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## Connecting Readers and Ohio Writers

### Special Book Festival Edition

# 2014 OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL AUTHORS ANNOUNCED!

The Ohioana Library is pleased to announce the authors participating in the eighth annual Ohioana Book Festival! Nearly 100 authors will gather on May 10 at Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center in Columbus. Activities include book signings, author panels, children's activities, and much more. Visit <a href="https://www.ohioanabookfestival.org">www.ohioanabookfestival.org</a> for more information and expanded author biographies!

## **FEATURED AUTHORS**



Laura Bickle, Columbus, *The Outside*Laura Bickle's professional background is in criminal justice and library science. When she's not patrolling the stacks at the public library, she's dreaming up stories about the monsters under the stairs. *The Outside* is her second young adult novel.



Robin Davis, Dublin, *Recipe for Joy*Robin Davis is a senior writer and editor at Kenyon
College in Gambier, Ohio, and was previously the food
editor at the *Columbus Dispatch* for eleven years. Robin
is the author of five books, most recently a memoir
titled *Recipe for Joy: A Stepmom's Story of Finding Faith*,
Following Love and Feeding a Family.



Harmony Evans, Cleveland Heights, *Stealing Kisses* Harmony Evans lives in Cleveland, Ohio, and is a single mom to a beautiful daughter who makes her grateful for life daily. Evans is an award-winning author for Harlequin Kimani Romance, the leading publisher of African-American romance. Her second novel, *Stealing Kisses*, was released in 2013.

#### The Director's Chair

Dear Friends, Connecting Readers and Ohio Writers.

Nothing embodies our tagline better than the annual Ohioana Book Festival. This event, a celebration of reading, writing, and Ohio authors, was first presented in 2007. Ten authors, all contributors to Good Roots: Writers Reflect on Growing Up in Ohio, came to the State Library of Ohio for a day of readings and panels. The day before, the authors fanned out into the community: some made visits to schools and libraries, while several did an on-air discussion about writing on WOSU. The main event drew 650 enthusiastic readers, and we decided as soon as it ended to make the festival an annual affair.

Since then, the Ohioana Book Festival has grown tremendously:

- From 10 authors to nearly 100
- From 650 attendees to 3,000, with a total festival audience (including media) of 50,000
- Outreach activities have expanded from one day to five.
- Children's activities have been added.



Charlene Fix, Columbus, *Frankenstein's Flowers* A native of Washington, DC, Charlene Fix is a full professor at Columbus College of Art & Design, where she teaches several literary studies classes. Her latest collection of poems, *Frankenstein's Flowers*, was released in early 2014.



P.L. Gaus, Wooster, *The Names of Our Tears*Paul L. Gaus was born in Athens, Ohio. His extensive knowledge of Amish culture comes from over thirty-five years of travel in Holmes County and the surrounding area. *The Names of Our Tears* is the latest in a series of mysteries set among the Ohio Amish.



**David Giffels**, Akron, *The Hard Way On Purpose:* Essays and Dispatches from the Rust Belt
Six-time Pulitzer Prize nominee David Giffels was born in Akron and has written for everything from the Wall Street Journal to Beavis and Butt-Head. His latest book explores the cultural landscape of America's Rust Belt.



Matt Kish, Beavercreek, *Heart of Darkness*Matt Kish has spent his whole life in the Midwest, working at jobs from hospital registrar to librarian. In 2011 he added illustrator to the list with *Moby Dick in Pictures: One Picture for Every Page*. His latest book is *Heart of Darkness*, based on Joseph Conrad's novel.



Amit Majmudar, Dublin, *The Abundance* By day Amit Majmudar is a diagnostic nuclear radiologist in Dublin, Ohio, where he lives with his family. He is also an acclaimed poet, essayist, and novelist. He has published two poetry collections; *The Abundance* is his second novel.



