

Hear from accomplished writers of contemporary literature

Pacific University presents reading series in Seaside

SEASIDE — The Pacific University Master of Fine Arts in Writing program will once again host readings by some of the world's finest contemporary writers during its 10-day residency in Seaside.

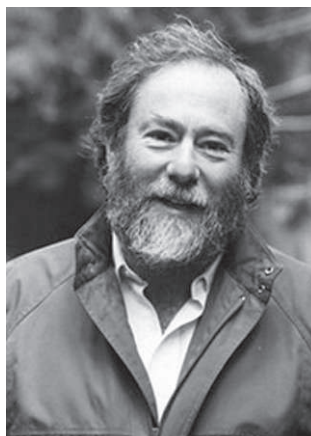
Free and open to the public, the evening readings begin at 7:30 p.m. and take place from Friday, Jan. 6 through Friday, Jan. 13 at the Best Western Ocean View Resort, located at 414 N. Prom.

This event is a rare opportunity to hear master

writers read on successive evenings. Featured authors include poet Marvin Bell, recipient of an American Academy of Arts & Letters Award in Literature; and Australian fiction writer Cate Kennedy, winner of the Queensland Literary Award and the Victorian Premier's Literary Award.

The evening reading schedule is as follows:

- Friday, Jan. 6: Chris Abani, Judy Blunt and Pete Fromm;
- Saturday, Jan. 7: Ellen Bass, Jack Driscoll and Cate Kennedy;
- Sunday, Jan. 8: Steve Amick, Craig Lesley and Joseph Millar;
- Monday, Jan. 9: Frank



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Poet Marvin Bell will read Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Gaspar, Mike Magnuson and Kellie Wells;

- Tuesday, Jan. 10: Claire



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Author Cate Kennedy will read Saturday, Jan. 7.

Davis, Debra Gwartney and John McNally;

- Wednesday, Jan. 11:

AUTHOR READINGS

7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 to 13
Best Western
Ocean View Resort
414 N. Prom, Seaside
Free

Marvin Bell, Scott Korb and Laura Hendrie;

- Thursday, Jan. 12; Kwame Dawes, Valerie Laken and David Long;
- Friday, Jan. 13; Sandra Alcosser and Sanjiv Bhat-

tacharya.

The authors in the reading series also teach at the residency where MFA students participate in workshops, lectures, classes and other events in preparation for the guided study that follows. Students leave the residency paired with a professional writer who responds to their reading and writing throughout the semester, encouraging and inspiring emerging craft and voice.

For more information about the writers or the MFA in Writing program, contact director Shelley Washburn at 503-352-1532 or visit www.pacificu.edu/as/mfa

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