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“WRITING AT WESTERN” EVENT TO CELEBRATE WNMU WRITERS

Silver City, NM – Faculty and staff at Western New Mexico University will read from their published works on Friday, February 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Miller Library during the event “Writing at Western”. The public is invited, and refreshments will follow the readings. A new, updated bibliography of the published work of WNMU writers will also be presented.

Sharman Apt Russell, director of the Writing Across the Curriculum program, will introduce the “chorus of voices” who represent work from many disciplines. The readers include Dr. Joseph Shepard, WNMU President; new faculty member Dr. Mark Chu, a professor in the Social Sciences Department; Dr. Mary Leen, a professor in the Humanities Department; Ann Marie Elder, a professor of Theatre Arts in the Expressive Arts Department; Dr. Manda Jost, a professor of Biology in the Natural Sciences Department; J. J. Wilson, WNMU’s writer-in-residence; Andrea Jaquez, a public service librarian at Miller Library; and new faculty member Dr. Suk-Jun Kim, a professor of Sound in the Expressive Arts Department. Topics range from an interpretation of Italo Calvino’s *Invisible Cities* to the history of Fort Bayard.

“These are short five-minute readings, bursts of flavor, meant to show students and the community how our faculty and staff use writing in their professional lives,” said Russell. “The readings have become an annual event, a fun, informal celebration of research and innovation. We never know what the participants will choose to read, and the audience is always delighted at the breadth of work being done here on campus.”

“Writing at Western” is co-hosted by Miller Library and the Writing Across the Curriculum program. The philosophy of Writing Across the Curriculum is that writing is a complex skill that must be taught and encouraged across the disciplines throughout a student’s university career. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a university to raise a writer.

Located in Silver City, New Mexico, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the state of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public coeducational university since 1893 and caters to a student body diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background.

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