

**Kentucky State Poetry Society**  
**2019 Annual Conference**

**Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 – 8:00 pm      Welcome and Poetry Reading  
Open Remarks: Tina Parker and Neil Chethik  
Poetry Reading – Danni Quintos, Barbara Wade, Mikaela Curry, Amelia Martens, Tina Parker, Mick Kennedy, and Ron Davis

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00-9:30 am      Light Breakfast  
9:30 – 10:30 am      Generative Poetry Workshop with Leatha Kendrick

**Mystery Before Mastery**

Elizabeth Bishop said, "I really don't know *how* poetry gets to be written. There's a mystery & a surprise, and after that a great deal of hard work." In this workshop we will pursue what we don't know, starting with the ordinary and writing toward surprise. We will write together from prompts that will (I hope) allow you to sneak up on the mystery that may turn out to be your next poem.

10:30 – 11:30 am      Literary Journal Roundup Panel  
Jelly Bucket (EKU), New Limestone Review (UK), Exit 7 (WKCTC), The Heartland Review (ECTC)  
Tina Parker - Moderator

11:30 am – 1:00 pm      Lunch and KSPS Membership Meeting  
Lunch Group 1: Julie Hensley (lunch location – The Village Idiot)  
Lunch Group 2: Tina Parker (lunch location – Doodles)  
Lunch Group 3: Libby Falk Jones (lunch location – Third Street Stuff)

1:00 – 2:00 pm      Generative Poetry Workshop with Julie Hensley

**Language Reloaded**

Is it really harder for adults to process experience via metaphor? Does a little writing success and adult wisdom make our language grow self-conscious and, even, stale? This workshop will explore why metaphor can sometimes fail. We'll write some really bad figurative language, and then try to siphon something powerful out of a litany of clichés. Be prepared to silence your grown-up inner critic.

- 2:00 – 3:00 Applying for Grants, Fellowships, Retreats, and more - Julie Hensley, Christina Lovin, Leatha Kendrick, and Sylvia Ahrens  
Tina Parker - Moderator
- 3:00 – 3:30 Break
- 3:30 – 4:00 KSPS Student and Adult Contest Awards Presentation by Jeff Worley, Kentucky State Poet Laureate 2019, and Readings by Contest Winners
- 4:00 – 5:00 Generative Poetry Workshop with Brandon Thompson

### **Ecstatic Poetry**

Ecstatic poetry is, at its heart, a journey into the Divine within, a way of contacting our *essence*. Brandon Thompson's workshop will offer participants an opportunity to experience poetry writing as a visionary art. Participants will be invited to share in the work of early ecstatic writers like Rumi and Hafiz, and will also survey mystical art and writing by more contemporary creators. Concepts will be introduced such as ecstatic theory and poetry practice, writing techniques, and creative expression, as we join together in sacred circle. Writers of all levels are welcome.

- 5:00 – 5:30 Reception
- 5:30 – 6:30 Keynote Poetry Talk / Reading – Hannah Drake

### **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 – 11:30 am Open mic with featured Poets Pauletta Hansel and Jeremy Paden  
Brunch Provided