Mountain Writers Series



The Lyric Essay

A Writing Workshop with Andrea Hollander

6:00 -9:00 PM, Mondays June 9 - July 28, 2014

The lyric essay – what innovator John D'Agata calls an *oddball genre*—combines elements of both poetry and essays, relying on the former in its insistence on compression, form, and the sound and texture of language, and on the latter in its devotion to the process of discovery based on fact. In this workshop we will attempt to define the genre for ourselves not only by reading what others have to say about the craft of nonfiction writing and by examining exemplary essays by established and emerging writers, but also by creating our own essays, sometimes modeled on the work of others and at other times experimenting with our own gestures and forms.

• Cost: \$325 (Eight three-hour sessions)

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• Enrollment: Minimum 5, Maximum 10

• Location: TaborSpace — Room TBA

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An award-winning poet and essayist, Andrea Hollander formerly (Andrea Hollander Budy) is author of four full-length poetry collections—most recently, Landscape with Female Figure: New and Selected Poems, 1982 – 2012 (Autumn House Press, 2013). She is also the editor of When She Named Fire: An Anthology of Contemporary Poetry by American Women (Autumn House Press, 2009). Her awards include a Pushcart Prize for prose memoir, the D. H. Lawrence Fellowship, the Runes Poetry Award, the Ellipsis Poetry Prize, and two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. Her poems and essays have appeared in many anthologies, college textbooks, and literary journals, and she has been featured at writers' conferences and festivals throughout the United States, as well as in England and France. For twenty-two years Hollander has been the Writer-in-Residence at Lyon College, where she was awarded the Lamar Williamson Prize for Excellence in Teaching.



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