

Vermont College of Fine Arts
MFA in Writing for Children & Young Adults
Winter 2012

Schedule of Events

WORKSHOP LOCATIONS:

An/Leavitt	COLLEGE HALL 205
Larios	NOBLE LANDING LOUNGE
Christensen/Schubert	GARY LIBRARY
Booth/Quattlebaum	NOBLE CONFERENCE ROOM
Birdseye /Fletcher	COLLEGE HALL 206
Bechard/de la Peña	COLLEGE HALL 418
Lurie/Williams-Garcia	NOBLE READING ROOM
Jenkins/Tanaka	COLLEGE HALL 416
Cumyn	NOBLE ANNEX I
Darrow/Partridge	COLLEGE HALL 208
Karlins/Krishnaswami	COLLEGE HALL 204
Billingsley	COLLEGE HALL 103



FACULTY MEETING PLACES:

An Na	College Hall 413
Margaret Bechard	College Hall 410
Franny Billingsley	College Hall 208
Tom Birdseye	College Hall 418
Coe Booth	Noble Annex II
Bonnie Christensen	College Hall 103
Alan Cumyn	Dewey Lounge
Sharon Darrow	College Hall Wood Art Gallery – Room 1
Matt de la Peña	Noble Reading Room
Susan Fletcher	Noble Reading Room
Amanda Jenkins	College Hall 204
Mark Karlins	College Hall 205
Uma Krishnaswami	College Hall Wood Art Gallery – Main
Julie Larios	Noble Landing Lounge
Martine Leavitt	College Hall 416
April Lurie	Noble Lounge
Betsy Partridge	College Hall 206
Mary Quattlebaum	Noble Annex I
Leda Schubert	Serenity Suite – College Hall 401A
Shelley Tanaka	Noble Conference Room
Rita Williams-Garcia	Noble Lounge

VCFA BOOKSTORE HOURS

Located in College Hall 101. We have faculty, alumni, and student books, t-shirts, VCFA paraphernalia, snacks and more. We accept cash, personal checks, and credit cards.

Monday	January 9	8-4
Tuesday	January 10	8-4
Wednesday	January 11	8-9 *extended hours*
Thursday	January 12	8-4
Friday	January 13	8-4
Saturday	January 14	8-4
Sunday	January 15	8-4
Monday	January 16	8-4
Tuesday	January 17	8-4 ** Shipping Hours only 12:30-2:00**
Wednesday	January 18	8-5:30
Thursday	January 19	8-Noon

GARY LIBRARY HOURS

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9 8am-8pm	10 8am-8pm	11 8am-8pm	12 8am-8pm	13 8am-8pm	14 8am-8pm
15 8am-8pm	16 8am-8pm	17 8am-8pm	18 8am-8pm	19 8am-Noon		

HOSPITALITY HOURS

Please also see the Hospitality Sheet in your packet

Aaron Carver will be in the Dewey Lobby to answer housing questions and address any housing needs during the dinner hours below. Campus Services is available from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. via phone and email and can be reached at x8899 or 802-828-8899 and stacy.theberge@vcfa.edu.

Mon., Jan. 9 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 10 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

YOGA SCHEDULE

HOURS: January 9-18, 7 a.m. - 7:55 a.m. (Additional hours upon request)

LOCATION: Wood Art Gallery (first floor of College Hall)



Sunday, January 8

5:00-6:45 PM	Dinner	Dewey Café
6:15-7:00	Grad Assistants Meet w/ Program Staff	Dewey Lounge
7:00	Informal Gathering for New Students with Melissa, Shannon & Grad Assistants	Dewey Lounge
7:30	Grad Assistants meet w/ New Students	Dewey Lounge
7:30	New Faculty Orientation	College Hall 416

