

THE PENNSYLVANIA WRITING AND LITERATURE PROJECT

Saturday Seminar—March 2, 2019

Inclusive Conversations

Saturday, March 2, 2019

8:30am-1:00pm

WCU—Sykes Student Union

110 W. Rosedale Ave.

General Public: \$35.00 (\$45 after 2/15)

PAWLIP Fellows: \$25.00 (\$35 after 2/15)

WCU Undergraduate Students: \$10

Young Writers/Young Readers

Summer 2019 Applicants: FREE

Register Online:

<https://www.wcupa.edu/arts-humanities/writingProject/forms/pawlp/>



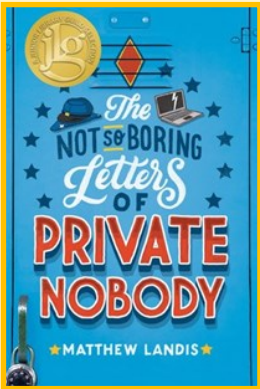
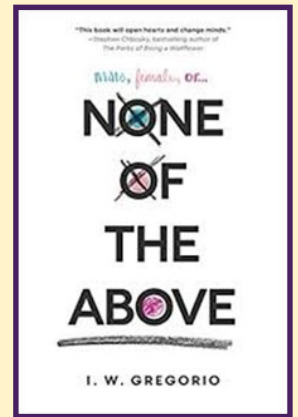
Keynote Speaker:

Matthew Kay is a graduate of West Chester University and an English teacher at Science Leadership Academy. He is the founder and Executive Director of Philly Slam League, a non-profit, school-based slam poetry league, the first of its kind in the United States. His first book, *Not Light, But Fire*, focuses around how to have meaningful and enlightening discussions about race in a classroom, ideas that he uses to design professional development for teachers.

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| 8:30-8:45: | Registration |
| 8:45-9:15: | Welcome—Dr. Pauline Schmidt |
| 9:15-10:15: | Keynote Speaker and Q&A |
| 10:15-10:35: | Break/Book Browsing |
| 10:40-11:35: | Breakout Sessions |
| 11:40-12:40: | Author Panel—I.W. Gregorio,
Matthew Landis, Katherine Locke,
and Bonnie Pipkin |
| 12:40-1:00: | Book Browsing/Signing |

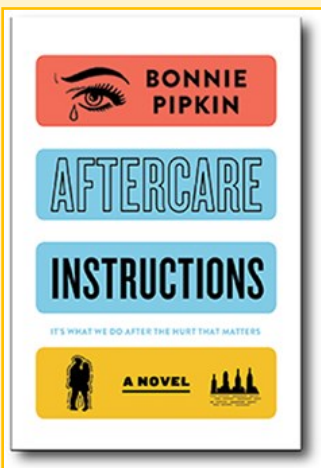
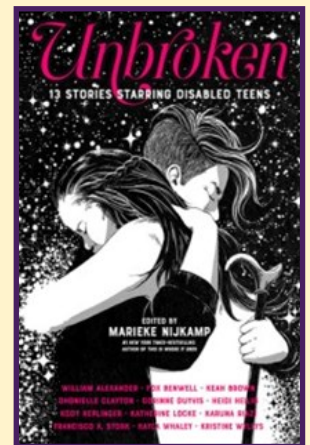
Featured Authors

I. W. Gregorio is an author, practicing surgeon, and intersex activist. Her debut novel, *None of the Above*, explores the difficulties intersex individuals have when dealing with society and peers. The novel was a finalist for the 2016 Lambda Literary Award and a 2016 American Library Association Rainbow List Selection. She currently lives in Pennsylvania with her family.



Matthew Landis is a social studies teacher at Tamanend Middle School and the author of *The Not So Boring Letters of Private Nobody* and *League of American Traitors*, books written to further his students' interests in social studies. He also does school visits, where he works with students and other teachers and hosts assemblies and writer's workshops.

Katherine Locke is the author of young adult novels such as *The Girl with the Red Balloon* and *Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens*. The former won her the 2018 Sydney Taylor Honor Award from the Association of Jewish Libraries and the 2018 Carolyn W. Field Honor Award from the Pennsylvania Library Association. She currently lives and writes in Philadelphia, PA.



Bonnie Pipkin is the author of *Aftercare Instructions*, her first young adult novel in which she explores how people deal with and heal after life-altering events. The book was featured on Barnes & Noble Most Anticipated YA Debuts of 2017 and listed in Publishers Lunch Buzz Books. Bonnie currently teaches literature at Kean University and live in Brooklyn, NY.

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