**Lindsay Ward**, Lakewood, *Please Bring Balloons*Lindsay Ward has a BFA in illustration from Syracuse University. In addition to illustrating several children's picture books, she has also written and illustrated three books of her own, including *When Blue Met Egg* and her latest, *Please Bring Balloons*.



and Out
Andrew Welsh-Huggins is a legal affairs reporter with
the Associated Press in Columbus, Ohio. After publishing nonfiction books, he recently released his first
novel, *Fourth Down and Out*, the first in a series of
mysteries featuring Columbus P.I. Andy Hayes.

**Andrew Welsh-Huggins**, Columbus, *Fourth Down* 

Today, only seven years after its launch, the Ohioana Book Festival is the single largest literary festival in Ohio and one of the largest in the Midwest.

Many people have made this possible. We couldn't have done it without the generosity of our funders, the support of our media sponsors, organizational help from more than twenty partners, and the dedicated involvement of nearly one hundred volunteers, led by the Ohioana Board of Trustees.

And of course, we couldn't have done it—in fact, there would be no POINT in doing it—without the two groups for whom the festival was created: readers and Ohio writers. This brings me right back to our tagline.

Nearly one hundred Ohio authors to meet, hear, and talk to. A full day of programs and activities, with something for every reader of every age. Books, food, music, and fun. And the cost to get in: nothing. No ticket required; no advance registration. Come as you are—you're welcome.

The Ohioana Book Festival is for YOU. See you at Fort Hayes.

David E. Weaver Executive Director

## PARTICIPATING AUTHORS

#### **JUVENILE/MIDDLE GRADE**

**Doug Coates**, Hamilton, *Pitching for Success: Character Lessons the Joe Nuxhall Way* 

Jeffrey Ebbeler, Cincinnati, Arlo Rolled

Amanda Flower, Tallmadge, Andi Unexpected

Suzanne Goldsmith, Bexley, Washashore

**Anne Vittur Kennedy**, Lewis Center, *The Farmer's Away! Baa! Neigh!* 

Karen Meyer, Galena, Whispers at Marietta

**Connie Remlinger Trounstine**, Cincinnati, *Finger-prints on the Table* 

**Carmella Van Vleet**, Lewis Center, *Eliza Bing Is (Not) a Big, Fat Quitter* 

#### **YOUNG ADULT**

Mindee Arnett, Germantown, Avalon
Jody Casella, Upper Arlington, Thin Space
e.E. Charlton-Trujillo, Cincinnati, Fat Angie
Cinda Williams Chima, Chagrin Falls, The Enchanter
Heir

Carey Corp, Cincinnati, Doon
Lisa Klein, Columbus, Love Disguised
Melissa Landers, Loveland, Alienated
Lorie Langdon, Fairborn, Doon
Julie Anne Lindsey, Canton, Deceived
Mindy McGinnis, Cardington, Not a Drop to Drink
Jennifer McGowan, West Chester, Maid of Secrets
Natalie D. Richards, Pickerington, Six Months Later
Scott Tracey, Woodbury, Darkbound

#### **FICTION**

**Deanna R. Adams**, Mentor, *Peggy Sue Got Pregnant* **Dan Andriacco**, Cincinnati, *The Disappearance of Mr. James Phillimore* 

**Patricia Averbach**, Shaker Heights, *Painting Bridges* **Chuck Ayers**, Summit Co., *Strike Four! The Crankshaft Baseball Book* 

**Tom Barlow**, Columbus, *Welcome to the Goat Rodeo* **Tom Batiuk**, Medina County, *The Complete Funky Winkerbean*, *Volume 3* 

