

**KSPS Annual Meeting Schedule**  
**October 21—22, 2016**  
**The Plantory**  
**Lexington, KY**

**Friday October 21**

**5:30 p.m. Registration opens, book display set-up.**

**7:00 p.m. Welcome and announcement of details for the weekend's poetry contest.**

After the contest information is presented, we will visit an art opening being held at The Bread Box Studio (which is next door, in the same renovated factory space as The Plantory): **Tarot**, an exhibit of work by 78 Kentucky-based artists interpreting the different cards of the tarot. Poems for the weekend's contest should be ekphrastic and based on one of the works of art that interests you or resonates with you! Any members who wish to participate in the contest but are unable to join us for this excursion should contact Morgan Adams for an alternate prompt via email or in person. For more information on ekphrastic poetry, visit this link: (<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/resources/learning/glossary-terms/detail/ekphrasis>)

**8:30-9:30 p.m. Open round robin reading for members and guests. Bring work to share or share what you've just written!**

**Saturday October 22**

**9:00 a.m. Registration table re-opens.**

**10-11:00a.m. Panel on Poetic Expression**  
How do we navigate the different outlets for our poetry? With several guest poets, we'll talk about not just publishing but performing, arranging readings, and other ways of getting our poetry out into the world.

**11a.m.-12p.m. Reading and craft talk with Bianca Spriggs**  
Affrilachian Poet and Cave Canem Fellow, Bianca Lynne Spriggs is a writer and multidisciplinary artist from Lexington, Kentucky. Currently a doctoral candidate at the University of Kentucky, she holds degrees from Transylvania University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Named as one of the Top 30 Performance Poets in the country by The Root, Bianca is the recipient of the

2016 Sallie Bingham Award, a 2013 Al Smith Individual Artist Fellowship in Poetry, Artist Enrichment and Arts Meets Activism grants from the Kentucky Foundation for Women, and a Pushcart Prize Nominee. She is also the author of *Kaffir Lily* (Wind Publications, 2010), *How Swallowtails Become Dragons* (Accents Publishing, 2011), *Call Her By Her Name* (Northwestern University Press, 2016), and the forthcoming, *The Galaxy is a Dance Floor* (Argos Books, 2016), as well as the co-editor for *Circe's Lament: An Anthology of Wild Women* (Accents Publishing, 2016) and *Undead: Ghouls, Ghosts, and More* (Apex Publications, 2017). Her work may be found in numerous journals and anthologies. Bianca is the Literary Arts Liaison for the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning, creator and program director for The SwallowTale Project: Creative Writing for Incarcerated Women, as well as the Managing Editor for *pluck! The Journal of Affrilachian Art & Culture* and Poetry Editor for *Apex Magazine*. More information can be found at her website, [www.biancaspriggs.com](http://www.biancaspriggs.com)

- 12-2p.m. LUNCH**
- 2-3 p.m. Executive board meeting.**
- 3-4 p.m. Tyger Tyger: Looking at the Animal in Verse with Laura Benton & Matthew Haughton**  
In this workshop we will look at poems written about animals and discuss their impact upon daily life. We will workshop poems that express complicated human issues from the perspective of wildlife and other fauna. Activities will include literary readings, discussion and a prompted freewrite.
- 4-5 p.m. Finding Form: Revisiting Tradition and Creating New Ones with Christopher McCurry**  
In this workshop, we will look to our lives for inspiration for new forms to shape our poetry, while staying mindful to the power of tradition.
- 5-6 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting (committee reports, officer elections, update on the society)**
- 6-8 p.m. DINNER (consult attached listings)**
- 8-9 p.m. Kentucky State Poetry Society Awards Ceremony**  
(Presentations and readings by award winners in Adult and Student state contests.)  
Winner of weekend poetry contest announced.  
Presentation of president-elect Julie Hensley.