Monday, January 9

7:30-8:30 AM	Breakfast	Dewey Café
8:45-9:45	New Student Orientation with Grad Asst. and Staff (Non-academic question and answer session.)	College Hall 208
10:00-10:15	Campus Tour w/ Graduate Assistants	
10:00-12:00	Faculty Meeting	College Hall 208
10:30-11:30	New Student Library Orientation (A-L) Photo IDs – New Students (M-Z)	Gary Library College Hall 204
12:00-1:00	Lunch (New Students sit w/ faculty at assigned seats)	Dewey Café
1:30-2:30	New Student Library Orientation (M-Z) Photo IDs – New Students (A-L)	Gary Library College Hall 204
1:30-2:30	Faculty Open Session w. Peter Timpone, IT Director	Wood Art Gallery
3:00-3:45	Welcome & All Student Orientation	College Hall Chapel
3:45-4:45	New Student Orientation with Faculty	College Hall Chapel
3:45	Open Session w. President Tom Greene	Noble Lounge
4:30-5:30	2 nd Semester Student Orientation 3 rd Semester Student Orientation 4 th Semester Student Orientation	Noble Lounge Noble Conference Rm. Noble Reading Rm.
4:30-5:00	Graduating Student tech orientation	Wood Art Gallery
5:30-7:00	Hospitality Hours See Aaron w. housing needs/questions. More info on Campus Hours, pg. 2	Dewey Lobby
5:30-6:30	Dinner	Dewey Café
	Graduating class meeting over dinner Grab a to-go container and gather in meeting location	Dewey Lounge
6:45-7:15	End-of-Semester Reviews ALL Returning Students meet w/ their July 2011 advisor at this time	Fac. Meeting Places
7:30-8:30	Opening Night Lecture: Julie Larios <i>Once or Twice Upon a Time or Two: Thoughts about Revisionist Fairy Tales</i>	College Hall Chapel
8:30	Reception	College Hall Chapel

Tuesday, January 10

7:30-8:30 AM	Breakfast	Dewey Café
8:30-9:15	All Group photo & Class photos PLEASE DON'T BE LATE!!! 8:30 All Group 8:40 Grads 8:45 Picture Book Semester students (current) 8:50 4 th semester 8:55 3 rd semester 9:00 2 nd semester 9:05 1 st semester	College Hall Chapel
8:50-9:20	Jan. 2012 Graduating Student Orientation	College Hall 208
9:30-10:30	Faculty Lecture: Rita Williams-Garcia <i>Say, What?</i>	College Hall Chapel
10:45-11:45	Faculty Lecture: April Lurie <i>Finding the White Hot Center of Your Mystery/Suspense/Thriller</i>	College Hall Chapel
12:00-1:00	Lunch	Dewey Café
1:15-3:45	WORKSHOPS (1)	Classrooms
4:00-5:00	Faculty Lecture: Tom Birdseye <i>A Writer Died & Was Given the Option of Going to Heaven or Hell . . . Humor as a Literary Devices</i>	College Hall Chapel
5:15-5:45	End-of-Semester Reviews Manuscript Conferences w/ New Students	Fac. Meeting Places GA Meeting Places
5:45-6:45	Dinner 4 th semester meeting over dinner Grab a to-go container and gather in Dewey Lounge	Dewey Café Dewey Lounge
5:30-7:00	Hospitality Hours	Dewey Lobby
6:45-7:15	End-of-Semester Reviews Manuscript Conferences w/ New Students Margaret Bechard, Faculty Chair—Office Hours	Fac. Meeting Places GA Meeting Places College Hall 410
7:30-8:30	Faculty Readings: Alan Cumyn, Coe Booth, Mary Quattlebaum, Amanda Jenkins, Sharon Darrow	College Hall Chapel
8:30	Reception	College Hall Chapel
8:45	1 st Semester Readings 2 nd Semester Readings 3 rd Semester Readings 4 th Semester Readings	College Hall 208 Noble Conference Rm. Noble Reading Rm. Noble Lounge

Wednesday, January 11

7:30-8:30	Breakfast	Dewey Café						
8:00-8:45	<p>REGISTRATION—All Students Must Register Please bring \$15 cash or check per photo order.</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>New</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8:00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd-4th Semester</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8:15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grads</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8:30</td> </tr> </table>	New	8:00	2 nd -4 th Semester	8:15	Grads	8:30	Wood Art Gallery
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8:45-9:15	End-of-Semester Reviews	Fac. Meeting Places						
9:30-11:45	WORKSHOPS (2)	Classrooms						
12:00-1:00	<p>Lunch Faculty Meeting with Tom, Lucinda & Melissa Grab a to-go container and meet in Dewey Lounge</p>	<p>Dewey Café Dewey Lounge</p>						
1:30-2:30	<p>Faculty Lecture: Matt de la Peña <i>Slow Your Roll: Patience in Fiction</i></p>	College Hall Chapel						
2:45-3:45	<p>Faculty Lecture: Bonnie Christensen <i>A World of Realities</i></p>	College Hall Chapel						
4:00-5:00	<p>Faculty Interviews – 1st & 2nd semester students An, Bechard, Billingsley, Leavitt Booth, de la Peña, Larios, Quattlebaum, Schubert Christensen, Cumyn, Jenkins, Krishnaswami Darrow, Fletcher, Karlins, Lurie, Partridge Birdseye, Tanaka, Williams-Garcia</p>	<p>Noble Landing Lounge Noble Lounge Noble Reading Rm. Noble Conference Rm. Noble Annex I</p>						
4:00-5:00	Graduation Rehearsal for January 2012 Graduates	College Hall Chapel						
5:30-6:30	Dinner	Dewey Café						
5:45-6:45	<p>3rd semester meeting over dinner Grab a to-go container and gather in Dewey Lounge</p>	Dewey Lounge						
7:00-8:00	<p>Faculty & Guest Readings: Uma Krishnaswami, Libba Bray, Marla Frazee</p>	College Hall Chapel						
8:00	Reception/Portfolio Viewing/Book Signing	College Hall Chapel						
8:30	<p>1st Semester Readings 2nd Semester Readings 3rd Semester Readings 4th Semester Readings</p>	<p>College Hall 208 Noble Conference Rm. Noble Reading Rm. Noble Lounge</p>						

