# festival of faith & writing conference 2000

March 30-April 1, 2000 CALVIN

#### March 30, 2000

#### Dear Festival Goer:

These months since our last gathering have been riotous indeed for language. A president stumbles over the **to be** form of the verb, notorious court trials make us wonder about the manipulation of words, and a new phrase, "Mall Speak," is born to describe teenage vocabulary. We've jarred into the new millennium with the book business in the throes of change–Oprah's bookclub, Amazon.com, novels of a Christian flavor on the **New York Times** Bestseller List. Despite the hue and cry, I suspect most of us have simply gone on with our reading business, looking for those poems that take us somewhere, those stories that open wide pur worlds. We're pleased that you are here to talk about it all again.

These few notes may help you organize your days.

- Please be sure to watch for daily conference newsletters that will announce any necessary amendments to our schedule.
- Your badge is your ticket to almost everything. When you pick it up, you should also receive a ticket for the Friday Pizza Fest (note that there are two different seating times).
- We'll be doing signings in various venues this year. Not all the writers will be signing. Watch for announced signings at various publisher's booths and check at the registration desk for a list of other scheduled signings.
- We're taping most sessions. Check the main desk on Saturday for order forms.
- If you have a special seating need or other issues, talk to one of our ushers, a student assistant, or come by the desk. If you need shuttle service to parking lots or other places, please check the schedule posted at the desk.
- You'll find an ATM machine at the southeast entrance to the Commons Annex.

We've done all we could think of to make these days opportunities for learning and grace. We appreciate your oresence and want you to feel at rest on a wave of hospitality. Well, have a good time at least. **Welcome**.

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## The Details

#### PARKING:

We encourage you to park on the east side of the Beltline in the lots near the nature preserve. A shuttle will be bringing people over from those lots on Thursday and Friday. You may also find a space in the seminary lot in the southeast corner of campus, in the lot nearest to the Burton Street entrance, or in the lot adjacent to the gymnasium. We will also be running a shuttle from the parking lots of Church of the Servant and First Evangelical Free Church. These lots are located on opposite sides of Burton, about five blocks east of the Beltline, just before the intersection of East Paris *(see map on back).* 

#### **REGISTRATION:**

The registration desk in the FAC west lobby will be open throughout the conference. After the initial registration period, please come to this area with any questions, messages, or problems. The phone number at the desk is 957-6291.

#### MEALS:

All campus dining locations accept cash only. The Commons and Knollcrest Dining Rooms offer a variety of cafeteria-style fare. Johnny's Cafe offers hamburgers, sandwiches, soup, drinks, salads, and snacks. It is located on the main floor of the Commons. This year we have added a lunchtime sandwich shop in the Green Room behind the Fine Arts Center Auditorium stage.

#### Commons Dining Room (north side, upstairs)

Thursday			
breakfast	7:15 - 9 am		
continental breakfast	9 - 10:30 am		
lunch	11 am - 1 pm		
dinner	4:45 - 6:30 pm		
Friday	_		
breakfast	7:15 - 9 am		
continental breakfast	9 - 10:30 am		
lunch	11 am - 1 pm		
dinner: pizza and salad bar for Festival participants			
(please check your ticket for seating time)			
Closed Saturday			

#### Knollcrest Dining Hall (see map)

Saturday	
breakfast	8:30 - 10 am
lunch	11:30 am - 1:15 pm
dinner	4:45 - 6:15 pm

Johnny's Cafe (north end of Commons building, main floor) Thursday 7:30 am - 11 pm Friday 7:30 am - 5 pm

Saturday 11 am -	6:15	pm
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#### Green Room Sandwich Shop

Friday & Saturday

11:45 am - 1 pm, (limited quantities)

A restaurant guide will also be available at the registration desk.

#### HOUSING:

We assume that you are all set on your housing. If you are staying in student housing, you must check in at the appropriate table in the FAC registration area or at the registration desk.

#### SHUTTLES:

Those of you at Holiday Inn should be fine with their shuttle service. If you are staying at another of the area hotels and would like shuttle service, you must check in at the appropriate table in the registration area or at the registration desk.