**9-10 p.m.                    Round Robin Reading for members and attendees / Goodbyes and see you later.**

### **Conference Notes**

- All events will take place in the Bluegrass Community Foundation Room at The Plantory.
- All meals and accommodations shall be arranged individually by attendees. There are many restaurant options a few blocks away, and the conference takes place directly next door to an acclaimed Lexington brewery, West Sixth, which contains a delicious seafood restaurant. A list of recommended hotels is below.
- Please submit hard copies of entries for the Weekend Poetry Contest to the registration table by Saturday at 3 p.m. One poem per poet; poem must be written for the contest theme.
- To present your books in the book display, please ask at the registration table.

### **Hotels & Transportation**

Attendees are responsible for arranging accommodations. Lexington has a great quantity and variety of hotels, most within a 20-minute drive from the Plantory, but the two below are located conveniently nearby, and (at the time of this writing) have plenty of rooms left for the nights of October 21 and 22.

We are working on organizing carpool and/or shuttle options for the hotels below. If you require transportation assistance or would be willing to help carpool your fellow KSPS members, please indicate this on your registration form or email Morgan at [mlefay@gmail.com](mailto:mlefay@gmail.com) so we can finalize arrangements.

- **Courtyard Lexington North** (859) 253-4646  
775 Newtown Court, Lexington, KY 40511  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-photos/lexno-courtyard-lexington-north/>
- **Residence Inn Lexington North** (859) 231-6191  
1080 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511  
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-photos/lexnn-residence-inn-lexington-north/>

### Nearby Restaurant Recommendations

The Plantory is located at the corner of Jefferson St. and West Sixth St. There are many restaurants located nearby or just a 10 to 15-minute walk away on Jefferson St., as well as several restaurants and coffee shops located downtown (a short drive or a slightly longer walk). This list will focus on some Jefferson St. favorites, with more recommendations available on request.

- **County Club Restaurant** (across the street from the Plantory; gourmet but affordable BBQ)
- **Enoteca** (corner of Jefferson & 2<sup>nd</sup>; wine & tapas; upscale atmosphere)
- **The Grey Goose** (corner of Jefferson & Still Alley; gourmet pizzas and bar fare)
- **Smithtown Seafood** (located within West Sixth Brewing; fried seafood w/a few non-seafood & vegetarian options. Order at the counter and find a table in West Sixth Brewing – they'll bring your food to you!)
- **Stella's Kentucky Deli** (corner of Jefferson & Ballard; wide range of sandwiches and some other lunch/dinner options)
- **West Sixth Brewing** (same building as the Plantory; they serve a wide range of beers & ciders, but no food aside from pretzels & simple snacks – order your meal at Smithtown Seafood, located in the right wing of the brewery, and they'll bring your food to you!)

### Nearby Bookstore Recommendations

Unfortunately, many of these bookstores are beyond easy walking distance (although some are only a couple miles away) but they're all worth investigating! Lexington is home to several exciting and vibrant local bookstores, all of them very different. This is not an exhaustive list, but most of the well-known spots are here!

**Black Swan Books** – 505 East Maxwell Street – Many used and rare titles, as well as an extensive selection of Kentucky authors (and books on Kentucky), for which they're known.

**Glover's Bookery** – 862 S. Broadway – Thousands of used and rare books, primarily hardbacks.

**Joseph-Beth Booksellers** – The Mall at Lexington Green, Nicholasville Rd. – The giant bookstore that Lexington is known for. They have a bit of everything. Similar to Barnes & Noble in breadth and scope, but locally-owned!

**The Morris Bookshop** – 882 E. High St. – They've made themselves a Lexington institution in just eight short years. Extensive selection of general literature, poetry, and more, with a friendly, welcoming atmosphere, and many author readings and book signings.

**SQecial Media** – 371 S. Limestone St. – Aimed toward offbeat and counter-culture titles, but with a healthy selection of literature, art, poetry, cookbooks, and much more, as well as a vast array of gift items. Full disclosure – your current president is a manager here!

**The Wild Fig Books & Coffee** – 726 N. Limestone St. – Carefully curated selections of poetry, contemporary literature, and graphic novels, with a built-in coffee shop and café. They serve as a refuge for many local poets and welcome readings and other events. \*\*Note: The Wild Fig is only a 15-minute walk from the Plantory.