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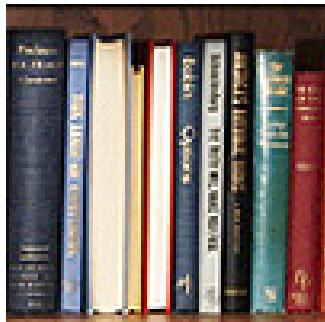
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## LitFest 2013

**03.12.2013 | Culture and Society, Campus and Community**

The University of Dayton's bi-annual literary festival, LitFest, returns this spring with writing workshops, a poetry slam and public readings from renowned poets and authors.

LitFest2013 will be held April 5-6 on the University of Dayton campus. It is a creative two-day festival of literary arts for the Dayton community, co-sponsored by the University of Dayton department of English, WYSO, and Dayton Public Radio. This year's theme is "Crossing Boundaries, Crossing Frontiers."

All events are free and open to the public. See a full schedule below or on the University of Dayton LitFest 2013 Facebook page and at the related link.

Featured guests on Friday, April 5, include poets Ruth Ellen Kocher and David Dominguez. Kocher won the Naomi Long Madgett Poetry Award for her first book of poems, *Desdemona's Fire*, and the Green Rose Prize in Poetry for her second volume, *When the Moon Knows You're Wandering*.

David Dominguez teaches composition, literature, and poetry writing at Reedley College in central California. His work has been anthologized in many poetry collections, including *How Much Earth: The Fresno Poets* and *The Wind Shifts: New Latino Poetry*.

On Saturday, April 6, authors Roxane Gay and Juan Manuel Perez will give readings. Gay is an assistant professor of English at Eastern Illinois University. Her work is published in many literary collections, including *Best American Short Stories*, *Best American Erotica* and *Mid-American Review*.

Juan Manuel Perez was the 2011-12 Poet Laureate for the San Antonio Poetry Association. He has written six poetry books, including the acclaimed *Dial H for Horror*.

The festival will close on Saturday night with a poetry slam by local slam poet and radio personality Lincoln Schreiber.

Complete schedule of events:

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

**6-7 p.m., Sears Recital Hall, Humanities Center:** Meet and greet mixer

**7:30-9 p.m., Sears Recital Hall:** Poetry readings by Ruth Ellen Kocher and David Dominguez

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**10-11 a.m., Marianist Learning Center:** Morning coffee

**11:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Marianist Learning Center:** Creative writing workshops. Lunch included.

**3-4:30 p.m., Marianist Learning Center:** Open reading

**5:30-7 p.m., ArtStreet:** LitFest meet and greet

**7:30-9 p.m., ArtStreet:** Fiction readings by Roxane Gay and Juan Manuel Perez

**9:30 p.m., ArtStreet:** Poetry Slam by Lincoln Schreiber.

Other LitFest sponsors include the Alumni Chair in Humanities; University of Dayton Arts Series; ArtStreet; Center for International Programs; College of Arts and Sciences; department of music; department of teacher education; Fitz Center for Leadership in Community; Graul Chair in Arts and Languages; Graduate School, Dean's Office; Office of Institutional Diversity

and Inclusion; President's Office; Student Development; theatre program; Thematic Clusters; University Libraries; Women's Center; and the women's and gender studies program.

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