

BLACK WRITERS WORKSPACE WRITER'S SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

MAIN ROOM I	ROOM II
ROOM I: 9:00 – 9:10 AM CST – Welcome, Author Michelle D. Jackson, Founder, Black Writers Workspace	
<p>ROOM I: 9:10 – 10:05 AM CST</p> <p>Writing Speculative Poetry: Tools, Tips, and Markets for Your Speculative Verse</p> <p>Speaker: Akua Lezli Hope, Award-Winning Poet & Creative Writing Fellow from The National Endowment for The Arts</p>	<p>ROOM II: 9:10 – 10:05 AM CST</p> <p>Writing Fiction that Entertains & Empowers</p> <p>Featured Speaker: Vanessa Davis Griggs, 18 X Published, Award-Winning Author & Motivational Speaker</p>
ROOM I: 10:15 – 11:10 AM CST	
<p>Self-Publishing an Award-Winning Book</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Adair F. White-Johnson, #1 Amazon Bestselling Author, Speaker, Educator, Publisher Founder, The Empowerment House CEO, Johnson Tribe Publishing</p>	<p>ROOM II: 10:15 – 10:40 AM CST</p> <p>Leadership: How to Manifest Any Vision, Dream or Goal</p> <p>Speaker: Vanessa Pettway, Author & CEO/Director, Go Manifest, LLC</p>
ROOM I: 11:25 – 12:20 PM CST	
<p>Writing Non-Fiction that Inspires</p> <p>Speaker: Bryan Humphrey, MSW, TEDx Public Speaker, Coach & Author of Boss Up!: 10 Traits One Must Have to Reach Self-Actualization & The Truth Always Wins: Becoming Fulfilled And Reducing Stress</p>	<p>ROOM II: 10:50 – 11:15 AM CST</p> <p>Creating Podcasts, Webinars, and Online Communities to Help Drive Book Sales</p> <p>Co-Presenters: Michelle Jackson, Founder, Black Writers Workspace & JW Bella, Author-Poet-Radio Show Host, JW Bella Writes</p>
12:30 – 1:00 PM CST – Break	
	<p>ROOM II: 11:25 - 11:50 AM CST</p> <p>#AudioOnly: The Creative Power of the Audiobook</p> <p>Speaker: Andrew Snorton, Author, Host, Press/Media Consultant, Speaker & Educator</p>

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<p>ROOM I: 1:00 – 1:55 PM CST</p> <p>Promoting Great Works: Understanding the Fundamentals of Book Marketing</p> <p>Co-Speakers: Reginald Williams, Award-Winning Author of A Marginalized Voice and Founder of Callista Casey Publishing and Michelle D. Jackson, Award-Winning Author, Marketing/PR Executive and Founder, Black Writers Workspace</p>	<p>ROOM II: 12:00 - 12:25 PM CST</p> <p>Introduction to Authorpreneurship</p> <p>Speaker: Michelle P. Jones, Author, Business Coach & Inspirational/Motivational Speaker</p>
<p>ROOM I: 2:05 – 2:55 PM CST</p> <p>Winning the Book Deal: How to Position Your Book for Traditional Publishing</p> <p>Speaker: Meghan Stevenson, Founder, Meghan Stevenson Books, LLC</p>	<p>BREAK: 12:30 – 1:00 PM CST</p>
<p>ROOM I: 3:05– 4:00 PM CST</p> <p>Why Black Writers Matter (Panel)</p> <p>Moderator: Tamara Mitchell-Davis, Award Winning and Amazon Best Selling Author, Writing Coach, Speaker, CEO, TM Davis Enterprise LLC; Panelists: LeTysha Montgomery, Best Selling Author & Empowerment Speaker; Jaymee Veney, Founder of Finding Jaymee LLC, Wellness Coach & 2x Published Author & Kyerra Johnson, Author & Founder, We Speak Foundation</p>	<p>ROOM II: 1:00 – 1:55 PM CST</p> <p>Writing Science Fiction & Fantasy Centered on the Black Experience (Panel)</p> <p>Moderator: Isis Asare, Founder, Sistah SciFi; Panelists: Tenea D. Johnson, Award-Winning Speculative Fiction Author & Multimedia Storyteller; Lisa Stringfellow, Middle Grade & Contemporary Fantasy Author & Yodassa Williams, Writer, Speaker, and Award-Winning Performing Storyteller</p>
	<p>ROOM II: 2:05 – 2:55 PM CST</p> <p>Leadership: Boss Up! Going from Where You Are to Where You Want to Be</p>

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	<p>ROOM II: 3:05– 4:00 PM CST</p> <p>The Future of Publishing (Panel)</p> <p>Moderator: Reginald Williams, Award-Winning Author of A Marginalized Voice and Founder of Callista Casey Publishing. Panelist: Ebony Nicole, Ebony Nicole Smith Consulting, LLC, Writing Coach + Publishing Engineer; CaTyra S. Polland, CEO/Chief Editor of Love for Words</p>