Matt Betts, Columbus, Odd Men Out

Rosa B. Brinkman, Cincinnati, Binded by Blood

Shelley Costa, Chagrin Falls, You Cannoli Die Once Mary Ellis, Hinckley, A Plain Man Terry W. Ervin II, St. Paris, Relic Tech **Erin Flanagan**, Kettering, *It's Not Going to Kill You*, and Other Stories Julie Flanders, Cincinnati, The Ghosts of Aquinnah Geoffrey Girard, West Chester, Cain's Blood Karen Harper, Columbus, Upon a Winter's Night **Sherri Hayes**, Plain City, Red Zone Nancy Herriman, Dublin, Josiah's Treasure **Danny M. Hoey, Jr.**; Fort Pierce, FL; *The Butterfly Lady* **Jillian Kuhlmann**, Cincinnati, *The Hidden Icon* **Rosemary Laurey**, Columbus, *Dark in the Woods* **Kylie Logan**, Brecksville, A Tale of Two Biddies **Anne Marie Lutz**, West Jefferson, Sword of Jashan **KaraLynne Mackrory**, Clinton, *Haunting Mr. Darcy* Dara Naraghi, Columbus, Persia Blues **Yolonda Tonette Sanders**, Whitehall, *Wages of Sin* **David M. Selcer,** Columbus, *Dead But Still Ticking* Terri-Lynne Smiles, Columbus, Choices Lucy A. Snyder, Worthington, Orchid Carousals

**Lissa Bryan**, Chillicothe, *Under These Restless Skies* 

#### **POETRY**

George Bilgere, Cleveland Heights, *Imperial*Julie L. Moore, Cedarville, *Particular Scandals*Margie Shaheed, Warrensville, *Mosaic*Myrna Stone, Greenville, *In the Present Tense:*Portraits of My Father

Sam Thomas, Shaker Heights, The Harlot's Tale

**R.G. Yoho**, Little Hocking, *Nightfall over Nicodemus* 

**Cindy Thomson**, Pataskala, *Grace's Pictures* 

Tara Tyler, Mason, Pop Travel

#### **NONFICTION**

Will Bashor, Columbus, Marie Antoinette's Head Alejandra Campos, Columbus, I,Legal in the U.S.A. Nathan C. Crook, Bowling Green, A Culinary History of the Great Black Swamp

**James Dailey**, Columbus, *Inside the Ohio Penitentiary* **Evelyn Hoyt Frolking and Tod A. Frolking**, Granville, *Homegrown: Stories from the Farm* 

## PARTICIPATING AUTHORS

#### NONFICTION (CONT'D)

**Janice Gary**; Annapolis, MD; Short Leash: A Memoir of Dog Walking and Deliverance

**Richard Gilbert**, Westerville, Shepherd: A Memoir **Peggy Faw Gish**, Athens, Walking Through Fire: Iraquis' Struggle for Justice and Reconciliation

**Rick Huhn**, Westerville, *The Chalmers Race: Ty Cobb*, Napoleon Lajoie, and the Controversial 1910 Batting Title That Became a National Obsession

Brian A. Klems, Cincinnati, Oh Boy, You're Having a Girl: A Dad's Survival Guide to Raising Daughters Jonathan Knight, Columbus, The Browns Bible Wendy Koile, Port Washington, Legends of Lost Treasure in Northern Ohio

**Scott H. Longert**, Beachwood, *The Best They Could Be:* How the Cleveland Indians Became the Kings of Baseball, 1916-1920

**Peter R. Mansoor**, Dublin, Surge: My Journey with General David Petraeus and the Remaking of the Iraq War David Meyers, Columbus, Inside the Ohio Penitentiary Sam Pathy, Worthington, Wrigley Field Year by Year Pamela A. Popper, Worthington, Food Over Medicine Frank W. Porter, Racine, Back to Eden

Brad Ricca, University Heights, Super Boys

**Edward J. Roach**, Dayton, *The Wright Company: From Invention to Industry* 

**Debra Robinson**, New Philadelphia, *A Haunted Life: The True Ghost Story of a Reluctant Psychic* 

**Mike Roos**, Cincinnati, One Small Town, One Crazy Coach

**Bev Shaffer**, Seville, Chocolate Desserts to Die For! **Del Sroufe**, Worthington, Better Than Vegan **Jane Ann Turzillo**, Akron, Murder and Mayhem on Ohio's Rails

**James A. Willis**, Galena, *The Big Book of Ohio Ghost Stories* 

**Elise Meyers Walker**, *Columbus*; *Inside the Ohio Penitentiary* 

\*Author list is subject to change



Saturday, May 10, 2014 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center 546 Jack Gibbs Blvd., Columbus, OH 43215

Free and open to the public!