

2017 Seaside Writers Conference, May 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

**THE CELIA BAKER OPEN SCHOLARSHIP FOR VETERANS:**

This scholarship is made possible by the generosity of Celia Baker (82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division paratrooper and veteran of the First Gulf War), and helps bring emerging veteran writers to the Seaside Writers Conference, where they will have the opportunity to work with professional writers.

--The Scholarship covers full tuition for the conference, and offers steep discount for the superb housing we have at Seaside. Scholars pay a nominal fee of \$200 total for the full conference (scholarship is valued at \$2050). Please note: Travel stipends are not included at this time for scholars.

--2017 applications open November 1st, 2016 (see website for online submission guidelines). Decisions will be blind-judged according to CLMP guidelines.

--Scholarships are open to VETERAN poets, CNF, and fiction writers who are actively publishing in respectable journals and magazines—please see application page on our website. Scholars must not have a book published by the time our conference meets.

**FINAL DEADLINE March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

--Application fee: \$18

**This year, the headlining authors will be New York Times bestsellers ANTONYA NELSON and CHRIS OFFUTT.**

They are joined by guest faculty ANTON DiSCLAFANI, MICHELLE TEA, and core faculty members, novelist Matt Bondurant (author of *The Wettest County in the World*, *The Night Swimmer*, and *The Third Translation*), poet Seth Brady Tucker (author of *Mormon Boy*, and *We Deserve the Gods We Ask For*). Agents and editors will be announced soon.

**About Seaside Writers' Conference:**

The Seaside Writers Conference is an annual gathering of creative writers from all over the nation, and features award-winning writers in poetry and fiction and creative nonfiction who will offer a full week of intensive writing workshops, one day seminars, lectures, readings, and social events. This event occurs every year in May, and offers the opportunity for beginning, intermediate, and advanced writers to celebrate writing, to network with other writers, make new literary friends, and to hone their craft. There will also be seminars hosted by professional editors and literary agents who will offer one-on-one consultations. All participants who pay the full conference tuition fee will be able to take part in all daily activities, while those paying a la carte pricing will have the pick of which classes and workshops they would like to attend, but may be limited by enrollment limits.

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