

# WCSU MFA

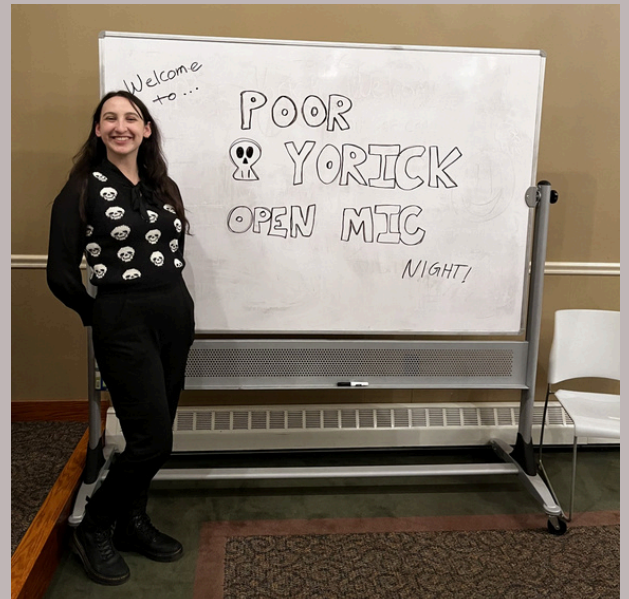
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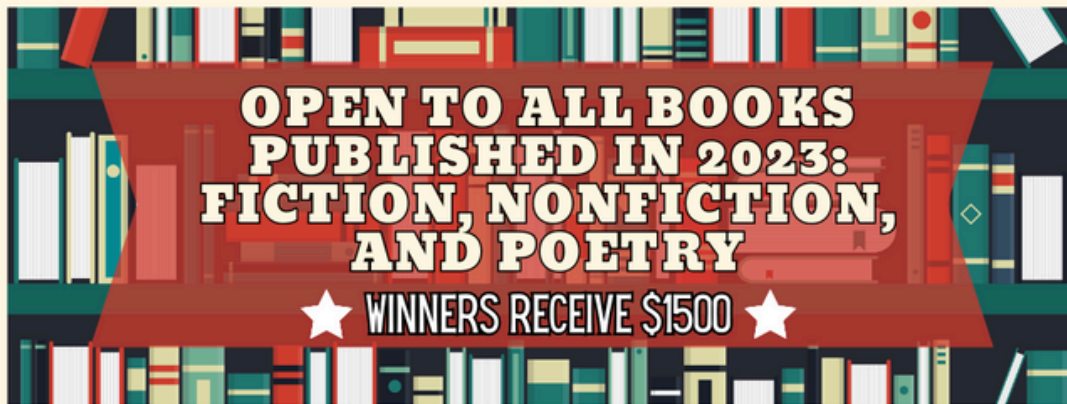


In April we celebrated the release of the Spring issue of Poor Yorick with an open mic hosted by PY Editor, Adrienne Rozells! Be sure to check out the gorgeous Spring issue of the journal, where current MFA students Lisa Acerbo and Makenzie Ozycz both have published pieces!

# Deadline Extended!

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2024

## **HOUSATONIC BOOK AWARDS**



**DEADLINE: SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024**



**ENTER NOW!**

The submission deadline for our 2024 Housatonic Book Awards has been extended to July 14, 2024.

Full details for submission guidelines are available on our [website](#).

Submit today!

# MFA NEWS

## WCSU MFA SUMMER MEET-UP

**REVERIE BREWING**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 22**  
**2:00 PM**



### SAVE THE DATE

Join us next month at Reverie Brewing for an MFA Meet-up!  
Come learn more about our program, including our residencies  
at The Highlights Foundation, and our Dublin Residency at  
the Oscar Wilde House!

This casual get together is open to all current & prospective  
students, faculty, and alumni.

We hope to see you there!





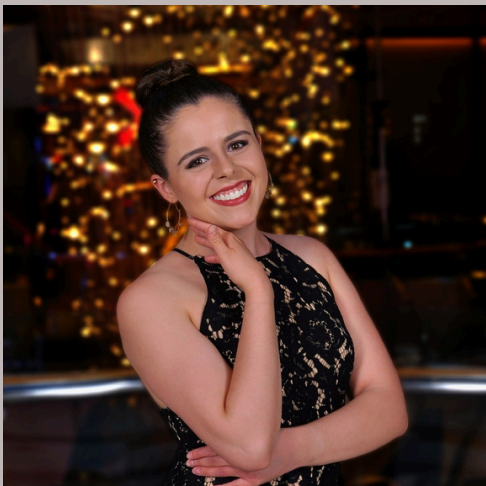
Current MFA student Brianna Bencosme Bido was chosen to be the featured poet for Tupelo Press's 30/30 project for the month of March.

Congrats, Brianna!



MFA alum Ellen O'Donnell's piece, "Unexpected Treasures," was selected for a public reading at the Morton Library in Rhinecliff, NY.

Congrats, Ellen!



Current MFA student S. Salazar was a featured reader at Byrd's Books Virtual Spring Poetry Series on April 25th and was chosen for Tupelo Press's 30/30 project for the month of May.

Congrats, S!



Current MFA student Adrienne Rozells was chosen for Tupelo Press's 30/30 project for the month of June.

Congrats, Adrienne!



MFA alum Kate Katcher's short play, Thanksgiving at Shady Pines, was selected for the Boston Theatre Marathon XXVI this May.

Congrats, Kate!





MFA Coordinator Anthony D'Aries's short story, "The Magician," will appear in the fall issue of South Dakota Review.

Congrats, Anthony!



Current MFA student Makenzie Ozycz's short essay, "Neutral Zone," was published in the winter issue of Tones of Citrus literary magazine.

Congrats, Makenzie!

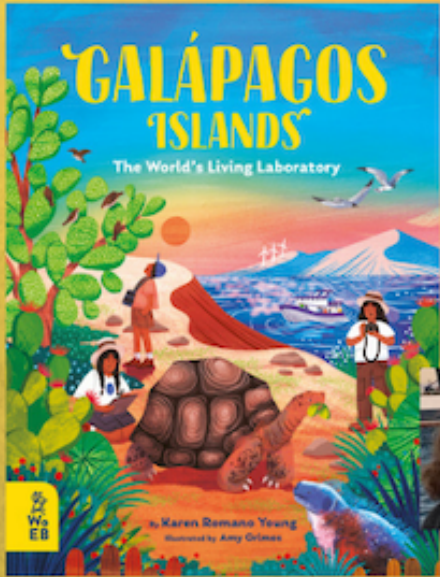
# CONGRATS TO THE GRADUATES!



**Congrats to the WCSU MFA Class of 2024!**

Pictured above from left to right: Kristine Donahue, Cameron Phillips, Anthony D'Aries, Makenzie Ozycz, Adrienne Rozells, Georgia Pimentel





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**Karen Romano Young**  
 for the launch of her new book,  
**Galapagos Islands: The World's**  
**Living Laboratory**  
**Sunday June 2nd**  
**4:00pm in store**



MFA Mentor Karen Romano Young will be celebrating the launch of her new book, Galapagos Islands: The World's Living Laboratory, at Byrd's Books in Bethel, CT on Sunday, June 2, 2024!  
Register today to attend!

**Bram Stoker Festival**   **WCSU MFA CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING**   **POOKY PICK**

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
**WCSU'S SUMMER RESIDENCY**  
**JULY 30 - AUGUST 4**  
**HIGHLIGHTS RETREAT CENTER**

**Register today & stay tuned for the finalized schedule for our 2024 Summer Residency at the Highlights Foundation Retreat Center!**

Are you following us?

