

2020 Gathering of Writers FAQs

Why should I attend the Virtual Gathering of Writers?

The Indiana Writers Center offers regular classes, networking, and opportunities throughout the year. The Gathering of Writers is our keystone event, attended by many and encouraging Indiana writers to continue advancing their practice. We've assembled renowned and skilled instructors for each session, including keynote speaker, Michael Poore.

How does the Virtual Gathering of Writers work?

We had to postpone our live event in March due to Covid-19. Instead of our usual one-day event, we've expanded our program to four days, from Thursday, September 24th through Sunday, September 27th.

You can attend every event or just select the breakout sessions you desire. Breakout sessions include creative nonfiction, fiction, poetry, and playwriting. Each morning of the Gathering of Writers, you will receive an email with all Zoom link invitations for that day, so you do not need to reserve your spot for any given class.

Rather than a single day in-person event, we've dispersed nine breakout sessions across three days, preempted by a Keynote Address from Michael Poore on Thursday, September 24th as well as a separate Fiction Intensive on Saturday. We'll cap off the weekend with an Open Night Mic on Sunday evening. All sessions happen on Zoom.

When and where does this writing conference take place?

Thursday, September 24th through Sunday, September 27th. Times vary but the full schedule is listed [here](#).

What time are the classes?

The Virtual Gathering of Writers takes place in real time. The keynote session, breakout sessions, fiction intensive, and open mic night will meet via video conferencing using the simple-to-use Zoom software. (All times listed are for Eastern Time.)

The full schedule is listed [here](#).

How do I register?

You can register [here](#).

What if I have problems logging in?

We will have tech help available throughout the conference, with a manned Tech Help email address provided. Someone will be on hand to help with any issues you might have.

Will sessions be recorded?

Yes, all sessions will be recorded and shared with attendees in the weeks after the event. We encourage you to attend during the live session if possible, so you have real-time access to the conversation and the instructor's input.

What if I already registered for the Gathering of Writers in March?

You do not have to do anything else. Your registration has been applied to the Virtual Gathering of Writers.

I want to attend Michael Poore's fiction intensive. Is it a separate fee?

Yes, Michael's intensive is an additional fee and requires preregistration. Sign up [here](#).

But I also want to attend the sessions that are also on Saturday afternoon. Can I attend both?

Michael Poore's fiction intensive is held in two sections on Saturday, September 26th, from 12-1:30 and 2-3:30 pm. This conflicts with two breakout sessions. If you paid for the Fiction Intensive, we highly encourage you to attend these two sessions in person. You will be able to view the recorded sessions you missed after the weekend. We can't promise that the Fiction Intensive will be recorded and distributed to paid attendees.

What if I can no longer attend?

We are unable to offer refunds at this time. We can either transfer for entry fee to another IWC member or apply the full amount as a taxable donation. We also encourage you to download and view the archived sessions after the weekend.

I have a question not answered here.

Please reach out to mail@indianawriters.org using the subject line "Gathering of Writers" and ask your question. We will reply as soon as possible.