



PULITZER NC MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 9, 2016 – 6-8pm (6-7pm VIP Reception, 7-8pm Program)

Celebrating 50 Years of Prize-Winning Editorial Cartooning and VIP reception

UNCC Center City Campus, Auditorium

320 East 9th Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

Pulitzer Charlotte: Power and Accountability

Ed Williams, editor of *The Charlotte Observer* editorial pages for 25 years before his retirement in 2008, will provide a brief history of 50 years of editorial cartooning at *The Charlotte Observer*. His talk will cover the work of Gene Payne (1968), Doug Marlette (1988), and Kevin Siers (2014), as well as a brief look at one of the most shameful examples of cartooning, drawn straight from North Carolina history. Williams will then moderate a conversation between current *Observer* editorial page editor Taylor Batten, and Pulitzer Prize winner Kevin Siers, who will do some cartooning as he discusses his work.

Register [here](#)

March 15, 2016 – 6-8pm (6-7pm Reception, 7-8pm Program)

Truth to Power – Democratizing Information

Queens University of Charlotte, Levine Center, Crown Room and Lobby

1900 Selwyn Ave, Charlotte, NC 28207

Pulitzer Charlotte: Power and Accountability

How do we deal with the requirements of the First Amendment? Whose truth do we represent? Join Charles Thomas, Program Director of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, in a conversation with Hodding Carter III, distinguished journalist, statesman, educator, and former president and CEO of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Together, they will explore the limits that institutional frameworks place on journalism and how Pulitzer Prize winning independent editors have stepped outside those systems to singlehandedly confront community issues, make a call for action, and change the way the nation thinks.

Register [here](#)

April 4, 2016 – 7pm

A Study of Paul Green's Pulitzer Prize in Drama: In Abraham's Bosom

UNC-Chapel Hill, The Paul Green Theatre in the Center for Dramatic Art

150 Country Club Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Pulitzer NC Piedmont

This project studies Paul Green's *In Abraham's Bosom* (Drama, 1927) through a staged reading, panel discussion and presentations in two UNC English Department spring classes: Playwriting with Bland Simpson and Southern Literature with Dr. Susan Iron. UNC Center for Dramatic Arts students, directed by UNC Artist in Residence Joseph Megel, will present a stage reading of the play, never before performed in the South. The reading, to take place on April 4, will be followed by a discussion with Dr. Laurence Avery,

UNC English Professor Emeritus, Dr. Reginald Hildebrand, UNC History professor, and nationally-recognized playwright Sam-Art-Williams. *Collaborator: Paul Green Foundation*

April 14, 2016 – 7pm

An Evening with Paul Muldoon

Lenoir-Rhyne University, Grace Chapel
625 7th Avenue NE, Hickory, NC 28601

Pulitzer NC Piedmont

Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Muldoon (Poetry, 2013) will read and host discussions with local authors and scholars. *Collaborator: Lenoir-Rhyne University Visiting Writers Series*

April 15, 2016 – 10am

An Interview with Paul Muldoon

Lenoir-Rhyne University, Belk Centrum
625 7th Avenue NE, Hickory, NC 28601

Pulitzer NC Piedmont

Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Muldoon (Poetry, 2013) will be interviewed by a Lenoir-Rhyne professor. *Collaborator: Lenoir-Rhyne University Visiting Writers Series*

April 19, 2016 – 6pm-8:30pm (6-7pm Reception, 7-8:30pm Program)

Bringing News to Light – Prize Winning Investigative Reporting

Levine Museum of the New South
200 E 7th St, Charlotte, NC 28202

Pulitzer Charlotte: Power and Accountability

Moderator Charles L. Overby, chairman of the Overby Center for Southern Journalism and Politics at the University of Mississippi and former editor of the *Clarion Ledger* in Jackson, MS (Gold Medal for Distinguished Public Service, 1983) and distinguished panelists will explore how ground-breaking investigative reporting transforms community conversation.

