The Writers’ Block
June, 25th 2013

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Exciting News!

Matt Burgess:
How to Plot a Novel

As a group, over the course of an hour, with much second-guessing and argument, we will plot an original novel from start to finish.

Ana Maria Spagna:
Where Stories Converge

Most personal narratives tell more than one story at a time (think subplot in fiction, or backstory in memoir, or cultural information in a travel essay). This presentation explores the advantages of telling more than one story, and the ways that doing so can create unexpected connections, both actual and metaphorical, that add depth and resonance to your work. We’ll discuss ways of weaving stories together, allowing them to meander rather than forcing them to connect where they don’t, letting them run alongside each other like tributaries in a river. Finally, we’ll home in on the critical moment, or moments, in a piece, where the stories converge.

Patricia Henley:

Patricia Henley is the author of Hummingbird House, a national book award finalist.

Jerry Gabriel:

Jerry is the author of Drowned Boy, winner of the Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction and a Barnes and Noble “Discover Great New Writers” selection.

Our very own conference attendant Aileen Bassis has published her incredible poem “In Serbia” in Mobius the Journal of Social Change. Her poem “Eels Swim” will be published in New York Under Water, and her poems “Pennies” and “Still Morning” will be published in the Eunoia Review. Please make sure to pull Aileen aside and congratulate her. Great job Aileen, you’re living the dream!

Schedule for Wednesday, June 26

7:30am Breakfast
9:00am-12:00pm Workshops
1:30pm-2:30pm Matt Burgess Craft Talk Library 321
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9:00am-12:00pm Workshops
• Burgess: Goodpaster 117
• Hall: Goodpaster 134
• Spagna: Goodpaster 103
• Arnold: Glendenning 180
• Henley: Schafer 132
11:30am-1:00pm Lunch
3:00pm-4:00pm Publishing Presentation Library 115
5:00pm-6:30pm Dinner
6:30pm-7:30pm Ana Maria Spagna Lecture Library 321
8:00pm-9:00pm Readings by Patricia Henley and Jerry Gabriel
9:30pm-11:00pm Social Hour

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