Thursday, January 12

7:30-8:30 AM	Breakfast	Dewey Café
8:30-9:15	Graduate Lectures: Laura Jensen - <i>Slippery Fish and Electric Eels: Crafting the Heart of Trickster</i> Meredith Lewis - <i>"Betwixt and Between": Children Gardens and Mimetic Expression</i>	Noble Lounge Noble Reading Rm.
9:30-10:30	Q&A/Presentation: Marla Frazee	College Hall Chapel
10:45-11:45	Faculty Lecture: Mark Karlins <i>Bring On the Villain</i>	College Hall Chapel
12:00-1:00	Lunch Informal chat w/ WIR Graduating students Grab a to-go container and meet in Dewey Lounge	Dewey Café Dewey Lounge
1:15-3:30	WORKSHOPS (3)	Classrooms
3:45	Brief meeting for New Students and Program Staff	Noble Lounge
3:45-4:45	Open Library Q&A for 2 nd semester students	Gary Library
3:45-4:30	Faculty Interviews – 3 rd & 4 th semester Session I – all rooms in College Hall 3 rd Bechard, Billingsley Larios, Leavitt Schubert, Karlins, de la Peña Booth, Cumyn Darrow, Fletcher 4 th An, Partridge Christensen, Krishnaswami Jenkins, Lurie, Quattlebaum, Birdseye Tanaka, Williams-Garcia	College Hall Gallery Room 1 CH 204 CH Main Gallery CH 418 CH 416 CH 205 CH 206 CH Chapel CH 208
4:30-5:15	Faculty Interviews – 3 rd & 4 th semester Session II Switch w. other semester faculty/rooms, above	
5:30-6:30	Dinner	Dewey Café
5:45-6:45	Informal chat w/ WIR 4th semester students Grab a to-go container and meet in Dewey Lounge	Dewey Lounge
6:45-7:15	End-of-Semester Reviews	Fac. Meeting Places
7:30-8:30	Faculty Readings: Martine Leavitt, Betsy Partridge, An Na, Franny Billingsley, Shelley Tanaka	College Hall Chapel
8:30	Reception	College Hall Chapel
8:45	Student Readings	Noble Lounge

Friday, January 13

7:30-8:30	Breakfast	Dewey Café
8:30-9:15	Graduate Lectures: Lindsay Eyre - <i>Practical Omniscience</i> Mandy Robbins - <i>What's Love Got to Do with It?</i> <i>Making Your Fictional YA Romance Real</i>	Noble Lounge Noble Reading Rm.
9:30-10:30	Q&A/Presentation: Libba Bray	College Hall Chapel
10:45-11:45	Faculty Lecture: Susan Fletcher <i>In Cahoots With the Reader: Exposition 101</i>	College Hall Chapel
12:00-1:00	Lunch Informal chat w/ WIR 3rd Semester students Grab a to-go container and meet in Dewey Lounge	Dewey Café Dewey Lounge

