

## ALAN 2017 Workshop Schedule

Monday November 20, 2017

- 7:00-8:00     **Registration**
- 8:00-8:05     **Welcome**  
Laura Renzi                             2017 ALAN President
- 8:05-8:35     **Keynote**  
Jason Reynolds                         (Simon & Schuster)  
Brendan Kiely                            (Simon & Schuster)  
*Introduced by Laura Renzi, West Chester University of PA, West Chester PA.*
- 8:35-8:55     **History is Alive**  
Martha Brockenbrough                 (Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group)  
Cynthia Levinson                       (Peachtree Publishers)  
Sanford Levinson                       (Peachtree Publishers)  
Winfred Conkling                       (Workman Publishing Co.)  
*Chaired by Beth Shaum, St. Francis Cabrini Catholic School, Allen Park MI*
- 8:55-9:15     **Giving Voice to Difficult Experiences**  
Donovan Mixon                           (Cinco Puntos Press)  
Daniel Magariel                         (Simon & Schuster)  
NoNieqa Ramos                         (Carolrhoda Lab/Lerner Publishing Group))  
Eric Gansworth                         (Scholastic)  
*Chaired by Rob Bittner, Okanagan College, Kelowna, BC*
- 9:15-9:35     **Changing Minds and Bodies: YA Fantasy and Science Fiction**  
Daniel Jose’ Older                       (Scholastic)  
Jon McGoran                             (Holiday House)  
Gregg Hurwitz                            (Tor)  
*Chaired by, Aaron Levy, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA*
- 9:35-9:40     **Booktalks**
- 9:40-10:00    **Contemporary Non-Fiction and Developing Empathy**  
Shaka Senghor                           (Books on Tape/Listening Library)  
Dion Graham                             (Books on Tape/Listening Library)  
Steve Sheinkin                         (Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group)  
*Chaired by Sarah Ressler Wright, Rutherford B. Hayes High School, Delaware, OH*

10:00-10:15 **Individual Speaker**

Holly Black (Little Brown for Young Readers)  
*Introduced by Nancy Johnson, Western Washington University,  
Bellingham WA*

10:15-10:25 **Break**

10:25-10:45 **Living Extraordinary Lives**

Kathryn Erskine (Scholastic)  
Julie Buxbaum (Random House Children's Books)  
Adam Silvera (Harper Collins Children's Books)  
*Chaired by Brian Wyzlic, Brandon School Division, Manitoba*

10:45-11:05 **Invention and Obsession: YA Suspense**

Lynn Weingarten (Simon & Schuster)  
E. Lockhart (Random House Children's Books)  
*Chaired by Teri Lesesne, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX*

11:05-11:25 **In Conversation**

Laini Taylor (Little Brown For Young Readers)  
Megan Whalen Turner (Harper Collins Children's Books)  
*Introduced by Shelbie Witte, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK*

11:25-11:30 **Presentation of the Nilsen-Donelson Award**

*Presented by Alan Teasley, Duke University, Durham, NC*

11:30-12:25 **Breakout Sessions**

**Session 1**  
**Room 120** **Disrupting Notions of Stigma while Empowering Voices:  
Examining Language Identity, Mental Illness, and Disability  
through Young Adult Literature**

Elsie Lindy Olan University of Central Florida  
Wendy Farkas Northern Michigan University  
Kia Jane Richmond Northern Michigan University

**Session 2**  
**Room 121** **"Everybody Wants to be a Champion...You Have to Start By  
Wanting to Be a Contender" : Young Adult and Children's  
Literature n Sports Literacy Programs**

Alan Brown Wake Forest University  
Rebekah Degener The Ohio State University

**Session 3      A Range of Voices and Potentials in Middle Grade LGBTQIA  
Room 122      Literature**

Katherine Mason Cramer	Wichita State University
April Bannon	California State University – Fullerton
Kelly Fredrick	Mayberry Cultural and Fine Arts Magnet Middle School
Keely Tolbert	Truesdell Middle School

**Session 4      Giving Voice to Refugee-Immigrant-Displaced Adolescents: Using  
Room 123      Stories and other Resources to Engage ALL Students in  
Conversation**

Connie S. Zitlow	Ohio Wesleyan University
Lois Stover	Marymount University
Sarah Ressler Wright	Delaware Hayes High School

**Session 5      YAL as General Education: Reopening Doors to Reading,  
Room 124      Literature, and Adolescence**

Chris Crowe	Brigham Young University
Katie Iron	Brigham Young University

**Session 6      Breaking the YA World Wide Open: Why Graphic Novels Matter  
Room 125**

William Boerman-Cornell	Trinity Christian College
Jung Kim	Lewis University
Marissa Moss	Creston Books

