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**10TH ANNUAL YELLOW BAY WRITERS' WORKSHOP CONVENES AUG. 10**

**MISSOULA—**

The University of Montana's Yellow Bay Writers' Workshop will celebrate its 10th anniversary Sunday through Saturday, Aug. 10-16, bringing in four nationally known writers to its traditional setting at the Flathead Lake Biological Station.

Novelist Jayne Anne Phillips of Brandeis University will teach a fiction-writing workshop. Also teaching fiction writing will be Kevin Canty, an English professor at The University of Montana—Missoula whose recent novel and collection of stories have received rave reviews.

Jane Hirshfield, an award-winning poet from the Bay area, will teach the poetry-writing workshop. And recent Montana immigrant David James Duncan, whose novels, stories and essays portray the watery natural world of the Northwest, will teach creative nonfiction writing.

The daily schedule will include morning workshops, afternoon craft lectures and evening readings by faculty and participants. The diversity of students drawn to this workshop and the intimacy of living together for a week with other writers continues to make Yellow Bay Writers' Workshop an alluring experience, said Shauna Miller, a program manager at UM's Center for Continuing Education.

"There is something truly magical about this gathering," she said. "Writers are intensely discussing character development ... or something equally vital, on the deck above the lake as the last bit of daylight fades over the mountains to the west."

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The first day of the workshop will feature emerging Montana writers Neil McMahon, Robert Lee and Janisse Ray in the first reading of the Montana Writers Tour sponsored by Hellgate Writers, a Missoula-based literary organization. Directing the event for the 10th straight year will be Missoula author Annick Smith, co-editor of "The Last Best Place."

Each of the four workshops is limited to 15 participants. The week-long event costs \$825 and includes lodging, meals and workshop fees. Participants who choose not to stay at Yellow Bay may pay a special commuter price of \$495.

The application deadline is July 1. To apply, write Miller at the Center for Continuing Education, The University of Montana, Missoula 59812-1900; call (406) 243-2094 or 888-254-2544; fax (406) 243-2047; or e-mail [shaunam@selway.umt.edu](mailto:shaunam@selway.umt.edu).

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