

## **Wells College Visiting Writers Series Announces Fall 2019 Lineup**

*This season, the English Department will host a variety of authors, poets, editors and more.*

The Wells College Visiting Writers Series is pleased to announce its fall 2019 lineup. The series, established in 1973, features readings and master classes by authors who have distinguished themselves in poetry, fiction, nonfiction and drama. All events in the series are free and the public is welcome to attend. See the list below for event times, locations and further details.

***Please note: all events take place in the Faculty Parlors lounge, Main Building, unless otherwise noted.***

### **Ashley Woodfolk**

**Sept. 4–5, 2019**

*YOUNG ADULT FICTION READING—Wednesday, Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m.*

*MASTER CLASS: “Writing with Empathy”—Thursday, Sept. 5, 12:30 p.m.*

Ashley Woodfolk is the author of two novels: “The Beauty That Remains” (2018) and “When You Were Everything,” to be published next year. A graduate of Rutgers University, she currently works in children’s book publishing and resides in Brooklyn with her husband, her son Niko, and her dog. Find her on Twitter at [@AshWrites](#).

### **Cassie Donish**

**Sept. 20, 2019**

*MASTER CLASS: “Writing with Personal Vocabularies: Using Language from Beyond the Everyday”—Friday, Sept. 20, 12:30 p.m.*

*NONFICTION AND POETRY READING—Friday, Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m.*

Cassie Donish is the author of the poetry collections “The Year of the Femme” (U. of Iowa Press, 2019)—winner of the Iowa Poetry Prize—and “Beautyberry” (Slope Editions, 2018). Their nonfiction chapbook, “On the Mezzanine” (Gold Line Press, 2019), was chosen by Maggie Nelson as winner of the Gold Line Press Chapbook Competition. A poet, prose writer, geographer and educator, Cassie currently teaches at the University of Missouri in Columbia, where they are pursuing a Ph.D. in literature and creative writing.

### **Michael Don**

**Oct. 10–11, 2019**

*FICTION READING—Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m.*

*MASTER CLASS— “The Imaginative Leap: On Fictionalizing Lived Experience”—Friday, Oct. 11, 12:30 p.m.*

The author of the story collection, “Partners and Strangers” (Carnegie Mellon U. Press, 2019), Michael Don has been published in journals such as Washington Square Review, Vol. 1 Brooklyn, Fiction International, the Cortland Review and Southampton Review. He lives in Boston, where he co-edits Kikwetu: A Journal of East African Literature and teaches at Tufts University.

## **The Healing Muse Issue Launch Party**

**Oct. 24, 2019**

*READING AND ISSUE NO. 19 LAUNCH—Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:00 p.m., Art Exhibit Room, Macmillan Hall*

In celebration of its 19th issue, the editors of and contributors to the Healing Muse will join us at Wells to share some new poetry, fiction and nonfiction. The Muse is the annual journal of literary and visual art published by SUNY Upstate Medical University's [Center for Bioethics and Humanities](#).

### **Philip Memmer**

**Nov. 7, 2019**

*POETRY MASTER CLASS: "Lines of Play: On Lineation"—Thursday, Nov. 7, 12:30 p.m.*

*POETRY READING—Thursday, Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m.*

Philip Memmer is the author of five books of poems, most recently "Pantheon" (Lost Horse Press, 2019). His work has appeared in such journals as Poetry, Poetry Northwest and Poetry London, and in many anthologies. He is executive director of the Arts Branch of the YMCA of Central New York, where he founded the Downtown Writers Center in 2000; he also serves as executive editor of Stone Canoe, and associate editor for Tiger Bark Press.

### **About the Visiting Writers Series**

The Visiting Writers Series at Wells College presents several events each semester featuring authors who have distinguished themselves in poetry, fiction and/or nonfiction. These writers not only give public readings of their work—they also conduct writing workshops, participate in classes and discussions and often hold individual conferences with interested student writers. The Visiting Writers Series is made possible by the [New York State Council on the Arts](#) with the support of Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. See more at [wells.edu/visiting-writers](http://wells.edu/visiting-writers) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/WellsVisitingWriters](https://facebook.com/WellsVisitingWriters).

### **About Wells College**

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