#### VENUES:

A map in your registration materials will direct you to our major venues: The Fine Arts Center Auditorium (FAC), the Gezon Auditorium, the Commons Board Room, the Chapel, the Chapel Undercroft, the Seminary Auditorium, the Lab Theatre, the Commons Lecture Hall, the Meeter Center, Swets Hall, and several classrooms.

We have set aside three areas for coffee break gatherings: the Gezon lobby, the Library Lobby, and the East Lobby of the FAC. If one site seems a bit crowded, try one of the others. Some of our FESTIVAL 2000 staff will try to assist you.

The Green Room (FAC), and the Lower Gezon Lobby have been set aside for informal gatherings.

Please help us as we try to keep events to schedule.

Feel free to find your own gathering area. We do hope that small group discussions and "do-it-yourself-workshops" will be one consequence of our large gatherings.

#### PUBLISHERS' EXHIBITS:

Be sure to browse through the displays on the upper and lower levels of the Fine Arts Center. Editors from many of the publishing houses will post times that they will be available to discuss manuscript ideas. The exhibit area will be open from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm on Thursday and from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm on Friday and Saturday.

#### NATURE HIKES:

If you're looking for a daffodil to celebrate in poetry or if you just want a few minutes away from the bustle, consider exploring Calvin's nature preserve. It's on the east side of the East Beltline (go under the highway), and it features maintained trails and viewing platforms in several different habitats.

#### **OPEN-MIC SIGN-UPS:**

If you want to be a part of the open-mic reading sessions, you must sign the sheet at the registration area as soon as possible. You might also let us know there if you suspect you are not on our mailing list for FESTIVAL 2002.

#### **MUSICAL EVENTS:**

"A Night of Music in Four Sets" features Pedro The Lion, Robert Deeble, Jan Krist, and Mike Knott. Thursday night at 9 pm in the Gezon Auditorium after the evening lecture.

"An Evening of Couples" features Buddy and Julie Miller; Linford Detweiler and Karen Bergquist; as well as Ashley Cleveland with Kenny Greenberg. Friday night at 9 pm in the Fine Arts Center after the evening lecture.

Tickets for each concert are \$5 (with conference name badge) and are available at the box office.

#### **BADGES**:

Please wear your FESTIVAL 2000 identification to all sessions. Admission to individual sessions for those not registered at the conference should be arranged at the registration desk.

#### BOOKSTORE:

The Calvin Bookstore will be open Thursday and Friday 8:30 am to 7 pm and Saturday 9 to 5. They've stocked up on books by Festival authors. Watch for bookstore satellite tables in the Fieldhouse and at other locations around campus, and please show your name badge to receive a discount on your bookstore purchases during the Festival.

#### COMMONS HOUR:

Thursday and Friday evenings, after the featured speaker event, we invite you to a time of talk and refreshments in the Commons Dining Hall (directly above Johnny's Cafe). We provide the refreshments; you provide the conversation.

#### TAPES:

Most of the FESTIVAL 2000 proceedings will be on video and/or audio tape. If you are interested in tapes, please check at the registration desk for a form.

#### **EXPLORING GRAND RAPIDS:**

Before you head off to the Frederick Meijer Gardens to see Leonardo Da Vinci's horse and to walk among the butterflies, stop by the registration desk for a map to that and closeby museums, theaters, and restaurants. For those staying until Sunday, the Saturday edition of the *Grand Rapids Press* will advertise a variety of worship services.

#### HELP:

If you need help, look for FESTIVAL 2000 committee members; they'll be wearing the white shirts or special nametags. In an emergency, you might also go to the security desk in the Commons.

#### FINALLY:

Okay, so we didn't answer all of your questions. Stop by the desk. We wanted to meet you anyway.

