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Dear MFA Community,

I'm writing to introduce myself, although many of you know me from our work together, my presence at residencies, etc. I've been invited to take over as interim MFA Coordinator effective immediately in Anthony D'Aries absence.

I look forward to working closely with you to ensure your success in the program, as well as to ensure the success of the program until Anthony returns.

I'm both a graduate of our MFA program (2012), and a longtime mentor in it. I've also taught full-time in the WestConn Writing Department at the undergraduate level for seven years. My background centers on journalism as well as fiction, and I am, as you are, an avid lover of the written word.

I don't expect any major changes with the program, which is thriving, and trust that we can stay the course in that regard.

This is your program, and I'm happy to serve in this capacity while Anthony is on leave.

**Write On!
John Roche**

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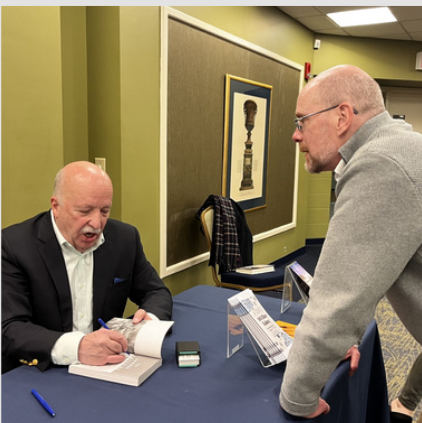
2024 Winter Residency

RECAP



In January we greeted 2024 with our Winter Residency! We spent the week on WCSU's Westside Campus with our talented students, faculty, and guest speakers, including Housatonic Book Award Winners Jill McDonough and Scott Ellsworth!

Thank you to everyone who made our 2024 Winter Residency one for the books!



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**DUBLIN RESIDENCY
VIRTUAL INFO SESSION
FEB 28 @ 7 PM EST**

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Come learn more about the 2024 Dublin Residency (Oct 23 – Nov. 2)!

John Roche and MFA Assistant Makenzie Ozycz will host a virtual informational session on Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00 PM.

Please contact John Roche for the link: rochej@wcsu.edu.

The Dublin Residency is open to all, including current undergraduate and graduate students as well as the public. Complete details available on our website: <https://www.wcsu.edu/writing-mfa/dublin/>.

Hope to see you there!

A Journal of Rediscovered Objects



POOR
YORICK

Poor Yorick will be opening for submissions later this month, and releasing their Spring 24 Issue in the next few weeks!

Follow them to stay tuned for more information!

PUBLIC READING CLUB PRESENTS

Peg Tyre
AUTHOR OF
Strangers in the Night



**MONDAY,
FEB 26,
7 PM**

Join Us for an evening with Peg Tyre reading from her re-released crime thriller **Strangers in the Night**, along with authors Peter Blauner and John Roche

Polish American Citizens Club
8 Ives St, Danbury, CT

FREE with WestConn ID / \$10 Suggested Donation

Enter to win a gift card for Stanziato's or Grounds Donut House with paid ticket. Books available from The Booksmiths Shoppe



Current MFA student and Public Reading Club host **Matt Caputo** will be hosting author Peg Tyre, Peter Blauner, MFA Coordinator John Roche, and current MFA student poets Sam Cross & Brianna Bencosme Bido for a live event on February 26th at 7 PM!

Save the Date & Stay Tuned for more information on our 2024 Summer Residency at the Highlights Foundation Retreat Center!

Bram Stoker Festival

WCSU MFA CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING

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WCSU'S SUMMER RESIDENCY

JULY 30 - AUGUST 4
HIGHLIGHTS RETREAT CENTER

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