Panelists include:

- Mark Ethridge, managing editor, *The Charlotte Observer* (1979 – 1988), helped direct Public Service Pulitzer Prize-winning investigations of the textile industry (1981) and the PTL scandal involving Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker (1988).
- Karen Garloch, part of a team of reporters and editors who were Pulitzer finalists (Local Reporting, 2013) for their investigation on how the state's major nonprofit hospitals generate large profits and contribute to the high cost of health care.
- Maria Henson, who has won two Pulitzer Prizes for Editorial Writing for her series about battered women for the *Lexington Herald-Leader* in Kentucky (1992) and the series about Yosemite National Park in *The Sacramento Bee* (2005).
- Walker Lundy, retired editor of *Saint Paul Pioneer Press* in Saint Paul, Minnesota, who won a Pulitzer Gold Medal for articles revealing academic cheating by members of the University of Minnesota basketball team (2000).

April 25, 2016 – 7pm-9pm (7-7:30pm Reception, 7:30-9pm Program)

The Future of the News

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, James Barnhardt Student Activity Center, Salons AB 9201
University City Blvd

202 Barnhardt Student Activity Center, Charlotte, NC 28223

Pulitzer Charlotte: Power and Accountability

Who will report the news, how will readers get it, and what will that mean for a rapidly diversifying America? Tim Grieve, Head of News Strategies for Washington-based McClatchy, Rick Thames, Editor/VP News for *The Charlotte Observer*, Joe O'Connor, WFAE President, and Julie Szulczewski, News Director at CMG Charlotte (WSOC-TV/WAXN-TV/wsoc.tv.com) will participate in a discussion moderated by Ed Williams, former editor of *The Charlotte Observer* (Pulitzer Prizes in Public Service, 1981 and 1988) about how they see the news will evolve over the next 10 years and the challenges and opportunities ahead.

May 12, 2016 – 5-7pm

Summer Reading Program Kickoff Event

William G. White YMCA

775 W End Blvd, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Pulitzer NC Piedmont

Launch of Bookmarks Festival of Books and Authors' summer reading program. Food and drinks, prizes and activities for kids K-12 as well as teachers, librarians and parents. ***Collaborator: Bookmarks Festival of Books and Authors***

July 2016

Inspired by Pulitzer: Graphic Novelist Round Table Discussion Series

AMY Regional Libraries, Haywood County Public Libraries, and Madison County Public Libraries

Pulitzer NC Mountains

Four graphic novelists will work with youth (11-16 years old) during Summer Reading 2016 to demonstrate how Pulitzer Prize-winning and other successful authors develop imaginative stories. The program will include demonstrations and hands-on activities. ***Collaborator: AMY Regional Libraries***

Note: Schedule to be announced soon

September 1, 2016

Pulitzer-worthy Ekphrastic (Art-Inspired) Poetry

Craven Arts Council and Gallery, Inc.

317 Middle St, New Bern, NC 28560

Pulitzer NC Coastal Plains

This program will offer an evening of readings at the gallery, including works by Pulitzer Prize winning poet Gregory Pardlo (2015) and Elizabeth Bishop (1956), as well as a video of performance and a color publication of the works. ***Collaborator: Craven Arts Council and Gallery, Inc.***

Note: Schedule to be announced soon

September 8, 2016

Bookmarks Festival of Books and Authors: Keynote Opening Event

251 N Spruce Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Pulitzer NC Piedmont

Bookmarks Festival of Books and Authors, the largest free book festival in the Carolinas reaching 15,000 attendees in 2015 from 15 states, will present Pulitzer-Prize winning authors in schools and during the festival to connect to *Pulitzer NC*. ***Collaborator: Bookmarks Festival of Books and Authors***

Note: Schedule to be announced soon

September 9, 2016

Bookmarks Festival of Books and Authors: Authors in Schools

251 N Spruce Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Pulitzer NC Piedmont

Winston-Salem school visits by Pulitzer Prize winners. *Collaborator: Bookmarks Festival of Books and Authors*

Note: Schedule to be announced soon

September 10, 2016

Bookmarks Festival of Books and Authors: Author Reading

251 N Spruce Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Winston-Salem, NC

Pulitzer NC Piedmont

Reading/panel, Q&A, and book signing. *Collaborator: Bookmarks Festival of Books and Authors*

Note: Schedule to be announced soon

September 10, 2016

Carolina Mountains Literary Festival Pulitzer Keynote

Burnsville, NC

Pulitzer NC Mountains

A keynote presentation by a Pulitzer Prize winning writer during Carolina Mountains Literary Festival.

