

AWP's Twenty-second Tweet Chat: #AskAWP17
January 30, 2017 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET



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In just one hour, we'll be chatting with you about the [#AWP17](#) Conference & Bookfair. Please ask questions & share advice using [#AskAWP17](#).



#AskAWP17

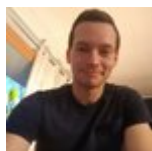
Answering your questions
about the 2017 AWP
Conference & Bookfair

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[Assay @AssayJournal](#)

Write up an [#AWP17](#) conference report for [@AssayJournal](#)! Cover a reading, a talk!
[#AskAWP17 @awpwriter](#) Sat into:
[https://assayjournal.wordpress.com/2017/01/26/assayawp17-call-for-saturday-bloggers/ ...](https://assayjournal.wordpress.com/2017/01/26/assayawp17-call-for-saturday-bloggers/)



[Joe Betz @Joe_Betz](#)

Will you encourage conference attendees to use [@lyft](#) or public transportation around DC?
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[@Joe Betz](#) Absolutely. See the "Washington, DC Public Transportation" section of our Hotel & Travel page:
https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/hotel_travel_overview...



[AWP @awpwriter](mailto:AWP@awpwriter)

Welcome to the [#AskAWP17](#) tweet chat about the 2017 Conference & Bookfair in Washington, DC.



[AWP @awpwriter](mailto:AWP@awpwriter)

The conference staff is live for the next hour to answer all of your [#AskAWP17](#) questions.



[AWP @awpwriter](mailto:AWP@awpwriter)

With us are AWP's Director of Conferences [@ChristianTeresi](#) and Director of Exhibits [@cshermanva](#). [#AskAWP17](#)





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Also here are Registration Coordinator [@AWPsTiffany](#) and Events Coordinator Colleen Cable [@colleen_cable](#). [#AskAWP17](#)



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Have you been to an AWP conference? Got tips, advice, regrets? Please share your wisdom during the chat using [#AskAWP17](#)



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Feel free to ask Conference & Bookfair questions any time during the [#AskAWP17](#) chat.



[Leanna J Blackwell @baypathmfaCNF](#)

[@awpwriter](#) Thanks! I'm wondering if AWP is formally involved in/ helping organize the candlelight vigil on Saturday night [#askAWP17](#)



[Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi](#)

[@baypathmfaCNF](#) We have a small staff, and they are unfortunately going to have their hands full with the conference itself. [@awpwriter](#)



[Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi](#)

[@baypathmfaCNF](#) We plan on posting information about the event to social media today. We want to get the word out. [@awpwriter](#)



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[@baypathmfaCNF](#) AWP is not involved but we applaud those efforts to support and defend freedom of expression. [#askawp17](#) [@awpwriter](#)



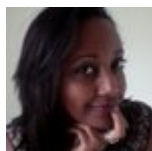
[Leanna J Blackwell@baypathmfaCNF](#)

[@ChristianTeresi](#) [@awpwriter](#) Understood, thanks. [#askawp17](#)



[Tiffany @AWPsTiffany](#)

Have questions about which type of registration to purchase? Ask me now or email me at registration@awpwriter.org! [#AskAWP17](#)



[rebecca fisseha @rebsee](#)

[@awpwriter](#) thanks! was wondering if general public can buy single ticket to a talk [#askawp17](#)



[Tiffany@AWPsTiffany](#)

[@rebsee](#) In order to attend an event, you would need to register for the entire conference. We offer great low student/senior rates [#AskAWP17](#)



[rebecca fisseha@rebsee](#)

[@AWPsTiffany](#) thanks, am already registered. asking for someone interested in chimamanda/ta-nehsi event only. can i share my pass? [#AskAWP17](#)



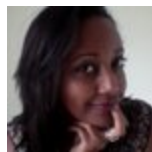
[Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi](#)

[@rebsee](#) Sorry, no. The registrations are specific to the individual, and are not meant to be shared. [@AWPsTiffany](#)



[Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi](#)

[@rebsee](#) There are no tickets to single events. Though we do have Sat day passes to attend all Sat. events for only \$45. [@awpwriter](#) [#askawp17](#)



[rebecca fisseha@rebsee](#)

thanks [@ChristianTeresi](#) 2nd q: been wanting to add delegate to my pass. is possible after purchase?



[Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi](#)

[@rebsee](#) You mean affiliation? Yes, you can add an institutional affiliation by signing into your AWP user account. [#askawp17](#)



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

Hello! Cynthia Sherman here, happy to answer your [#AWP17](#) bookfair questions. Tweet or email bookfair@awpwriter.org [#AskAWP17](#)



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

[#AWP17](#) Parking Information

[http://www.dconvention.com/Venues/ConventionCenter/DirectionsAndParking.aspx ...](http://www.dconvention.com/Venues/ConventionCenter/DirectionsAndParking.aspx...)

[#AskAWP17](#)



[Cathy Baker @charliebravo88](#)

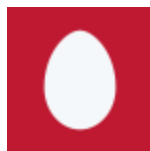
Is it a good idea for a writer to bring business cards? copies of stories? anything else?

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[Colleen Cable@colleen_cable](#)

[@charliebravo88](#) The conference provides a lot of opportunity to meet and network - bring those business cards! [#AskAWP17](#)



[Cathy Baker@charliebravo88](#)

[@colleen_cable](#) Thanks. See you there!



[The W's MFA in CW@TheW MFACW](#)

[@charliebravo88](#) Yes, bring some cards, if you have them. Probably not copies of stories. But something with your email and links is good.



[The W's MFA in CW@TheW MFACW](#)

[@charliebravo88](#) Also, practice your elevator pitch — if someone asks what you're writing and you have 30 seconds, what do you tell them!



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Did you know your AWP badge will get you discounts at museums, restaurants, and more? Check out: <https://washington.org/syb> [#AskAWP17](#)



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

For the most current information download the [#AWP17](#) Mobile App at <https://guidebook.com/app/awp> [#AskAWP17](#)



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Be sure the name on your badge is spelled correctly! If your badge is linked to your account, check here: [https://www.awpwriter.org/user/registration_management ...](https://www.awpwriter.org/user/registration_management...) [#AskAWP17](#)



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[@awpwriter](#) I see that Will Call registration is still available, right? What's the difference between that and regular registration?



[AWP@awpwriter](#)

[@TheW MFACW](#) Yes. Will-call registration is just regular registration purchased online after pre-registration & before conference. [#AskAWP17](#)



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[@TheW MFACW](#) The only difference is that, by purchasing online, you save time when picking up your badge at the kiosks. [#AskAWP17](#)



[Tiffany @AWPsTiffany](#)

[@TheW MFACW](#) Will Call will provide you with the same access to the conference as regular registration. [#AskAWP17](#)

https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/registration_overview...



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Check out Exhibitor Spotlights on the AWP-BF FB Page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/AWP-Bookfair/536254749775315...> [#AskAWP17](#)



[Tiffany @AWPsTiffany](#)

Onsite registration is going to be located inside Salon ABC of the Convention Centr [#askawp17](#).
https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/registration_overview...



[Ponder Review @PonderReview](#)

Best advice for navigating registration? I say get there early and have your confirmation email printed. [#AskAWP17](#)



[AWP @awpwriter](#)

[@PonderReview](#) Great advice! Bring that unique registration code we emailed you and picking up your badge will only take seconds! [#AskAWP17](#)



[Tom Cho 曹勵善 @tom_cho](#)

[@awpwriter](#) Do you have a sense of how US Govt's new travel bans might affect AWP? E.g. Will any ppl be unable to attend? [#AskAWP17](#)



[Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi](#)

[@tom_cho](#) We have not yet been contacted by anyone who is affected by the ban, but we are monitoring the situation. [@awpwriter](#) [#AskAWP17](#)



[Tom Cho 曹勵善 @tom_cho](#)

[@ChristianTeresi](#) Is [@awpwriter](#) proactively investigating if anyone is being prevented from attending the conference?



[Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi](#)

[@tom_cho](#) We are not aware (either through our own efforts or from outside AWP) of any registered attendee or presenter affected.

[@awpwriter](#)



[Tom Cho 曹勵善@tom_cho](#)

[@christianteresi](#) [@awpwriter](#) OK, thanks for letting me know.



[Kevin McKelvey@KevinMcKelvey](#)

So we're going to ask [@awpwriter](#) why the book fair isn't open to the public on Saturday?



[Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi](#)

[@KevinMcKelvey](#) & of course, it's open to the public, just not for free. There is the discounted Sat. pass for \$45. [@awpwriter](#) [#AskAWP17](#)



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

Check out all of the awesome bookfair exhibitors!

https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/bookfair_exhibitors_list... [#askawp17](#)



[The W's MFA in CW @TheW_MFACW](#)

[@awpwriter](#) Are there still volunteer opportunities available? [#AskAWP17](#)



[Tiffany @AWPsTiffany](#)

[@TheW_MFACW](#) I'm sorry the opportunity to volunteer has passed. [#AskAWP17](#)



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If you're in town on Wednesday afternoon, pick up your badge at registration then so you're all set for Thursday events [#AskAWP17](#)



[Ponder Review @PonderReview](#)

Save time for the Book Fair! And save room for all the books & things you'll bring home! We'll be at [#841T #AskAWP17](#)



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[#askawp17](#) Scope out a couple of sessions (near each other, if possible) so that if one is packed, you know where you want to go instead.



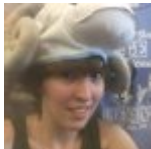
[Tiffany @AWPsTiffany](#)

We will be offering a one-day pass for Saturday, Feb 11th, of the conference this badge will only be sold onsite on that day. [#askawp17](#)



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

Attendees make a list of the bookfair exhibitors you would like to see & then be open to the fun of discovering new organizations! [#AskAWP17](#)



[Tess Duck @TessDuck](#)

[#AskAWP17](#) some members of my student org didn't receive their email confirmations. Will they still be able to pick up their badges with IDs



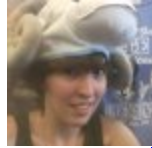
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[@TessDuck](#) They should check with registration@awpwriter.org in case we have the wrong email addresses on their badges.



[Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi](#)

[@TessDuck](#) They should check their spam folder, and contact [@AWPsTiffany](#) at registration@awpwriter.org. [#askawp17](#)



[Tess Duck@TessDuck](#)

[@ChristianTeresi](#) thanks, I'll have them email registration



[Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi](#)

[@TessDuck](#) They can still pick up badges, but it will take longer. They definitely want to get the confirmation with the code ASAP [#askawp17](#)



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

Exhibitors make friends with your bookfair neighbors to spot each other for breaks!

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[The W's MFA in CW @TheW MFACW](#) 32m32 minutes ago

[#askawp17](#) We have students in a low-res MFA attending on student registrations. They have IDs, but not w/ Spring 2017. Is this a problem?



[Tiffany@AWPsTiffany](#)

[@TheW MFACW](#) No problem, they can also provide a class schedule, acceptance email/letter, email/letter from a dean or professor [#AskAWP](#)



[The W's MFA in CW@TheW MFACW](#)

[@awpstiffany](#) Thank you! I'll let them know.



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

Wi-fi is free throughout the convention center! [#askawp17](#)



[Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi](#)

WiFi is for email & moderate web browsing, but signal is not strong enough for more complicated uses like streaming video. [#askawp17](#)



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Get an email saying someone purchased you a badge? Make sure to confirm your registration by "linking" it to your AWP user account [#askawp17](#)



[AWP @awpwriter](#)

Heading to [#AWP17](#) on the Metro? Remember to stand to the right or walk on the left when using the escalators! [#AskAWP17](#)



[AWP @awpwriter](#)

The Mt Vernon Sq/Convention Center stop is on the green & yellow lines. Check for delays or announcements: <https://www.wmata.com/service/status/> [#AskAWP17](#)

Poetry
South

[Poetry South @poetry_south](#)

[#AskAWP17](#) Look for some great swag at the Book Fair, esp. calls for submissions. Talk to editors. Buy sample copies (or get free ones).



