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### Virginia Festival of the Book Announces Full Schedule for March 2018

January 17, 2018—Charlottesville, Va.—A program of Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH), the twenty-fourth annual Virginia Festival of the Book (March 21-25, 2018) **announces its full schedule of programs, which is searchable online at [VaBook.org/Schedule](http://VaBook.org/Schedule)**. Highlights include:

- **Writing About Race & Social Justice, An Evening with Lamar Giles** (*Overtuned*), **Jason Reynolds** (*Long Way Down*), and **Nic Stone** (*Dear Martin*)—Wed., March 21 at UVa Caplin Theatre
- **Carol Troxell Reader with Lisa Ko** (*The Leavers*)—Thurs., March 22 at New Dominion Bookshop
- **Letters To A Young Farmer: On Food, Farming, and Our Future**, featuring anthology contributors **Eliot Coleman**, **Barbara Damrosch**, **Karen Washington**, and **Jill Isenbarger**—Thurs., March 22 at the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center
- **Crime Wave Bestsellers: Lyndsay Faye** (*The Whole Art of Detection: Lost Mysteries of Sherlock Holmes*), **Attica Locke** (*Bluebird, Bluebird*), and **Amy Stewart** (*Miss Kopp's Midnight Confessions*)—Fri., March 23 at the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center
- **Poets of Freedom, Poets of Death Rites**, featuring **Nin Andrews** (*Miss August*), **Tyehimba Jess** (*Olio*), and **David Wojahn** (*For the Scribe*)—Fri., March 23 at Meade Hall in Christ Episcopal Church
- **Appalachia: Contemporary Portrayals**, featuring **Elizabeth Catte** (*What You Are Getting Wrong About Appalachia*), **Steven Stoll** (*Ramp Hollow*), and **Wendy Welch** (*Fall or Fly*)—Sat., March 24 in City Council Chambers
- **Letters About Literature Celebration**, featuring **David Barclay Moore** (*The Stars Beneath Our Feet*) and K-12 students from across Virginia—Sun., March 25 at Jefferson-Madison Regional Library Central Branch
- **Writing the American Story: Diverse Voices in Distinguished Books**, featuring 2017 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award recipients **Peter Ho Davies** (*The Fortunes*), **Tyehimba Jess** (*Olio*), and **Margot Lee Shetterly** (*Hidden Figures*), with **Rita Dove**—Sun., March 25 at the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center

**Festival programs are FREE to attend unless otherwise noted in online program descriptions. Tickets are now available for the following programs:**

- **Read & Lead Lunch with Leland Melvin** (*Chasing Space*)—Wed., March 21 in the Omni Hotel Ballroom, \$40 for individual seats (\$500 for sponsored table)
- **Literary Luncheon with Nathan Englander** (*Dinner at the Center of the Earth*)—Thurs., March 22 in the Omni Hotel Ballroom, \$60 for individual seats
- **Hope & Sacrifice: A Conversation with Khizr Khan** (*An American Family*)—Thurs., March 22 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Performing Arts Center, \$5 general admission
- **Crime Wave Brunch with Attica Locke** (*Bluebird, Bluebird*)—Sat., March 24 in the Omni Hotel Ballroom, \$40 for individual seats
- **In Pursuit of Truth: An Evening with the National Book Awards**, featuring **Erica Armstrong Dunbar** (*Never Caught*), **David Grann** (*Killers of the Flower Moon*), **Kevin Young** (*Bunk*), and **Lisa Lucas**, executive director of the National Book Foundation—Sat., March 24 at the Paramount Theater, \$17.50 general admission (\$10 students)

**Tickets for select Festival programs are available at [VaBook.org](http://VaBook.org).**

Select images of featured speakers and books are attached. For additional information and/or images, please contact Sarah Lawson at [sdlawson@virginia.edu](mailto:sdlawson@virginia.edu).

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**About the Virginia Festival of the Book:** A signature program of Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH) and the Virginia Center for the Book, the Virginia Festival of the Book brings readers and writers together for a five-day program of mostly free events including author readings, book signings, panel discussions, programs for children, and more. **The 24th annual Festival will be held March 21-25, 2018**, in Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia. The Festival has consistently attracted audiences of more than 20,000 from more than forty states each year, with an estimated local economic impact of about \$4 million annually. To learn more, visit [VaBook.org](http://VaBook.org).

**About VFH:** The mission of Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH) is to connect people and ideas to explore the human experience and inspire cultural engagement. VFH reaches an estimated annual audience of 23 million through Community Programs, Digital Initiatives, Scholarship, and the Virginia Center for the Book. For more information, visit [VirginiaHumanities.org](http://VirginiaHumanities.org).