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MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY WRITERS ON CONFERENCE STAFF

Three professional writers from the Montana State University staff will join with visiting staff members to teach the writing of novels, short stories, articles, juveniles, history, criticism and poetry, during the 10th annual Writers' Conference to be held on the MSU campus from July 21 - 26, according to H. V. Larom, conference director.

Robert O. Bowen, who teaches the advanced courses in creative writing, will teach fiction. He is the author of three novels,"The Weight of the Cross", "Bamboo", and "Sidestreet". Bowen has also written many short stories, Larom added, two of them having appeared in the "Best American Short Stories" series edited by Martha Foley.

Leslie A. Fiedler of the English Dept. will be in charge of the poetry workshop. A nationally known poet and critic, he is the author of "An End to Innocence", and has published poems in numerous magazines, Larom said. Dr. Fiedler has had two Fulbright fellowships to Italy and spent last year at Princeton as the Christian Gauss Lecturer, and as a visiting professor of creative writing.

As well as being conference director, Larom will teach the writing of juveniles. He is the author of six books, his latest being "Ride Like An Indian!" which was picked by the Children's Weekly Reader Book club as a September selection. Four of his books have been re-printed by Grosset and Dunlap in the Great Horse Stories series; several have been selected by the Teen-age Book Club and the Catholic Book Club; three of them have been translated into French, one into German, and one into Italian.

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Visiting members of the staff include Archie Binns of Washington, who has published fiction, novels, history, biography and juveniles; Bernard Malamud, author of "The Natural", "The Assistant" and "The Magic Barrel"; Albert Q. Maisel, author of more than 350 articles in Reader's Digest and other magazines; and A. B. Guthrie, Jr., Pulitzer Prize winner and author of "The Big Sky", "The Way West", and "These Thousand Hills". A current issue of Holiday magazine carries his article on mountains in America.

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As well as reading manuscripts and serving on panels, Guthrie will serve as master of ceremonies at the 10th anniversary dinner on Saturday, July 26, Larom announced. Saturday will be Montana-Northwest Writers day, and Montana authors not on the regular staff will visit the campus, discuss Northwest writing, and attend the dinner.

Those wishing further information on the conference or on Montana-Northwest Writers' Day, should contact Larom at the University.

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