

— Danez Smith

“Who says the grace of a black man in motion is not perfect as a tusk in the sun or a single leaf taking its sweet time to the ground?”



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The Lawrence A. Sanders Writer-in-Residence program is made possible through an endowment gift by the Lawrence A. Sanders Foundation in memory of Sanders, a best-selling South Florida novelist. This endowment provides funding to bring a visiting distinguished writer to FAU each year to lecture and teach within the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters. This endowment advances Sanders' legacy of creative writing at FAU.

FAU's Off the Page: Events for Readers and Writers brings distinguished prose writers, poets and publishing professionals to the FAU campus to discuss the art, the craft and the business of writing with students and the local community. This series also highlights the teaching and writing of FAU faculty in the Creative Writing Program.

ABOUT THE SERIES & FEATURED EVENTS

FAU DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH with CHRIS AND LORI FLUEHR
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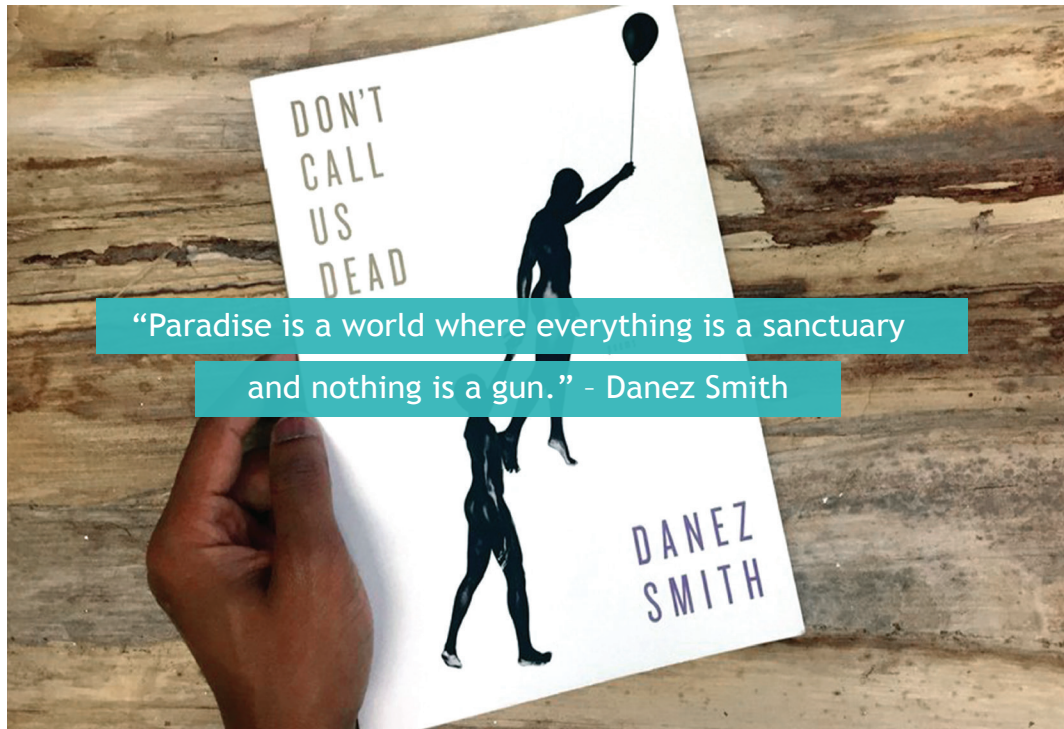


The Creative Writing Program is pleased to offer year-round creative writing workshops open to all members of the community. Classes are offered in fiction, poetry and creative nonfiction, including memoir. These noncredit classes meet once a week for eight weeks in the

evenings. No prior writing experience is required. If you've been putting off work on that novel, memoir or poetry collection – here's your chance to get professional-quality feedback and critiques.

