Thursday, October 10, 2019

1:00 – 1:10 p.m.  Welcome & Opening Remarks, Bryan Giemza, Texas Tech University
1:10 – 1:50 p.m.  Remembering Dr. William Tydeman, Remarks by Barry Lopez

Session A: Geography of the Body in West Texas: A Creative Writing Roundtable
Catherine Ragsdale, Jennifer Popa, Jess Smith, Hali Salome Cardenas, Maeve Kirk, Katherine Jackson, and Claudia Diaz, Texas Tech University

5:30 p.m.  Plenary: I Was Country When Country Wasn’t Cool
Stephen Graham Jones, University of Colorado-Boulder.
Reception and book signing to follow.

Friday, October 11, 2019

9:30 a.m.  Morning Refreshments
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.  Session B: In Search of Texas Beauty
Honors First Year Experience students

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Session C
Dream Birds: Prose Poems, Theron Francis, Sul Ross State University
Wolfe, Donald Mace Williams, Canyon, Texas

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  Lunch
1:00 – 2:10 p.m.  Session D: The Nature of Travel: Poems
John Poch, Texas Tech University
Matthew Porto, Texas Tech University
Lindsay Tigue, Eastern New Mexico University
2:25 – 3:00 p.m.  Stephen Graham Jones Q & A
3:10 – 4:00 p.m.  Session E
Dog Days, Toni Jensen, University of Arkansas
Outliers, Elizabeth Dodd, Kansas State University
5:30 p.m.  Plenary: The Modern Writer's Social Responsibilities
Barry Lopez
Reception and book signing to follow.

Saturday, October 12, 2019
9:00 a.m.  Morning Refreshments
9:30 – 10:40 a.m.  Session F: Investigating Wild: Internal Landscapes and Their Inhabitants
Clara Bush Vadala, Texas Tech University (Alum)
Meghan Giles, Texas Tech University
Sara Ryan, Texas Tech University
10:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Session G: From Lubbock to the World
National Day of the Journalist, Dennis Covington, Texas Tech University (ret.)
In the Moments Before Gunfire, Jill Patterson, Texas Tech University
Recent Poems, William Wenthe, Texas Tech University
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  Lunch
1:00 – 1:50 p.m.  Session H
Desert Haunting: A Gothic Reading of Arturo Asla's The Rain God, Cordelia Barrera, Texas Tech University
Consecrated Abomination: Pilgrimage and Churchyard Homage in Dickens' Bleak House, Dan Stuart, University of North Texas
2:00 – 2:50 p.m.  Session I
Heavier Concerns, Valerie Wayson, Texas Tech University
Parent Material, Lee Anne Gallaway-Mitchell, University of Arizona
3:00 – 3:50 p.m.  Session J
The Legends of La Mamoma, Jennifer Buentello, Texas Tech University
The Darkest, Lisa Levine, University of Arizona
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.  Session K: Who Stole the Planet?: Colonization, Capital, and Enslavement
Priscilla Ybarra, University of North Texas
4:30 p.m.  Closing Remarks
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