**Session 7      YouTubers and YAL: Exploring New Media Voices and Their  
Room 126      Connections to Student Life and Achievement**

Ann Reddy	Tiffin Columbian High School
Devan Toncler	Tiffin Columbian High School

**Session 8      It's Time to Kill the Mockingbird: How and Why to Replace a  
Room 127      Problematic Classic**

Jennifer Nabers	The Latin School of Chicago
Whitney Gorton	The Latin School of Chicago
Max Melgarejo	The Latin School of Chicago
Richard Dickinson	The Latin School of Chicago
Amy Atkinson	The Latin School of Chicago

**Session 9      From Seneca Falls to Selma to Stonewall: Literature to Inspire  
Room 128      Young Adults to Raise Their Hands High**

Ruth Caillouet                      Georgia Gwinnett College  
Kristi Amatucci                      Georgia Gwinnett College

**Session 10      No One Listens in to a Teenager: How YA Brings a Voice to the  
Room 130      Voiceless**

Kim Arroyo                              Gavit Middle School  
Jenette Vehrs-Snelson              Lake Central High School  
Alana Anderson                      Gavit Middle School  
Mark Letcher                          Lewis University

**12:25-1:10      Lunch (On Your Own)**

**1:10-1:25      Individual Speaker**

Joseph Bruchac                      (Penguin Young Readers)  
*Introduced by James Blasingame, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ*

**1:25-1:45      Speaking Out in a Culture of Silence**

Jewell Parker Rhodes              (Little Brown for Young Readers)  
Angie Thomas                      (Harper Collins Children's Books)  
Nic Stone                              (Random House Children's Books)  
*Chaired by Ebony Elizabeth Thomas, University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia PA*

**1:45-2:05      Not Your Typical Fantasy**

Linsey Miller                          (Sourcebooks)  
Andrew Shvarts                      (Disney-Hyperion)  
Cora Carmack                          (Tor)  
*Chaired by Ricki Ginsberg, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO*

**2:05-2:25      In Conversation**

Patrick Ness                              (Harper Collins Children's Books)  
Michael Cart  
*Introduced by Gary Salvner, Youngstown State University, Youngstown,  
OH*

**2:25-2:30      Booktalks**

- 2:30-2:50 **The “American” Experience**  
 Samira Ahmed (Soho Press)  
 Reneé Watson (Bloomsbury)  
 Mitali Perkins (Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group)  
*Chaired by Jillian Heise, NBCT, Kenosha Unified School District, Kenosha, WI*
- 2:50-3:00 **Break**
- 3:00-3:20 **The Healing Power of Art in Adolescent’s Lives**  
 Joy McCullough (Penguin Young Readers)  
 Nina Berkhout (Groundwood)  
*Chaired by Lois Stover, Marymount University, Arlington, VA*
- 3:20-3:35 **Individual Speaker**  
 Francisco X. Stork (Scholastic)  
*Introduced by Daria Plumb, Traverse City West Senior High School, Traverse City, MI*
- 3:35-3:55 **Adventure and Dreaming: Adolescents Being Seen**  
 Tanya Lloyd Kyi (Groundwood)  
 J.C. Geiger (Disney-Hyperion)  
 Jennifer Smith (Random House Children’s Books)  
*Chaired by Shanetia Clark, Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD*
- 3:55-4:15 **Opening Minds: Perspective on Power and Sex**  
 Amy Reed (Simon & Schuster)  
 Maria Padian (Workman Publishing Co.)  
 Ashley Blake (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)  
*Chaired by Danielle King Watkins, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT*
- 4:15-4:30 **Individual Speaker**  
 Julie Murphy (Harper Collins Children’s Books)  
*Introduced by Wendy Glenn, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO*
- 4:30-5:00 **Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award**  
*The Serpent King, by Jeff Zentner (Random House Children’s Books)*  
*Salt to the Sea, by Ruta Sepetys (Penguin Young Readers)*  
*Girl in Pieces, by Kathleen Glasgow (Random House Children’s Books)*  
*The Smell of Other People’s Houses, by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock (Random House Children’s Books)*  
*The Sun Is Also a Star, by Nicola Yoon (Random House Children’s Books)*  
*Chaired by Lisa Scherff, REL Pacific – McTel International, Honolulu, HI*