# Thursday, 30 March.

10:00 am	Registration and Information Desk Opens
12:00 noon	"Readings and Music" Clyde Edgerton FAC - Dale Brown
1:15 pm	Concurrent Sessions
Writers	"Rabbinical Stories" Lawrence Kushner Gezon Auditorium - Gary Schmidt
hildren's	"Writing to Nurture the Spiritual Imagination of Children" Sandy Sasso Meeter Center - Carol Winters
	"From the Storyteller's Heart: Stories and Poems" Jane Yolen Seminary Auditorium - Char Otten
Publishing	"The Responsibility of the Christian Journal to the Arts" <b>Rosalie DeRosset</b> [Christianity and the Arts], <b>Kathleen Stephens</b> [Weavings] <b>Greg Wolfe</b> [Image]
Reading	"Their Own Voices" <b>Jim Heynen, James Schaap, Robert Siegel</b> <i>Chapel - Jerry Fondse</i>
Film	"The Use of Filmed Novels in the Literature and Creative Writing Classrooms" <b>Sheryl Cornett</b> [Mars Hill Review] Lab Theatre - Joey Earl Horstman
	<i>Taxi Driver</i> (R; 1:53) Screenplay by <b>Paul Schrader</b> <i>Commons Lecture Hall</i>
nterview	A conversation with Clyde Edgerton FAC - Interviewed by Darlene Meyering
Workshop	"Writing the Vivid Essay" Jo Kadlecek Commons Board Room - Elizabeth VanderLei
2:30 pm	Coffee Break FAC East Lobby, Gezon Lobby, Library Lobby
3:00 pm	"The Color of Water: A Meditation on Identity" James McBride FAC - Dean Ward
4:00 pm	Welcome and Announcements

4:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions				
Writers	"Writing on the Spiritual Life" <b>Roy Herron, Tim Jones, Jo Kadlecek</b> , James Lowry, Joy Sawyer, Gary Thomas <i>Chapel - Bob Hudson</i>				
	"The Story of a Novel: The Sky Unwashed " Irene Zabytko Seminary Auditorium - Kathy Pories				
	"MFA Programs in Creative Writing" <b>Yvonne Bouma</b> , <b>Scott Cairns</b> Chapel Undercroft - Joe Lapp				
hildren's	"Retelling a Biblical Tale for Children" Ashley Bryan, Bijou LeTord, Frederick McKissack, Patricia McKissack, Sandy Sasso Gezon Auditorium - Gayle Brown				
Publishing	"Reviewing Christian-ly?" Mark Galli [Christianity Today], John Wilson [Books and Culture], Caroline Langston [Mars Hill Review] Meeter Center - Ed Ericson				
	"What Editors Look For" John Suk [The Banner] Lab Theatre - Marlys Admiraal				
Film	American Gigolo (R; 1:57) Written and directed by Paul Schrader Commons Lecture Hall				
nterview	"Tales of and by Rabbis and Pastors" Lawrence Kushner, Walter Wangerin, Jr. FAC - Jim VandenBosch				
Vorkshop	"Revising Short Fiction" Lawrence Dorr Commons Board Room - Dan McCurdy, Tim Thompson (requires pre-registration)				
5:45 pm	Dinner Break				
7:30 pm	"The Writer: The Guardian of Deviant Truths" Chaim Potok Fieldhouse - Gaylen Byker, Gary Schmidt				
8:30 pm	Commons Hour				
9:00 pm	<b>Concert</b> : "A Night of Music in Four Sets" Gezon Auditorium - Ken Heffner (Tickets \$5 at box office with Festival name badge)				
Reading	Open-Mic Poetry at the Fish House Commons (Adjacent to Johnny's Cafe) - Debra Rienstra Open-Mic Fiction Commons Board Room - Lawrence Dorr Open-Mic Poetry (student readers only) Meeter Center - Joe Lapp Open-Mic Fiction (student readers only) Swets Hall - Jay Robinson				
Film	Affliction (R; 1:53) Adapted and directed by <b>Paul Schrader</b> Commons Lecture Hall				

