

Hidden Voices: African American Writers in Wisconsin

Monday, November 23 | 5:30 pm



Join three Wisconsin African American writers - poet Fabu, novelist Sherry Lucille, and playwright and novelist Catrina Sparkman - as they discuss their writing in relation to the work of three African American literary giants who also lived and worked in Wisconsin during the 20th century: novelist Jean Toomer, playwright Lorraine Hansberry, and poet Sarah Webster Fabio. Experience poetry, prose, and drama that will shed light on what it means to be African American in Wisconsin today, yesterday, and tomorrow through a multimedia presentation about the work and lives of these literary artists and their interpretations of race in Wisconsin.

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Poet Fabu

Sarah Webster Fabio



Sherry Lucille

Jean Toomer

About Presenter Fabu

Fabu was Madison's first African American Poet Laureate from 2008-2012, when she put poetry in "unusual places and spaces." She has poetry displayed on sidewalks and inside buildings throughout Madison. As a literary artist, she creates and shares writing that reflects living in Memphis, Tennessee; Nairobi, Kenya; and Madison, Wisconsin. She has published four books: *Poems, Dreams and Roses*, *In Our Own Tongues*, *Journey to Wisconsin*, and *Love Poems*. Her newest book is *Remember Me, Mary Lou Williams in Poetry*. *Journey to Wisconsin* won an Outstanding Achievement in Poetry award by the Wisconsin Library Association. A Pushcart Prize nominee in poetry and a Silver Award winner in poetry by *Madison Magazine*, her poems have appeared in numerous literary journals. She is included in several anthologies: *Echolocations*, *Hybrid*, and *I Didn't Know There Were Latinos in Wisconsin*. Fabu is a graduate of UW-Madison with two masters; one in African Literature and the other in Afro-American Studies. Her website is www.artistfabu.com



Catrina Sparkman

Lorraine Hansberry

About Presenter Sherry Lucille

Sherry Lucille loves to tell stories and as a Counselor, Life Coach, Motivational Speaker, and Author she gets to tell the best kind of stories, stories that help people get insight into their lives so that they can live intentionally. She is also skilled in group facilitation and mediation. As founder of Inspiring Destiny, Sherry works toward helping people fulfill their life's purpose brilliantly. Currently, Sherry's published work includes: *The Love Trilogy: Love Changes, Love Dreams and Love Promises*

(Interracial Love Stories set in Chicago, circa 1969-70). She has one work of non-fiction: *Red Light, Green Light on God, Politics, and Society*. Sherry writes to and about all people. She relishes sharing and exchanging knowledge with her readers. She lives in the Midwest with her husband and has two, still adorable, adult children.

Her website is www.sherrylucille.com

About Presenter Catrina Sparkman

Catrina J. Sparkman is a playwright and bestselling author of various works of fiction and non-fiction including *Doing Business with God: An Everyday Guide to Prayer and Journaling*, *Intimacy the Beginning of Authority*, *Doing Battle with the Names of God*, *Divine Revelation for a Twitter Generation*, *Intercession 101*, *Passing Through Water*, *Opening the Floodgates*, and the play *Mother Love*. She is a graduate of UW-Madison with a B.A. in English and Creative Writing and a Master's degree in African American Studies. She works as an academic advisor for UW-Madison and as an independent content writer, theatrical consultant, workshop trainer, and public speaker for various national and international non-profit organizations.

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