**Tuesday November 21, 2017**

- 8:00-8:05 **ALAN Membership**  
Suzanne Metcalfe, ALAN Membership Secretary
- 8:05-8:15 **ALAN Review**  
Wendy Glenn, Coeditor, *The ALAN Review*  
Ricki Ginsberg, Coeditor, *The ALAN Review*  
Dani King-Watkins, Coeditor, *The ALAN Review*
- 8:15-8:35 **Keynote**  
Meg Medina (Candlewick)  
*Introduced by Jennie Ortiz, West Chester University, West Chester, PA*
- 8:35-8:55 **The Cleansing Power of Truth**  
Erika L. Sánchez (Random House Children's Books)  
Nina LaCour (Penguin Young Readers)  
Karen Rivers (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group)  
*Chaired by Mark Letcher, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL*
- 8:55-9:15 **In Conversation: Diversity in Fantasy and Science Fiction**  
Cindy Pon (Simon & Schuster)  
Dhonielle Clayton (Disney-Hyperion)  
*Introduced by Karin Perry, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX*
- 9:15-9:30 **Individual Speaker**  
Christopher Paul Curtis (Scholastic)  
*Introduced by Jennifer Ansbach, Manchester Township High School, Manchester, NJ*
- 9:30-9:35 **Booktalks**
- 9:35-9:55 **The Mythology You Never Knew**  
Roshani Chokshi (Rick Riordan Presents/Disney Book Group)  
Emmy Laybourne (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group)  
Amalie Howard (Skyhorse)  
*Chaired by Lisa Scherff, REL Pacific – McTel International, Honolulu, HI*
- 9:55-10:15 **In Conversation**  
Laurie Halse Anderson (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group)  
Chris Crutcher (Harper Collins Children's Books)  
*Introduced by Jennifer Buehler, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO*
- 10:15-10:30 **BREAK**

- 10:30-10:50 **The Exploration of Adolescent Choice**  
 Lianne Oelke (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)  
 Jenny Han (Simon & Schuster)  
 Sandhya Menon (Simon & Schuster)  
*Chaired by Cindy Minnich, Upper Dauphin Area High School, Elizabethville, PA*
- 10:50-11:05 **Individual Speaker**  
 Nancy Werlin (Penguin Young Readers)  
*Introduced by Walter Mayes, The Girls' School, Palo Alto, CA*
- 11:05-11:25 **The Future is Calling**  
 Julia Keller (Tor Books)  
 Jodi Lynn Anderson (Harper Collins Children's Books)  
*Chaired by Kellee Moye, Hunters Creek Middle School, Orlando, FL*
- 11:25-11:30 **Booktalks**
- 11:30-11:50 **Mystery in YA**  
 Varian Johnson (Scholastic)  
 Adriana Mather (Random House Children's Books)  
 Emily Murphy (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)  
*Chaired by Steve Bickmore, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV*
- 11:50-12:10 **In Conversation**  
 David Lubar (Tor Books)  
 Jordan Sonnenblick (Scholastic)  
*Introduced by Bryan Gillis, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA*
- 12:10-12:30 **Research and Historical Fiction**  
 Tonya Bolden (Bloomsbury)  
 Alan Gratz (Scholastic)  
 Randall Platt (Skyhorse)  
 Amy Brashear (Soho Press)  
*Chaired by Chris Crowe, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT*
- 12:30-12:50 **The Women are Coming**  
 Jennifer Mathieu (Macmillan Children's Publishing Group)  
 Kelly Jensen (Workman Publishing Co.)  
 Samira Ahmed (Soho Press)  
*Chaired by Pauline Schmidt, West Chester University, West Chester PA*

- 12:50-1:10 **When Cultures and Lives Clash**  
Marina Budhos (Random House Children's Books)  
Kim Purcell (Disney -Hyperion)  
Marcie Rendon (Cinco Puntos Press)  
*Chaired by Donalyn Miller, Book Whisperer Inc.*
- 1:10-1:30 **YA Influenced by the Classics**  
Shaun David Hutchinson (Simon & Schuster)  
Catherynne Valente (Simon & Schuster)  
Katie Nelson (Skyhorse)  
*Chaired by Susan Groenke, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN*
- 1:30-1:50 **The Family You Know and The Family You Don't**  
Cat Winters (Abrams)  
Sayantani DasGupta (Simon & Schuster)  
J.L. Powers (Akashic)  
M.A. Powers (Akashic)  
*Chaired by Helene Halstead, University of Georgia, Athens, GA*
- 1:50-2:00 **Handover**  
Laura Renzi ALAN President 2017  
Mark Letcher ALAN President 2018