# Friday, 31 March.

8:00 am	Morning Prayers Chapel - James Cook			
9:00 am	Concurrent Sessions			
<b>V</b> riters	"The Importance of Place" Scott Cairns, Hugh Cook, Virginia Stem Owens Meeter Center - John Timmerman			
	"A Double Life: Writing Between Poetry and Fiction" Jack Leax, Robert Siegel Seminary Auditorium - Joe Lapp			
hildren's	"On the Presence of the Spiritual in Young Adult Literature" Jane Yolen Gezon Auditorium - Henry Baron			
Publishing	"What Do I Need an Agent For, Anyway?" Sheryl Fullerton [Jossey-Bass] Commons Board Room - Jon Pott			
<b>A</b>	"Blurring the Sacred and the Secular" Henry Carrigan [Morehouse], Ami McConnell [Word], Rod Morris [Multnomah], Kathy Pories [Algonquin] Chapel - Lil Copan			
Film	<i>Light Sleeper</i> (R; 1:43) Written and directed by <b>Paul Schrader</b> <i>Commons Lecture Hall</i>			
nterview	A Conversation with <b>Chaim Potok</b> Interviewed by Lawrence Kushner <i>FAC - Gary Schmidt</i>			
Vorkshop	"Songwriting" Robert Deeble, Jan Krist, Phil Madiera Lab Theatre - Ken Heffner			
	"As a Boy and as a Man: Writing the Time In-between" Jim Heynen Chapel Undercroft - Justin Cook			
10:15 am	Coffee Break FAC East Lobby • Gezon Lobby • Library Lobby			
10:30 am	Concurrent Sessions			
Writers	"Publishing the Detective Story" Eleanor Taylor Bland, Terence Faherty, Chris Meehan Meeter Center - Judith Markham			
hildren's	"Coming Directions in Children's Literature" Francoise Bui [Bantam Doubleday Dell], Nancy Cavanaugh [Society of Book Writers and Illustrators], Dan Dailey [Five Owls], Jane Yolen Gezon Auditorium - Nancy Hull			
Publishing	"The Role of a Christian Journal at the Turn of the Millennium" <b>Stuart Hancock [Mars Hill Review], Gail McGrew Eifrig [The Cresset]</b> <u>Seminary Auditorium - John Wilson</u>			
	"On Working with an Editor" Sandy Vander Zicht [Zondervan], Sheryl Fullerton [Jossey-Bass], Ann Spangler Chapel - Tim Jones			

	"Reading from Genesis and The David Story" Robert Alter
Reading	FAC - Susan Felch
Film	Mishima (R; 2:07) Written and directed by Paul Schrader Commons Lecture Hall
Vorkshop	"A Bird or Two: the Art of Picture Book Making" Bijou Le Tord Commons Board Room - Kara Van Drie (requires pre-registration)
	"Flash Writing: Playwriting in an Instant" <b>Debra Freeberg</b> Lab Theatre - Andie DeKoter
	"Writing Poetry in Response to Scripture" Debra Rienstra, Paul Willis Chapel Undercroft - Jay Robinson
12:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:15 pm	Concurrent Sessions
Writers	"The Story of Things Held Dear: Soul Stories for My Sons" Roy Herron Chapel Undercroft - Tony Dykema VanderArk
	"Piecing Fiction out of Autobiography: When Your Characters and Audience Overlap" James Schaap Chapel - Jim Heynen
hildren's	"The Presence of the Spiritual in Children's Literature" Ashley Bryan, Jane Hertenstein, Frederick McKissack, Patricia McKissack Lab Theatre - Robert Siegel
Publishing	"Retelling the Bible through Translation and Illustration" Robert Alter, Barry Moser FAC - Gary Schmidt
-	"The State of the Book at the Turn of the Millennium" Stephanie Egnotovich [Westminster], Robert Hudson [Zondervan], Jon Pott [Eerdmans], John Wilson [Books and Culture] Seminary Auditorium - Jennifer Holberg
Reading	"Four Poets" Scott Cairns, John Leax, Luci Shaw, John Terpstra Gezon Auditorium - Paul Willis
Film	Donald Hall and Jane Kenyon: "Keeping You Safe Beside Me" (a documentary film) Ronald G. Shafer Commons Lecture Hall - Mark Gustafson
Vorkshop	"Revising Short Fiction" Lawrence Dorr Commons Board Room - Dan McCrudy, Tim Thompson (requires pre-registration)
	"The Christian Gothic" Linda Hall Meeter Center - Rod Morris
2:30 pm	Coffee Break FAC East Lobby • Gezon Lobby • Library Lobby