*****FACULTY PREFERENCE FORMS DUE BY 1:00*****
Program Office, College Hall 4th Floor

1:15-2:00	Graduate Assistant Readings	Noble Lounge
2:15-2:45	Scholarship Awards Presentation	Noble Lounge
3:00-3:45	Graduate Lectures: Maggie Lehrman - <i>Improv and the Writer: A Discipline-Hopping Perspective on Character, Plot, and Scene</i> Skila Brown - <i>The Authentic Other: Writing about A Culture that Is Not Your Own</i>	Noble Lounge Noble Reading Rm.
4:00-5:30	Movie: <i>Library of the Early Mind</i> A feature-length documentary film about children's literature Directed by Edward J. Delaney, co-produced by Edward J. Delaney & Steven Withrow	College Hall Chapel
3:30-5:00	Advisory Committee Meeting	Noble Landing Lounge
5:30-7:30	Linen Exchange (If desired, take used linens in pillowcase to 1 st fl and pick up fresh packet)	Dewey 1 st floor
5:45-7:30	Faculty Meeting (over dinner)	Noble Landing Lounge
5:45-6:45	Dinner Informal chat w/ WIR 2nd Semester students Grab a to-go container and meet in Dewey Lounge	Dewey Café Dewey Lounge
7:45-8:45	Faculty Readings: Leda Schubert, April Lurie, Bonnie Christensen, Mark Karlins, Rita Williams-Garcia	College Hall Chapel
8:45	Reception	College Hall Chapel
9:00	Student Readings - Poetry	Noble Lounge

Saturday, January 14

Faculty Advisor Assignments Posted

On Bulletin Boards in Noble and MFA Office

7:30-8:30	Breakfast	Dewey Café
8:45-9:30	Group Conferences w/Advisors All enrolled students meet w/ faculty during this time	Fac. Meeting Places
9:45-12:00	WORKSHOPS (4)	Classrooms
12:15-1:00	Lunch	Dewey Café
1:15-2:15	Faculty Lecture: Betsy Partridge <i>The Authentic Self</i>	College Hall Chapel
2:30-3:15	Graduate Lectures: Kristin Sandoval - <i>Explosions, Fights, Chases: How to Avoid Making an Action Scene Boring (Because Explosions, Fights, and Chases Are Not Inherently Exciting)</i> Amy Zinn - <i>The Loaded Gesture: Your Characters Don't Have to Sigh Anymore</i>	Noble Lounge Noble Reading Rm.
3:30-4:30	Graduate Readings: Brian Williams, Amy Rose Capetta, Rebecca Maizel	Noble Lounge
4:45-5:15	Meeting for July 2012 Graduates w. Program Staff	College Hall Chapel
4:45-5:15	Meetings with Advisors	Fac. Meeting Places
5:30-6:30	Dinner	Dewey Café
5:45-6:45	Informal chat w/ WIR 1st Semester students Grab a to-go container and meet in Dewey Lounge	Dewey Lounge
7:00-8:00	Faculty Readings: Margaret Bechard, Tom Birdseye, Susan Fletcher, Julie Larios, Matt de la Peña	College Hall Chapel
8:00	Reception	College Hall Chapel
9:00-Midnight	Dance/Party/Games	Noble Conf. Room

Sunday, January 15

7:30-8:30	Breakfast	Dewey Café
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12:00-1:00	Lunch Illustrators Unite! w. Bonnie Christensen Grab a to-go container and gather in Dewey Lounge	Dewey Café Dewey Lounge
1:15-2:15	Panel Discussion hosted by Betsy Partridge w. An Na, Coe Booth, Skila Brown, Uma Krishnaswami <i>Four Authors: Multiple Cultures</i> Authors will discuss their experiences writing both in and out of their own cultures, as well as what they see for the future in publishing. How do all of us in the Writing for Children program -- faculty and students -- learn to make informed, responsible decisions? Come with questions.	Noble Lounge
2:30-3:30	Faculty Lecture: Mary Quattlebaum <i>Beyond Tree and Chair: Creating a Dynamic Setting</i>	College Hall Chapel
3:45-4:45	Faculty Lecture: Martine Leavitt <i>The Novel in Verse</i>	College Hall Chapel
5:00-5:30	Meetings with Advisors	Fac. Meeting Places
5:00-5:45	Margaret Bechard, Faculty Chair—Office Hours	College Hall 410
5:45-6:45	Dinner 2 nd semester meeting over dinner Grab a to-go container and gather in Dewey Lounge	Dewey Café Dewey Lounge
7:00-8:00	Graduate Readings: Kristin Sandoval, Lindsay Eyre, Laura Jensen	Noble Lounge
8:00	Reception	Noble Lounge
8:45	Student Readings	Noble Lounge

