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Annual Spring Writers Festival

Milwaukee—The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education presents the Annual Spring Writers Festival, April 28-30, 2006, a conference for writers who want to improve their skills and learn more about being published.

This year's festival will feature award winning and Oprah Book Club author A. Manette Ansay, Guggenheim Foundation and NEA fellow C.J. Hribal, New York Times and Washington Post published Liam Callahan, and noted freelance writer and author Kelly James- Enger as session leaders and guest speakers.

The Annual Spring Writers Festival is recognized as an outstanding resource and educational experience for writers. In addition to readings, craft workshops, panels and manuscript reviews, there are manuscript pitch sessions with authors, editors and representatives from literary agencies.

The Annual Spring Writers Festival also includes two pre-conference intensive sessions.

Writing from Your Life is an intensive session that will focus on using life experiences to write memoirs and build fiction storylines. This workshop will explore the creative art of turning memories into memoirs and it will examine how to develop both nonfiction and fictional work that may result in a children's book, a short story, an article, or perhaps a novel.

The *Birthing the Baby—Master Class in the Short Story* intensive session focuses on putting an end to anticipation and excuses when it comes to writing. This is a two-part, day-long session that will combine craft, workshop and studio strategies to afford writers the support and the creative environment to create the short story they have been longing to write.

Other highlights of the festival include workshops on practical tips for getting published, networking with principles in the publishing industry, inspiration to help writers maximize their goals and quality, as well as opportunities to have works in progress reviewed by writing professionals.

The Annual Spring Writers Festival will be held April 28-30 at the UWM-School of Continuing Education, 161 W Wisconsin Ave, in downtown Milwaukee. To learn more contact Anne O'Meara at 227- 3311 or aomeara@uwm.edu.###