Collaborator: AMY Regional Libraries

Note: Schedule to be announced soon

September 15, 2016 – 4:30-6:30pm (4:30pm-5:30pm Reception, 5:30pm-6:30pm Program)

Hashtag Activism: New Media Mobilizes Communities of Interest

Johnson C. Smith University, New Science Center Auditorium

100 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28216

Pulitzer Charlotte: Power and Accountability

Dr. Cheryl Butler-Brayboy, Associate Professor of English in the Department of Languages & Literature at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, and distinguished panelists will explore the power of new media to trigger social activism and political action.

Speakers include:

- Dr. Mohammed el-Nawawy, Knight-Crane endowed chair and Associate Professor in the Knight School of Communication at Queens University of Charlotte. His work focuses on new media in the Middle East.
- Dr. Meredith Clark, Assistant Professor of Journalism at the University of North Texas, Denton, TX. Her research includes race in media, digital and social media, and digital journalism pedagogy.

September 27, 2016

Old South/New South through Media

Central Piedmont Community College Central Campus, Tate Auditorium and Gallery

1201 Elizabeth Ave, Charlotte, NC 28204

Pulitzer Charlotte: Power and Accountability

These moderated conversations will explore how media has shaped the South by shifting the balance of power, accountability, reliability and credibility of information sources.

Events include:

- **A daytime panel**, moderated by Anasa Sinegal, division director for Digital Media, Journalism & Communication at Central Piedmont Community College (CPC). Panelists will include: Kevin Siers (Editorial Cartooning, 2004); Dr. Meredith Clark, Assistant Professor of Journalism at the University of North Texas; Dr. Eric Freedman, Dean of the James L. Knight School of Communication at

Queens University; and documentary filmmaker Rodrigo Dorfman, best known for his work documenting the Latino community in North Carolina for the past 25 years.

- **A gallery exhibit**, showcasing sample editorial cartoons, photos that accompanied Pulitzer winning investigative reporting; excerpts of Pulitzer writing; student “vines,” memes, and photos; and other materials from the year-long celebration. Discussion guides will build audiences’ media literacy by inviting them to explore the credibility of materials.
- **A VIP reception** catered by CPCC culinary school students and featuring Mark West, Dean of English Department, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, presenting *Old South/New South Reflected in Doug Marlette’s Kudzu*.
- **Showing of the documentary films** by Rodrigo Dorfman.
- **An evening keynote and Q&A** with Dr. Freedman and Jane Elizabeth from American Press Institute on *Technology, Disruption and the Future of News Literacy*.

Note: Schedule to be announced soon

October 12-13, 2016 – Performance October 13, 4pm

Ayad Akhtar at East Carolina University

East Carolina University, McGinnis Theater

1001 E 5th St, Greenville, NC 27858

Pulitzer NC Coastal Plains

East Carolina University Contemporary Writers Series, in collaboration NCHC, will present Pulitzer Prize winner playwright Ayad Akhtar in diverse community programs to target area youth. Events will include a public forum for students, performance of scenes from his prize-winning play *Disgraced* (2012), and classroom visits. Akhtar will also give radio interviews to address current concerns about persistent racial and ethnic prejudices that have grown at an alarming rate due to recent events. ***Collaborator: East Carolina University Contemporary Writers Series***

October 21, 2016 - 6-7:30pm

Galway Kinnell: A Return to Black Mountain

Lenoir-Rhyne University Asheville

2nd Floor Conference Room, 36 Montford Avenue, Asheville, NC 28704

Pulitzer NC Mountains

North Carolina historian and poet Laura Hope-Gill, and NCHC Scholar Emeritus Harlan Gradin, present an evening featuring Pulitzer Prize winner Galway Kinnell (Poetry, 1982). The program will include a short film produced and directed by Hope-Gill, based on an interview she conducted with Kinnell on his return visit to Black Mountain College in 2008. The film explores Kinnell’s reflections on his summer visit to the college in summer of 1947, when he was still seeking an environment to grow his own voice in poetry away from the halls of convention. The evening will also feature readings of Kinnell’s work, a lecture on Black Mountain College’s history before “famous people” arrived, and stories by Gradin, who through his work at NCHC was instrumental in bringing Kinnell back to North Carolina in 2008. ***Collaborator: The Thomas Wolfe Center for Narrative at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Asheville***

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