

Mountain Writers Series



Eco Writing – Writing the Land

A Workshop with Kirsten Rian

Monday, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

May 4 – June 8, 2020

Multnomah Friends Meeting House
4312 SE Stark, Portland OR

The land holds stories. All the Earth's memories and our footsteps, that while washed away or covered up with new growth, or pavement, or crops, are still there underneath it all. We'll read through inspired and inspiring work from Barry Lopez to Wendell Berry to Robert Macfarlane, Robert Michael Pyle, Rachel Carson, Mary Oliver, Annie Dillard, and others, and explore our own *nonfiction* writing in this rich and moving subject area. Workshops will be part discussion of examples, as well as sharing and workshopping each other's drafts.

- Meets: 6–9 PM, Monday, May 4 – June 8, 2020 (no class May 25, Memorial Day)
- Cost: \$250 (Five 3-hour sessions)
- Location: Room 23, Multnomah Friends Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark, Portland OR
- Minimum 4; maximum 15 participants

Register securely online through Paypal at www.mountainwriters.org.

Kirsten Rian's newest book, *Life Expectancy*, was released in 2018 as part of the Pacific Northwest Writers Series through Redbat Books. Her anthology of Sierra Leonean poets and their accounts of the civil war, *Kalashnikov in the Sun* (Pika Press), is in every classroom in Sierra Leone. She teaches at Portland State University and was the poetry editor and a book reviewer at *The Oregonian* for five years. She has been awarded artist fellowships, grants, and international residencies from the Oregon Arts Commission, RACC, and elsewhere, leading creative writing workshops throughout the Northwest and in northern Iceland, post-war Sierra Leone and refugee relocation centers in Finland, using creative writing as a tool for literacy, community, and peacebuilding. She has maintained a concurrent career as a fine art and photography curator and has coordinated over 350 exhibitions, and picture edited or written essays for over 80 books and catalogues.



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