

STONECOAST MFA IN CREATIVE WRITING SUMMER RESIDENCY  
ALUMNI EVENTS AND READINGS

All residency activities, classes, and readings are held on the USM Portland Campus  
at 88 Bedford Street, Portland, ME.

The garage entrance is on Surrenden Street.

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

- 7:15 p.m.                    **Welcome Remarks and Faculty Introductions**  
*Justin Tussing*  
Glickman Family Library, Special Events Room (7th Floor)
- 7:30 p.m.                    **Faculty and Guest Readings**  
Faculty members will share 8-10 minutes of their work.  
*Susan Conley, Tom Coash, Aaron Hamburger, Alex Jennings*  
Glickman Family Library, Special Events Room (7th Floor)
- 8:15 p.m.                    **Welcome Reception for Students, Alumni, and Faculty**  
*Light refreshments and cash bar*  
Glickman Family Library, Special Events Room (7th Floor)
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**MONDAY, JUNE 24**

- 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.    **New Student Welcome Reception**  
*Stonecoast faculty, staff, and alums welcome new students to the program.*  
*Small plates and cash bar*  
Glickman Family Library, Special Events Room (7th Floor)
- 7:15 p.m.                    **Community Gathering – Optional**  
*Students are welcome to gather before the evening reading.*  
Glickman Family Library, Special Events Room (7th Floor)
- 7:30 p.m.                    **Faculty and Guest Readings**  
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*Colin Cheney, Nick Fuller Googins, Penny Guisinger, Debra Marquart*  
Glickman Family Library, Special Events Room (7th Floor)
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**TUESDAY, JUNE 25**

- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.    **Graduating Student, Alumni, and Guest Presentations**
- **The Unnamable: Writing About Tragedy When Words Fail**

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*Glickman Family Library, Special Events Room (7th Floor)*
- 7:30 p.m.                    **Faculty and Guest Readings**  
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*Faith Adiele, JJ Amaworo Wilson, Gretchen Legler (Guest), Claire Millikin (Guest)*  
Glickman Family Library, Special Events Room (7th Floor)
- 8:30 p.m.                    **Stonecoast Open Mic (student-organized)**  
*Students should sign up in advance and be prepared to read for 3 minutes.*  
Portland Commons, Multipurpose Room
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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26**

- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.    **The Stonecoast Review: Issue 21 Launch Event:  
A Celebration of Ethical Storytelling**  
We invite all Stonecoasters to join us in unveiling our completely rethought  
and revamped literary journal. Featuring readings by contributors, including  
the performance of a short play written by Stonecoast faculty Tom Coash.  
*Ron Bel Bruno and Leah Scott-Kirby*  
Glickman Family Library, Special Events Room (7th Floor)
- 7:30 p.m.                    **WISE: The Task Before Us:  
Transformative Writing, Reading, and Engagement**  
We all strive to author impactful work, yet it is such a hard goal to reach.  
What if, in order to create writing capable of changing lives, the writer must  
be open to letting the work change their life?  
*Lily King (Guest), Morgan Talty, Arisa White (Guest)*  
Mechanics' Hall  
519 Congress Street, Portland, Maine

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27**

- 7:30 p.m.                    **Faculty and Guest Readings**  
Faculty members will share 8-10 minutes of their work.  
*Rick Bass, Ron Currie, Jr, Cate Marvin, Cleo Qian (Guest)*  
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**FRIDAY, JUNE 28**

3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**Graduating Student Reading**

Each graduating student will share their work.

- *Yara Clark and Amelia Kerns (Tobias Buckell, Faculty Welcome)*  
Abromsom Community Education Center, Room 213
- *Nina Barufaldi and Alexis Raymond (Chen Chen, Faculty Welcome)*  
Abromsom Community Education Center, Room 216

5:45 p.m.

**Informational Discussion: *The Stonecoast Review***

Editors and student submission readers will be available to talk with students  
who are interested in learning how they can get involved with the journal.

Pizza will be served!

*Ron Bel Bruno and Leah Scott-Kirby*

Portland Commons, Multipurpose Room

7:15 p.m.

**Community Gathering – Optional**

*Students are welcome to gather before the evening reading.*

Glickman Family Library, Special Events Room (7th Floor)

7:30 p.m.

**Faculty and Guest Reading**

Faculty members will share 8-10 minutes of their work.

*Sarah Braunstein (Guest), Tobias Buckell, Chen Chen, Elizabeth Searle*

Glickman Family Library, Special Events Room (7th Floor)

8:30 p.m.

**Stonecoast Open Mic (student-organized)**

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 29**

7:00 a.m.

**Breakfast**

3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**Graduating Student Reading**

Each graduating student will share their work.

- *Paul Calvert, Tom Cruz-Spurling, and Leah Scott-Kirby (John Florio, Faculty Welcome)*

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Abromsom Community Education Center, Room 214

- 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.    **The Business of Being a Writer: Roundtable Discussion with Agent**  
Students will learn the what, when, hows, and misconceptions about working  
with an agent.  
*Iris Blasi (Guest), Arch Literary Management*  
Portland Commons, Multipurpose Room
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.    **GRADUATION CEREMONY**  
*All Stonecoast students, faculty, alums, and are invited to the celebration!*  
*Commencement Speaker — Elizabeth Searle*  
Abromsom Community Education Center, Hannaford Hall
- 8:15 p.m.    **Graduation Reception**  
*All Stonecoast students, faculty, alums, and recent graduates will celebrate with light refreshments  
and a cash bar.*  
Abromsom Community Education Center
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