#### **Concurrent Sessions**

<b>V</b> riters	"Fiction and the Gospel Truth" James Lowry, Jack Roeda, Luci Shaw Lab Theatre - Scott Hoezee
	"The Line Between the Popular and the Literary" Sigmund Brouwer Chapel Undergroft - Don Hettinga
	"The Christian Novelist: A Conversation" Linda Hall, Sally Wright, Vinita Hampton Wright Swets Hall - Virginia Stem Owens
	"'I Mean, I Have a Family, for God's Sake!' and Other Reasons For Not Writing" Gina Bria [Mars Hill Review] FAC 224 - Elizabeth VanderLei
Publishing	"The Writer, the Editor, and the Book: Relationships" Virginia Buckley [Clarion], Gary Schmidt Meeter Center - Gerald Fondse
	"Religious Publishing at the Turn of the Millennium" Cindy Bunch-Hotaling [Intervarsity], George Donigian [Upper Room], Stephanie Egnotovich [Westminster], Mark Fretz [Morehouse], Robert Hosack [Baker], Stuart Matlins [Jewish Lights], Michael Wilt Seminary Auditorium - Robert Hudson
Reading	"Poems" Donald Hall and Scott Cairns FAC
Critics	Intersections of Art and Religion "Are Religion and Art the Same Thing, In the End?" James Seaton "'For This We Need Poets': The Role of Poetry in the Theological Task" John D. Groppe "Robert Lax: Poet, Pilgrim, Prophet" Jeannine N. Thyreen Chapel - Dan Hoolsema
nterview	"A Conversation with <b>Paul Schrader</b> " Interviewed by Garry Wills Gezon Auditorum - Roy Anker
Workshop	"A Bird or Two: the Art of Picture Book Making" <b>Bijou Le Tord</b> Commons Board Room - Alix Kayayan (requires pre-registration)
4:15 pm	Coffee Break FAC East Lobby • Gezon Lobby • Library Lobby
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Film	The Last Temptation of Christ (R; 2:34) Screenplay by Paul Schrader Commons Lecture Hall
4:45 pm	Vespers Chapel - William Evertsberg
5:15 pm 6:30 pm	Pizza Dinner • First Seating (check your ticket) Pizza Dinner • Second Seating (check your ticket) Commons Dining Room

#### 3:00 pm

7:30 pm	"Traveling Mercies: An Evening with Anne Lamott" The Wiersma Memorial Lecture <b>Anne Lamott</b> <i>Fieldhouse - James VandenBosch, Karen Saupe</i>
8:30 pm	Commons Hour
9:00 pm	<b>Concert:</b> "An Evening of Couples" FAC - Ken Heffner (Tickets \$5 at the box office with Festival name badge)
Reading	Open-Mic Poetry at the Fish House <i>Commons (Adjacent to Johnny's Café) - Bob Hudson</i> Open-Mic Fiction <i>Meeter Center - Eleanor Taylor Bland</i>
Film	American Gigolo (R; 1:57) Written and directed by Paul Schrader Commons Lecture Hall

## Saturday, 1 April.

8:00 am	Morning Prayers Chapel - Sarah Campbell
9:00 am	Concurrent Sessions
Writers	"Poetry at the Turn of the Millennium" Judith McCune [Mars Hill Review], Marie Jordan [Windhover], John Ruff [The Cresset], Donna Walker-Nixon [Windhover] Chapel Undergroft - Charlotte Otten
hildren's	"Leap of Faith: The Serendipitous Saga of <i>The Five Owls</i> Children's Literature Review" <b>Dan Dailey</b> <i>Meeter Center - Nancy Hull</i>
	"Building Bridges with Books" Frederick and Patricia McKissack Gezon Auditorium - Don Hettinga
Publishing	"On the Founding of Jewish Lights and Skylight Path Books" Stuart Matlins Seminary Auditorium - Gary Schmidt
Reading	"Selected Fictions I" <b>Betty Smartt Carter, Virginia Stem Owens</b> Swets Hall - Beverly Ryskamp
	"Selected Fictions II" Lawrence Dorr, Diane Glancy FAC 224 - Tony Dykema VanderArk
Film	What Makes a Film Religious?" Roy Anker [Perspectives], Sheryl Cornett[Mars Hill Review], Joey Earl Horstman [Mars Hill Review] Commons Lecture Hall - William Romanowski
	<i>Touch</i> (R; 1:36) Adapted and directed by <b>Paul Schrader</b> <i>Commons Lecture Hall</i>
Critics	Writing and Religious Legalism "'Spare Me the Earnest Christians': Incarnation in the Work of Anne Lamott" David Malone "Jack Umstead as Redeemer: Clyde Edgerton's Criticism of Moralistic Christianity" W.Todd Martin "Theological Parables in Paul Schrader's Films" <b>Popert L Palma</b>

