



2025-2026 Mentor Series Schedule

JANUARY 2025

Saturday, January 18th <i>1 - 3 pm</i>	Mentor Series Orientation (fellows only) Room 208, located on the 3rd floor of Open Book
Friday, January 24th <i>6 - 8 pm</i>	Potluck Dinner with Taiyon J. Coleman Hosted by a fellow Location TBD (Room 303 if not a fellow's home)
Saturday, January 25th <i>11-2 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Taiyon J. Coleman (1 of 3) Room 208, located on the 3rd floor of Open
Wednesday, January 29th <i>6-9 pm</i>	CNF fellows only meet with Taiyon J. Coleman (1 of 4) Room 304, located on the 3rd floor of Open Book

FEBRUARY 2025

Friday, February 21st <i>6 - 8 pm</i>	Potluck Dinner with Chris Stark Hosted by a fellow Location TBD (Room 303 if not a fellow's home)
Saturday, February 22nd <i>11-2 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Chris Stark (1 of 3) Room TBD

MARCH 2025

Thursday, March 20th <i>6–9 pm</i>	Fiction fellows only meet with Chris Stark (1 of 4) Location TBD (JMC Room or 305)
Friday, March 21st <i>6– 8 pm</i>	Potluck Dinner with Molly Beth Griffin Hosted by a fellow Location TBD
Saturday, March 22nd <i>11– 2 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Molly Beth Griffin (1 of 3) Room TBD
Tuesday, March 25th <i>6 – 9 pm</i>	Children’s literature fellows only meet with Molly Beth Griffin (1 of 4) Room TBD

APRIL 2025

Friday, April 25th <i>6– 8 pm</i>	Potluck Dinner with Sarah Ghazal Ali Hosted by a fellow Location TBD
Saturday, April 26th, <i>11 – 2 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Sarah Ghazal Ali (1 of 3) Room TBD
Wednesday, April 30th <i>6 – 9 pm</i>	Poetry fellows only meet with Sarah Ghazal Ali (1 of 4) Room TBD

MAY 2025

Saturday, May 10th, <i>11 – 2 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Taiyon J. Coleman (2 of 3) Room TBD

Wednesday, May 14th <i>6– 9 pm</i>	CNF fellows only meet with Taiyon J. Coleman (2 of 4) Room TBD
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JUNE 2025

Saturday, June 28th <i>10 – 1 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Molly Beth Griffin (2 of 3) Room 203, located on the 2nd floor of Open Book

JULY 2025

Saturday, July 26th <i>11– 2 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Fiction Mentor (2 of 3) Room TBD
Wednesday, July 30th <i>6 – 9 pm</i>	Fiction fellows only meet with Fiction Mentor (2 of 4) Room TBD

AUGUST 2025

Wednesday, August 20th	Nonfiction fellows turn in 20 pages, double-spaced to Marion for individual conference with Anaïs Duplan
Saturday, August 23rd <i>11 – 2 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Sarah Ghazal Ali (2 of 3) Room TBD
Wednesday, August 27th <i>6 – 9 pm</i>	Poetry fellows only meet with Sarah Ghazal Ali (2 of 4) Room TBD

SEPTEMBER 2025

Thursday, September 25th <i>6– 8 pm</i>	Potluck Dinner with Anaïs Duplan Hosted by a fellow Location TBD/304
Friday, September 26th <i>10 – 1 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Anaïs Duplan (1 of 1) Room 303
<i>2 – 5 pm</i>	Individual Conferences for CNF fellows with Anaïs Duplan Room 304
<i>7 pm</i>	Public Reading with Anaïs Duplan, a local mentor, and 3 fellows Open Book Performance Hall, located on the 2nd floor of Open Book
Saturday, September 27th <i>10 – 12 pm</i>	Craft Talk with Anaïs Duplan Room 303

OCTOBER 2025

Wednesday, October 1st <i>6 – 9 pm</i>	Children’s literature fellows only meet with Molly Beth Griffin (2 of 4) Room 208
Wednesday, October 15th	Fiction fellows turn in 20 pages, double-spaced to Cristeta Boarini for individual conference with Vanessa Hua
Saturday, October 25th <i>11 – 2 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Chris Stark (3 of 3) Room 203

