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BOWEN TO TEACH FICTION COURSES AT MSU SUMMER COLLEGE

In connection with this year's Writers' Conference, two five-week courses in fiction will be taught at Montana State University by Robert O. Bowen, novelist and short story writer, starting July 22, according to H. V. Larom, director of the conference.

Bowen, now chairman of the creative writing committee at the University, is the author of three novels, "The Weight of the Cross," "Bamboo," and "Sidestreet." He has published short stories, articles and reviews in Western Review, Epoch, the New York Times, Accent, Prairie Schooner and a number of other magazines. Two of his short stories were selected for the Martha Foley Best American Short Story series, Larom said.

A Fulbright fellow at the University of Wales in 1952-53, Bowen has taught at the University of Alabama, Cornell University, and the State University of Iowa. His publishing experience includes work as an editor of A.D., 1952-53; an editor of Epoch, 1953-55, and as fiction editor for Western Review, 1955-56. He has recently been appointed editor of the Beacon Annual Best Short Stories for 1958, Larom added.

Bowen will also be in charge of the short story workshop at the MSU Writers' Conference, which runs from July 22 - 27.

For students who are able to stay longer than the week of the Writers' Conference, Bowen will teach two five-week courses, one in the writing of the short story and one in the writing of the novel. Each course offers one undergraduate or graduate credit. During the first week, July 22-27, registrants attend the Writers' Conference at no extra charge, Larom said. For the following four weeks, through August 23, each course consists of one two-hour lecture period a week, plus personal conferences. Those wishing to take either of these courses should register through regular University channels, Larom added.