Monday, January 16

7:30-8:30	Breakfast	Dewey Café
8:45-9:30	Graduate Lectures: Niki Whearty - <i>Mirror, Mirror: Historical Fiction as a Reflection of the Present</i> Kristin Quisgard - <i>On Being a Sensate</i>	Noble Lounge Noble Reading Rm.
9:45-10:45	Faculty Lecture: Uma Krishnaswami <i>No Joke! Humor's Capacity to Subvert and Interrogate Cultural Identity across the Age Range</i>	College Hall Chapel
11:00-1:00	Attn. Graduating Students! Alumni Office Welcome Jan. 2012 grads please stop by the Alumni office for a gift & celebratory refreshments	College Hall 403
11:00-12:00	Meetings with advisors Margaret Bechard, Faculty Chair—Office Hours Open Library/Q&A for 3 rd semester students	Fac. Meeting Places College Hall 410 Gary Library
12:15-1:00	Lunch	Dewey Café
1:15-3:30	WORKSHOPS (5)	Classrooms
3:45-4:30	Graduate Lectures: Rebecca Maizel - <i>Eye of the Beholder</i> Stefanie Lyons - <i>Tantrums, Fits, and Faintings or How to Make a Memorable Scene</i>	Noble Lounge Noble Reading Rm.
4:45-5:30	Scholarship Award Reading	Noble Lounge
5:45-6:45	Dinner 1 st semester meeting over dinner Grab a to-go container and gather in Dewey Lounge	Dewey Café Dewey Lounge
7:00-8:00	Graduate Readings: Erin Hagar, Rachel Smoka-Richardson, Skila Brown	Noble Lounge
8:00	Reception	Noble Lounge
8:15	Student Readings	Noble Lounge
8:15	Faculty Meeting	Noble Landing Lounge

Tuesday, January 17

7:30-8:30	Breakfast	Dewey Café
9:00-9:45	Graduate Lectures: Rachel Smoka-Richardson- <i>Developing Character through Revision: Examining the Evolution of Because Of Winn-Dixie</i> Erin Hagar- <i>Toys in Stories and Toy Stories: Writerly Uses of Children’s Playthings</i>	Noble Lounge Noble Reading Rm.
10:00-11:30	Faculty Lecture: Leda Schubert <i>Writing the Critical Essay and Thesis: A Hands-On Approach</i>	College Hall Chapel
11:45-12:45	Lunch	Dewey Café
12:30-2:00	Mailroom Shipping Hours – Bookstore Closed Please bring packages you wish to mail home to College Hall 101 during this time.	College Hall 101
1:30-2:30	New Student Critical Writing Q&A	College Hall 208
1:30-2:30	<i>What I Wish I Knew Before I Started</i> Q&A session for critical thesis students. Join the discussion with those who just completed the critical thesis for ideas on where to start, hear what they’ve learned, etc.	College Hall Chapel
2:45-3:30	Graduate Readings: Amy Zinn, Kristin Quisgard	Noble Lounge
3:45-4:30	Graduate Lectures: Brian Williams - <i>How to Make the Reader Root for Your Hero</i> Amy Rose Capetta - <i>Can’t Fight This Feeling: Figuring Out Catharsis and Finding the Right One for Your Story</i>	Noble Lounge Noble Reading Rm.
4:45-5:30	Graduate Readings: Meredith Lewis, Mandy Robbins	Noble Lounge
5:45-6:45	Dinner Illustrators Unite! w. Bonnie Christensen Grab a to-go container and gather in Dewey Lounge	Dewey Café Dewey Lounge
7:00-8:00	Graduate Readings: Maggie Lehrman, Stefanie Lyons, Niki Whearty	Noble Lounge
8:00	Reception	Noble Lounge
8:15	Student Readings	Noble Lounge

Wednesday, January 18

7:30-8:15	Breakfast	Dewey Café
8:30-9:30	Faculty Lecture: Sharon Darrow <i>Poetry: "A Messy Business"</i>	College Hall Chapel
9:45-12:00	WORKSHOPS (6)	Classrooms
12:00-1:00	Lunch	Dewey Café
1:15-2:00	Career Development Discussion	Noble Lounge

Study Plans due by 2:30 PM today.
Residency Evaluations must be completed online by January 25.
Please also see Kate Gustafson (Bursar/Controller) if necessary before leaving campus.

3:00		College Hall Chapel
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Graduation



4:00-5:00	Reception	Wood Art Gallery
5:45-6:45	Dinner	Dewey Café

Thursday, January 19

7:30-8:30	Breakfast	Dewey Café
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Check out time is 10 A.M. For extra time on campus please check with program staff.

Important: **Return linens** to the first floor of Dewey. (Faculty linens go to Noble landing area.) Sheets and towels go into your pillowcase, please. **Room keys** go in the key box on the first floor of your dormitory.

There is a \$10 charge to your student account for linens left in your room, and a \$75 charge if you do not return your dorm keys.