Courses are \$250 per eight-week workshop, \$180 for FAU employees (or their immediate family), students and alumni. If you've previously taken one of our community workshops, enjoy a \$25 discount! (The discount also applies if you refer a friend.) For more information and an application, email mfa@fau.edu or call 561-297-2974

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OFF THE PAGE | SERIES GUESTS 2018/19



Thursday, October 18, 6 pm | Theatre Lab
NATIONAL DAY ON WRITING

ANDREW FURMAN is professor of English and teaches in the creative writing MFA program at FAU. He is the author of, most recently, the novel *Goldens Are Here* (Green Writers Press, 2018) and the environmental memoir *Bitten: My Unexpected Love Affair with Florida* (2014), which was named a Finalist for the ASLE Environmental Book Award. His fiction and creative nonfiction frequently engages with the Florida outdoors, but he has also written about Jewish identity, basketball, lighthouses, swimming and cast-iron cookware. His essays and stories have appeared in such publications as the *Oxford American*, *The Southern Review*, *Ecotone*, *Poets & Writers*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Agni Online*, *Terrain.org*, and *The Florida Review*.



Tuesday, January 29, 7 pm
Majestic Palm Room, Student Union
MFA ALUMNAE READINGS

BRITTANY ACKERMAN is a graduate of FAU's Master of Fine Arts program in Creative Writing. She completed a residency at the Wellstone Center in the Redwoods, and has attended the Mont Blanc Workshop in Chamonix, France. She currently lives in Los Angeles and her collection of essays and winner of the 2016 Nonfiction Award, *The Perpetual Motion Machine* was published by Red Hen Press in the fall of 2018.



STEPHANIE ANDERSON is a writer of literary journalism, narrative nonfiction and literary fiction. Her work often focuses on rural life, agriculture, food, the environment, personal relationships and animals. Stephanie's debut nonfiction book, *One Size Fits None*, will be released in January 2019 from University of Nebraska Press. Her work has appeared in *The Rumpus*, *Hotel Amerika*, *Kudzu House Quarterly*, *The Chronicle Review*, *Sweet*, and others. Her essay "Greyhound" won the 2016 Payton James Freeman Essay Prize.



M.R. SHEFFIELD is a third-generation Floridian. She received her MFA in fiction from FAU in 2009. Since that time she's been employed as an English Instructor and Graduate Advisor at FAU. Her work has been published in *Black Warrior Review*, *Hayden's Ferry Review*, *The Florida Review* and other publications. *Marvels of Natural History* (Sundress Press, 2019) is her first collection.

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Thursday, February 21, 7 pm
Majestic Palm Room, Student Union

RENÉE ZUCKERBROT founded the Renée Zuckerbrot Agency after working as an editor at Doubleday and Franklin Square Press/Harper's Magazine. She is a member of the AAR and Authors Guild. She serves on PEN's Membership Committee, and is a board member of the Council of Literary Magazines and Presses (CLMP) and *Slice Magazine*.



Thursday, February 28, 7 pm
Majestic Palm Room, Student Union

SY HOAHWAH is Comanche/Southern Arapaho, and received his MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Arkansas. His poems have appeared in such journals as *Poetry*, *Indiana Review* and *Florida Review*. He has published two collections of poetry: *Night Cradle* (2011, USPOCO Books) and *Velroy and the Madischie Mafia* (2009, West End Press). He has been a featured writer for the Poetry Foundation's *Harriet* and received a prize from the Academy of American Poets. In 2013, Sy was a recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship.



Thursday, March 21, 7 pm
Majestic Palm Room, Student Union

JOHN KEENE is the author of *Annotations* and *Counternarratives*, both published by New Directions, as well as several other works, including the poetry collection *Seismosis*, with artist Christopher Stackhouse, and a translation of Brazilian author Hilda Hilst's novel *Letters from a Seducer*. He teaches at Rutgers University-Newark.

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LAWRENCE A. SANDERS WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE 2019



Thursday, February 14, 7 pm, Majestic Palm Room, Student Union

DANEZ SMITH | LAWRENCE A. SANDERS
WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE 2019

Danez Smith is a Black, queer, poz writer and performer from St. Paul, MN. Danez is the author of *[insert] boy* (YesYes Books, 2014), winner of the Kate Tufts Discovery Award and the Lambda Literary Award for Gay Poetry, and a finalist for National Book Award for their poetry collection, *Don't Call Us Dead* (Graywolf Press, 2017). Danez is the recipient of fellowships from the Poetry Foundation, the McKnight Foundation, and is a 2017 National Endowment for the Arts Fellow. Danez's work has been featured in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *Buzzfeed*, *Blavity*, *PBS NewsHour* and on the *Late Show with Stephen Colbert*. They are a 2-time Individual World Poetry Slam finalist, 3-time Rustbelt Poetry Slam Champion, and a founding member of the Dark Noise Collective.