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The Association of Writers & Writing Programs Announces 2028 Annual Conference Location and Dates

Norfolk, VA — The Association of Writers & Writing Programs is excited to announce that its 2028 conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, on March 1–4 at the Oregon Convention Center. The organization and its community of literary champions—writers, readers, presses, publishers, and literary educators—will gather in the City of Roses for four days of essential literary conversation and celebration.

The AWP Conference & Bookfair is the annual destination for writers, teachers, students, editors, and publishers of contemporary creative writing and is the largest gathering of its kind. It includes thousands of attendees, as well as hundreds of events and bookfair exhibitors. Past keynote speakers include Roxane Gay, George Saunders, Min Jin Lee, Jericho Brown, and Colson Whitehead.

AWP Board Chair Travis Kurowski announced Portland as the #AWP28 Conference & Bookfair host to a standing-room-only crowd at the #AWP26 Keynote Address in Baltimore on Thursday, March 5. Kurowski said, “As an Oregonian, I am incredibly proud to announce AWP’s return to Portland in 2028 to celebrate and support writers and books in the Rose City. From its famous alphabetical street names to its historic Powell’s “City of Books,” Portland is a city of stories—and some of the best coffee and food on the planet. Come for the coffee, stay for the books, the fantastical work of writers Ursula K. Le Guin and Lidia Yuknavitch, the great weirdness of Matt Groening and Chuck Palahniuk, all the people of Portland past and present dreaming and shaping our world in words.”

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