/>

Gordon Warlock of Andrea Hurst & Associates Literary Management. Gordon, who represents both fiction and nonfiction, writes: "I love when [conferences] are student centered. Helping out aspiring writers is always a rewarding experience (especially when I can get them published)." His website is <http://www.andreahurst.com/literary-management/about/gordon-warnock/>

Conference dates are July 26 through 28, 2012.

EVENTS

Wed. Sept. 21, 7:30 pm at 142 Throckmorton Theatre, Mill Valley: **Ellen Sussman** (faculty 2010) joins Carol Edgarian and Lynn Freed in a conversation with Jane Ganahl on "The State of Women's Fiction."

Thurs., Sept. 22, 7:30 pm at Mrs. Dalloway's Bookstore, 2904 College Avenue in Berkeley: **Michael David Lukas** (faculty 2011) hosts a launch party/reading for the paperback version of his novel THE ORACLE OF STAMBOUL.

Sat. Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Santa Rosa Downtown Courthouse Square and Central Library. Details of this full day of exciting literary and literacy activities for the entire family are at <http://www.socobookfest.org/schedule.shtml>. **MCWC and Tiny Lights Journal** will share a booth. Please visit us.

Tues. Oct 4: Coast Slam in The Grind at College of the Redwoods, Fort Bragg. The 2011 San Francisco Slam Team will perform between the two rounds of competition. Sign-ups for slam or open mic start at 6:30 pm, slam at 7:00. Cover charge \$5, or \$3 with student ID or seniors. For more information email coastslam@gmail.com

Sat. October 8, 4-6 pm at Book Passage, Corte Madera: shake your tail feathers at Goosebottom Books'

Dastardly Dames launch party. Six authors signing, including Head Goose **Shirin Yim Bridges** (faculty 2011). Free sushi, cake and bubbles.

MCWC COMMUNITY NEWS

A message to Mendocino County writers:

If you haven't already been asked, how about becoming an endorser of Mendocino County's **Vote Yes on Libraries** initiative? This 1/8 of a cent sales tax would be dedicated ONLY to our public libraries. It's a tiny tax that would have a huge positive impact. Here is the website: <http://www.voteyesonlibraries.org/> The Vote Yes Committee wants to sign up local authors, so it would be great if you would send in an endorsement form (money is good, too) and plug the campaign on your personal email list. If you know other local authors who might support the initiative, also known as Measure A, please pass the information along. It needs a 2/3 vote to pass.

Norma Watkins (MCWC board) whose new memoir **THE LAST RESORT: TAKING THE MISSISSIPPI CURE** has been rising in the charts, is interviewed by Tomatoes in the Trenches at <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/tomatoesinthetrenches/2011/07/20/tomatoes-in-the-trenches>

Stefanie Freele (faculty 2009 & 2010) is excited to report that her second short story collection, titled **WHILE SURROUNDED BY WATER** will be published in 2012 by Press 53 (<http://www.press53.com>).

Dana Levin (faculty 2004) received a glowing New Yorker review for her new poetry collection, **SKY BURIAL**. It's at http://www.newyorker.com/arts/critics/books/2011/08/08/110808crbo_books_chiasson

Becca Lawton (faculty 2007 and participant 2010) writes: "The best news in a while is that I just signed with **Sally van Haitsma**, one of the two agents at last year's MCWC conference, and in Alaska I'll be working in part on a novel she wants to represent. You and your conference staff are magic makers!"

Lynne Barrett (faculty 2010) reports: "My third short story collection, **MAGPIES**, has just been published by Carnegie Mellon University Press. In tandem with this new book, I have a new website: www.LynneBarrett.com"

Kat Meads (faculty 2002, 2007 & 2010) has a novel out from Ravenna Press. It's about land, loyalty and racial politics in the 1968 South. Take a look: <http://www.ravennapress.com/books/title.php?tid=20032>

Paul Levine's (faculty 2006) favorite rogue lawyer Jake Lassiter returns in **LASSITER**, the new hardcover (and e-book) from Random House.

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