"Theological Parables in Paul Schrader's Films" **Robert J. Palma** *Chapel - Dan Hoolsema* 

<b>V</b> orkshop	"As It Happens: Writing Your Own Life Story" Luci Shaw FAC - Gail Heffner			
	"The Christian Mystery" Sally Wright Commons Board Room - Ronda Oosterhoff			
	"Contemporary Christian Music at the Crossroads: A New Model" Charlie Peacock Lab Theatre - Ken Heffner			
10:15 am	Coffee Break FAC East Lobby • Gezon Lobby • Library Lobby			
10:45 am	"Glory into Glory: Writing Not to Control but to Companion" Walter Wangerin, Jr. Fieldhouse - James Schaap			
Film	Affliction (R; 1:53) Adapted and directed by <b>Paul Schrader</b> Commons Lecture Hall			
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#### **Reading Anne Lamott**

- "Vulnerability is not Weakness: Discovery as Recovery in Lamott's Nonfiction" **Tom Montgomery-Fate** "Speaking to the Other in Each of Us: Lamott" Lisa Garvelink
- "'Room of One's Own: Faith-full Reading Through the Writing of Lamott" Anne Henningfeld Chapel - Tim VandeBrake
- A Conversation with Diane Glancy Interviewed by John Wilson Commons Board Room - Henry Baron

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### Break

#### Concurrent Sessions



4:30 pm

- "The Story of the Book: Grace at Bender Springs" Vinita Hampton Wright Meeter Center - Nancy Hull
- "Christians and the Thriller" Eleanor Taylor Bland, Terence Faherty Swets Hall - Jennifer Holberg
- "The Story of My Poetry" Ann Weems FAC 224 - Henry Baron
- "What He Called a Space for Grief: Remembering Lionel Basney" Chapel Undercroft -Jack Leax
- "Whither the Apocalyptic Novel?" John Bolt, Steven Jensen, Ami McConnell [Word] Chapel - Robert Rozema



- "What Does it Take to Get a Children's Book Published Anyway?: A Conversation" Virginia Buckley [Clarion], Franciose Bui [Bantam Doubleday Dell] Commons Lecture Hall - Kathleen Harris
- "Deep Like the Rivers: African American Poetry and Spirituals and African Tales" Ashley Bryan Gezon Auditorium - Isabel Cruz
- "Theology, Audience, and Editor: Finding the Balance" Sheryl Fullerton [Jossey-Bass], Joan Guest [Harold Shaw], Michael C. Jordan [Logos], Craig Stapert [Perspectives] Seminary Auditorium - Stephanie Egnotovich
- *Light Sleeper* written and directed by **Paul Schrader** *FAC- Roy Anker (continuation of earlier session. Schrader's comments begin at 4:45.)*



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- "Revising Short Fiction" Lawrence Dorr Commons Board Room - Dan McCurdy, Tim Thompson (requires pre-registration)
- "Writing and Publishing Young Adult Literature" Sigmund Brouwer Lab Theatre - Jerry Fondse

## 5:45 pm Dinner Break

7:30 pm "An Evening with Maya Angelou" Maya Angelou Fieldhouse - Chip Pollard, Charsie Sawyer

## **Participants**

**Robert Alter** Literary critic and Biblical translator. Author of *Genesis: Translation and Commentary, The David Story: A Translation with Commentary,* and co-editor of *The Literary Guide to the Bible.* 

**Maya Angelou** Poet, playwright, and essayist. Awarded a Grammy award for her poem written for President Clinton's inauguaration; among her best-selling books are *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now,* and *Even the Stars Look Lonesome.* 

**Roy Anker** Professor of English at Calvin College and Co-Editor of *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought.* He has written extensively on religion and film.