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

Cell phone connectivity in the BF is good & a square can be used to run CC transactions w/exception of peak times [#AskAWP17](#)



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

To guarantee internet access, Smart City offers an exhibitors special, call them directly at 202.249.3800 [#AskAWP17](#)



[Tiffany @AWPsTiffany](#)

If you have questions about the DC Convention Center, check out the Attendee FAQ page. https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/faqs#AttendeeFAQ..... [#AskAWP17](#)



[Adam Clay @adam_clay](#)

self-care tip: buy a bag of lemons when you arrive. drink a big glass of lemon water each night and one first thing each morning [#AskAWP17](#)



[Tess Duck @TessDuck](#)

[#AskAWP17](#) any good places to eat on a student budget? We were thinking Daikaya, but it's out of our price range.



[Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi](#)

[@TessDuck](#) There are a ton of options, & taking a look at zagat or another food app is the best way to find inexpensive venues. [#AskAWP17](#)



[Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi](#)

[@TessDuck](#) You might have to walk a few blocks, but this is probably be the most options our attendees have had in a while. [#AskAWP17](#)



[Adam Clay @adam_clay](#)

Don't buy books on the first day. Do bring a second suitcase (pack your suitcase inside another suitcase) for books. [#AskAWP17](#)



[Adam Clay @adam_clay](#)

Or bring a flat rate USPS box that's self-addressed to ship books and journals back [#AskAwp17](#)



[Tiffany @AWPsTiffany](#)

To view and manage your conference badge information, visit https://www.awpwriter.org/user/registration_management... [#AskAWP17](#)



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

AWP provides 24 hr security, still a good idea to bring a cloth to cover your exhibit table nightly & take small valuables w/ you! [#AskAWP17](#)



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

[@adam clay](#) Thank you for the great tips, Adam, feel free to keep posting them! [#askAWP17](#)



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Need some vegetarian/vegan dining options? We've got a list of some AWP staff favorites: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fvX-jNaqL7W1iFUTvNmSS0GbleisJ1X8LumFIOMxMw/edit?usp=sharing...> [#askawp17](#)



[Adam Clay @adam clay](#)

subscribe to a few journals--rates will be VERY low. be a good literary citizen! [#AskAWP17](#)



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[#askawp17](#) Don't miss out on the many off-site events. It's impossible to do everything, but you should see what's happening.



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

For exhibitors, the handy carry rule is no charge for one load per person carried into exhibit hall [#AskAWP17](#)



[Adam Clay @adam_clay](#)

Text a few editor friends before you show up each morning--ask them if they need coffee and bring some caffeine for your pals [#AskAwp17](#)



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

Have more than 1 trip of hand carry items? Brede charges \$90 rate per flat cart load of boxes from your car at the loading dock [#AskAWP17](#)



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

You can still assign EABs on your exhibit space management page! [#AskAWP17](#)



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Right! You'll need EABs in order to set up your exhibit space, so be sure you've got them assigned to the right people! [#AskAWP17](#)



[Adam Clay @adam__clay](#)

If you want to blend in at the bookfair, grow a beard and wear a flannel shirt [#AskAWP17](#)



[Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva](#)

[@adam__clay](#) Or a sock monkey hat! [#askawp17](#)



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[#askawp17](#) Have fun, make friends, go to readings, find new magazines, wear comfortable shoes/clothes, prepare to be exhausted/energized.



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Thank you for joining us for our [#AskAWP17](#) chat! Keep sharing your best advice using [#AWPTips](#)



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Please join us on Feb 23 for [#TellAWP17](#), a tweet chat for you to share your conference feedback with us. [#AskAWP17](#)