NOVEMBER 2025

Thursday, November 20th <i>6– 8 pm</i>	Potluck Dinner with Vanessa Hua Hosted by fiction fellow Michelle Location OBPH
Friday, November 21st <i>10 – 1 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Vanessa Hua (1 of 1) Room 303
<i>2 – 5 pm</i>	Individual Conferences for Fiction fellows with Vanessa Hua Room 304
<i>7 pm</i>	Public Reading with Vanessa Hua, a local mentor, and 3 fellows Open Book Performance Hall, located on the 2nd floor of Open Book
Saturday, November 22nd, <i>10 – 12 pm</i>	Craft Talk with Vanessa Hua Room 303
<i>1 – 4 pm</i>	Individual Conferences for Fiction fellows with Vanessa Hua Room 303
Tuesday, November 25th <i>6– 9 pm</i>	CNF fellows only meet with Taiyon J. Coleman (3 of 4) Room TBD

DECEMBER 2025

Saturday, December 13th <i>11– 2 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Taiyon J. Coleman (3 of 3) Room TBD

Wednesday, December 17th <i>6 – 9 pm</i>	Fiction fellows only meet with Chris Stark (3 of 4) Room TBD
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JANUARY 2026

Tuesday, January 6th <i>6–9 pm</i>	CNF fellows only meet with Taiyon J. Coleman (4 of 4) Room TBD
Tuesday, January 13th <i>6 – 9 pm</i>	Fiction fellows only meet with Chris Stark (4 of 4) Room TBD
Saturday, January 24th <i>11–2 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Sarah Ghazal Ali (3 of 3) Room TBD
Wednesday, January 28th <i>6–9 pm</i>	Poetry fellows only meet with Sarah Ghazal Ali (3 of 4) Room TBD

FEBRUARY 2026

Monday, February 23rd	Children’s literature fellows turn in 20 pages, double-spaced to Cristeta Boarini for individual conference with Aida Salazar
Tuesday, February 24th <i>6–9 pm</i>	Poetry fellows only meet with Sarah Ghazal Ali (4 of 4) Room TBD
Saturday, February 28th <i>11 – 2 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Molly Beth Griffin (3 of 3) Room TBD

MARCH 2026

Wednesday, March 4th <i>6 – 9 pm</i>	Children’s literature fellows only meet with Molly Beth Griffin (3 of 4) Room TBD
Sunday, March 15th <i>1– 3 pm</i>	Lateral Mentoring Panel Room TBD
Wednesday, March 18th	Poetry fellows turn in 20 pages of poetry to Cristeta Boarini for individual conference with Julian Talamantez Brolaski
Thursday, March 26th <i>6– 8 pm</i>	Potluck Dinner with Aida Salazar Hosted by a fellow Location TBD
Friday, March 27th <i>10 – 1 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Aida Salazar (1 of 1) Room TBD
<i>2 – 5 pm</i>	Individual Conferences for children’s literature fellows with Aida Salazar Room TBD
Saturday, March 28th <i>10 – 12 pm</i>	Craft Talk with Aida Salazar Room TBD
<i>2 pm</i>	Public Reading with Aida Salazar, a local mentor, and 3 fellows Open Book Performance Hall, located on the 2nd floor of Open Book

APRIL 2026

Tuesday, April 7th <i>6 – 9 pm</i>	Children’s literature fellows only meet with Molly Beth Griffin (4 of 4) Room TBD
Thursday, April 23rd <i>6– 8 pm</i>	Potluck Dinner with Julian Talamantez Brolaski Hosted by a fellow Location TBD
Friday, April 24th <i>10 – 1 pm</i>	Full Group Seminar with Julian Talamantez Brolaski (1 of 1) Room TBD
<i>2 – 5 pm</i>	Individual Conferences for Poetry fellows with Julian Talamantez Brolaski Room TBD
<i>7 pm</i>	Public Reading with Julian Talamantez Brolaski, a local mentor, and 3 fellows Open Book Performance Hall, located on the 2nd floor of Open Book
Saturday, April 25th <i>10 – 12 pm</i>	Craft Talk with Julian Talamantez Brolaski Room TBD
<i>1 – 4 pm</i>	Individual Conferences for Poetry fellows with Julian Talamantez Brolaski Room TBD

MAY 2026

Thursday, May 7th, <i>6 – 8 pm</i>	End of year wrap-up party/celebration Location TBD