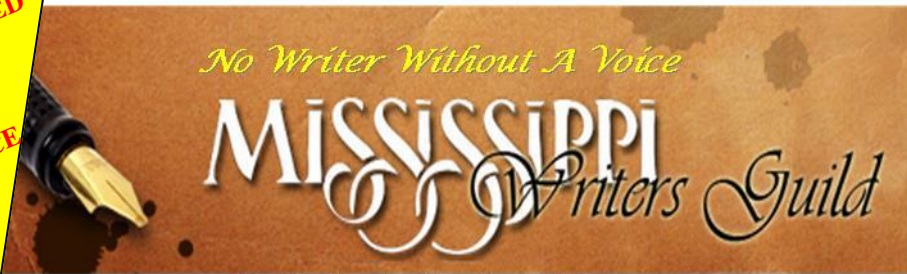


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2016 Conference Speakers and Topics—Aug. 5-6, Natchez **Friday, Aug. 5 (9 a.m.—2:30 p.m., includes lunch)**

Transportation provided to and from The Vue Friday. Shuttle leaves at 8:30 a.m., returns 3 p.m.

9-11:30 a.m. Charles Wright: Richard Wright Ramble: A guided bus tour of places in Adams County (Richard Wright's birthplace) that figured prominently in Wright's life, followed by lunch at the Natchez Museum of African-American History and Culture.

Noon-2:30 p.m., Natchez Museum of African-American History and Culture

G. Mark LaFrancis: Screening of the film "Richard Wright: A Force for Right" produced by LaFrancis and Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Dennis Harried, Richard Wright Scholar: The influence of vernacular in Richard Wright's works, especially *Almo' A Man*

Darrell White, Museum Curator: Richard Wright's Influence in World Literature and Opinion (includes tour of the Richard Wright exhibit)

Richard Wright Day

Cost for this pre-conference special:
\$40 for all participants



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Friday, Aug. 5 (The Vue Hotel and Conference Center)

5:30 p.m.: Registration at The Vue Hotel and Conference Center (601-442-9976)

6:30 p.m.: Welcome followed by keynote: **Philip Shirley:** Author, CEO of the Godwin Group advertising agency.

7:30 p.m.-approx. 9 p.m.: **Literary Artists on Stage:** Attendees are invited to present short excerpts from one or more of their works (generally five minutes per person)

Light supper, beverages, cash bar (attendees receive token for one free glass of wine).



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Saturday, Aug. 6 (The Vue Hotel and Conference Center)

8-9:30 a.m. Registration, morning refreshments, presentation by the Mississippi Arts Commission. Welcome. Opening keynote: **Chuck Gale**.

Workshops: Your choice. No pre-selection necessary

9:30-10:30 a.m. Workshop 1: Charlie Braxton: "Aliterating the Rhythm of Poetry: Back to the Fundamentals"

9:30-10:30 a.m. Workshop 2: Susan Marquez and NancyKay Wessman: "The Business of Words: How to Successfully Promote Your Work."

9:30-10:30 a.m. Workshop 3: Chuck Gale: "Picture Books: What They Are; What They Aren't"

10:45-11:45 a.m. Workshop 4: David Armand: "Life Writing"

10:45-11:45 a.m. Workshop 5: Philip Shirley: "Balancing Writing Time with Marketing Needs and Life"

10:45-11:45 a.m. Workshop 6: Charlie Braxton: "The ABC's of Writing a Play: From Idea to Page"



Braxton

Galey

Armand



Walker

Marquez

Wessman

Noon-1:30 p.m. Awards Lunch honoring **Greg Iles** with the Second Mississippi Writers Guild Lifetime Achievement Award, followed by remarks by Greg Iles. Presentation of tricentennial book donation.

1:45-2:45 p.m. Workshop 7: Tricia Walker: "Taking Care of your IP: The Basics of Copyrights"

1:45-2:45 p.m. Workshop 8: David Armand: "Narrative Poetry"

1:45-2:45 p.m. Workshop 9: Chuck Gale: "The 'Picture in Picture Books: The Writer/Illustrator Relationship and How to Stay in Your Place.'" "

3-4 p.m. Workshop 10: Susan Marquez and NancyKay Wessman: "How to Market Your Publications"

3-4 p.m. Workshop 11: Philip Shirley: "Practical Ways to Organize Yourself for the Writing Life"

3-4 p.m. Workshop 12: Tricia Walker: "It All Starts with a Song: The Nuts and Bolts of the Craft of Songwriting"

4:15-5:30 p.m. Closing keynote by **David Armand**, followed by roundtable discussion moderated by Tricia Walker, followed by critiques.

NOTES

Book sales will continue throughout the conference during breaks. MWG will operate the bookstore. Those attending the conference may bring books to sell. Please download the Consignment Form on the Guild web site. Authors are required to bring books and take unsold books after the conference.

The Guild will host speakers at a dinner Saturday night at The Vue beginning at 7. Participants are welcome to join us at their own expense. Please inform the Guild by July 20.

The Guild has applied for at least .5 CEUs for the conference.

Questions? Contact G. Mark LaFrancis 601-442-0980