

# 2018 AWP Conference Schedule

Thursday, March 8, 2018

1:30 pm to 2:45 pm

**R204. [Complicating Florida](#)**

Florida Salon 1, 2, & 3, Marriott Waterside, Second Floor

( Erika Stevens, Raymond McDaniel, Lightsey Darst, [Evelina Galang](#), Kristen Arnett)

Florida sometimes comes off as the court jester of the United States. But writing by Floridians exposes the incongruities and felicities of living in a state with such natural beauty and diverse culture but that is also infrastructurally and politically conservative. These authors—all of them Floridians—reflect in their work the complexities and contradictions of the state. This panel convenes in order to discuss how diverse writers' works can represent home's beautiful, complicated terrain.

Saturday, March 10, 2018

9:00 am to 10:15 am

**S111. [First Comes Love, Then Comes Marriage: When, Why, and How Short Stories Become Novels](#)**

Grand Salon D, Marriott Waterside, Second Floor

([Katie Cortese](#), Julianna Baggott, [M. Evelina Galang](#), Chigozie Obioma)

According to Lorrie Moore, "A short story is a love affair, a novel is a marriage." And as in a romance, sometimes one leads to the other, as in Evan S. Connell's *Mrs. Bridge* (originally, "The Beau Monde of Mrs. Bridge") or Karen Russell's *Swamplandia!* ("Ava Wrestles the Alligator"). While most published stories stay short, writers sometimes see in a select few the potential for more. The authors on this panel will describe their experience of writing novels that evolved from short forms.

7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

**TriQuarterly Books/Curbstone Reading**

Taps Restaurant Bay & Lounge, 777 N Ashley Dr, Tampa, FL 33602

Cost: Free

Join Northwestern University Press for an exciting event featuring our authors M. Evelina Galang, Debra Dean, Marcelo Hernandez-Castillo, Cheryl Boyce-Taylor, Cynthia Dewi Oka, and Marcus Jackson, as they read from their latest works from our TriQuarterly and Curbstone imprints. Appetizers will be served and a limited number of free drink tickets will be available. The event will be taking place in the upstairs wine bar. We hope to see you there!