**Eleanor Taylor Bland** Novelist. Author of seven mystery novels. Bland's latest include *Keep Still, See No Evil,* and *Tell No Tales.* 

John Bolt Professor of Systematic Theology at Calvin Seminary.

**Yvonne Bouma** Graduate Student in Creative Writing at Eastern Washington University.

**Gina Bria** Anthropologist and nonfiction writer. The author of *The Art of Family,* she is currently working on her second book, a devotional entitled *The Book of Hours.* 

**Sigmund Brouwer** Novelist. His recent titles include *Hurricane Power, Galilee Man, and Into His Arms: Seeing Jesus Through Children's Eyes.* 

Ashley Bryan Artist and storyteller. Awarded the Coretta Scott King Honor Award for illustration. Bryan's latest titles include Aneesa Lee and the Weaver's Gift, The Night Has Ears: African Proverbs, and Ashley Bryan's African Tales, Uh-Huh.

**Virginia Buckley** Contributing Editor at Clarion Books, an imprint of Houghton Mifflin.

**Francoise Bui** Executive Editor at Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers, a division of Random House Children's Books.

Cindy Bunch-Hotaling Associate Editor at InterVarsity Press.

**Linda Buturian** Instructor of Literature and Composition at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. She has conducted and published several interviews, including a recent interview with Anne Lamott.

**Scott Cairns** Poet. Series editor for The Vassar Miller Prize in Poetry, Cairns has published four books of poetry: *Figures for Ghosts, The Translation of Babel, The Theology of Doubt,* and, most recently, *Recovered Body: New and Selected Poems.*  **Sarah Campbell** Associate Pastor of East Congregational Church UCC, Grand Rapids.

**Henry Carrigan** Editorial Director for Trinity Press International. A columnist for Beliefnet, an internet site that examines religion and culture, he has also served as co-chair for the American Academy of Religious Consultation on Religion and Film.

**Betty Smartt Carter** Novelist. Author of *I Read it in the Wordless Book: A Novel* and *The Tower, the Mask, and The Grave: A Mystery Novel.* 

**Nancy Cavanaugh** Children's writer and representative of the Illinois Chapter of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

**Hugh Cook** Fiction writer. Author of *The Homecoming Man* and *Cracked Wheat and Other Stories*. Cook's latest book is *Home in Alfalfa*. Cook received the Leslie K. Tarr Award for his contribution to the field of Christian writing.

James Cook Professor of Theology Emeritus at Western Theological Seminary.

Lil Copan Wheaton Literary Series Editor at Harold Shaw Publishers/WaterBrook Press.

**Sheryl Cornett** Instructor of Literature and Creative Writing at North Carolina State University and Contributing Editor for the Mars Hill Review.

**Dan Dailey** Editor of *The Five Owls*, a review of children's literature.

**Robert Deeble** Singer and songwriter. A critically-acclaimed minimalist folk artist, Deeble's latest album is *Earthside Down*.

**Rosalie DeRosset** Professor of Homiletics, English and Literature at Moody Bible Institute and Guest Editor of *Christianity and the Arts.* 

**Linford Detweiler** Musician and songwriter. Along with Karen Bergquist, the creative heart of the group *Over the Rhine.* 

James G. Dixon Professor of English at Grove City College.

**George Donigian** Director of Trade Marketing and Events at Upper Room Books.

**Lawrence Dorr** Fiction writer. Author of the short story collections *A Slight Momentary Affliction* and *A Slow Soft River*. Dorr's stories have appeared in numerous anthologies and magazines.

**Clyde Edgerton** Novelist. Author of seven novels including the best-selling *Walking Across Egypt*, Edgerton is also a musician and a teacher of writing. His latest novels are *In Memory of Junior* and *Where Trouble Sleeps*.

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