**Forum for Undergraduate Student Editors (FUSE)**

**Caucus Minutes**

**AWP – Philadelphia**

**Friday, March 25, 2022 3:20PM to 4:35PM**

**126A, Pennsylvania Convention Center, 100 Level**

The Forum for Undergraduate Student Editors (FUSE) caucus allows undergraduate student writers and editors, accompanied by faculty advisors and mentors, to network and discuss issues related to the world of undergraduate literary publishing, editing, and writing. Organizational and event updates are followed by an open discussion.

The 2022 caucus took place at AWP Philadelphia both in-person and online.

**Announcements:**

Welcome to the caucus of the Forum for Undergraduate Student Editors (FUSE). A few reminders before we begin:

• For those needing or wishing to follow along to a written text, please let the moderator of the panel, Rachel Hall, know, and a printed copy will be delivered to you.

• Please make sure that spaces marked for wheelchairs remain clear of chairs or other barriers.

• Treat service animals as working animals and do not attempt to distract or pet them.

• Be aware of those with chemical sensitivities and refrain from wearing scented products.

• Please be aware that your fellow attendees may have invisible disabilities. Do not question anyone’s use of an accommodation while at the conference, including for chairs reserved for those with disabilities

**Outline:**

1. Open Meet and Greet
2. Official Introductions
   1. Panel Moderator Rachel Hall, author of *Heirlooms*, a collection of linked stories, which was selected by Marge Piercy for the BkMk Press 2015 G.S. Sharat Chandra book prize, is Professor of English at SUNY Geneseo, where she holds two Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence.
   2. Michael Cocchiarale, Associate Professor of English and Creative Writing at Widener University, where he teaches courses in American literature, fiction writing, and composition, is the author of *Here Is Ware* (short stories) and *None of the Above* (a novel).
   3. S. Craig Renfroe Jr. (unable to be present at the Caucus) is an associate professor of creative writing at Queens University of Charlotte and the faculty advisor for the undergraduate literary magazine *Signet*.
   4. Event Organizer Abigail Cloud, a Teaching Professor at Bowling Green State University specializing in poetry and literary publishing, chiefs *Mid-American Review* and advises *Prairie Margins*.
   5. FUSE Leaders
      1. Catherine Zobal Dent, FUSE National faculty director; advisor of FUSE Susquehanna
      2. Reed Wilson, FUSE National board advisory member; faculty advisor of *West Wind* at UCLA
      3. Alison Jaenicke; FUSE National board advisory member; faculty advisor of *Kalliope* and *Klio* at Penn State
      4. Alison Wellford, FUSE National board advisory member; faculty advisor of *Pitch* at Cedar Crest
      5. Audrey Colombe, FUSE National board advisory member; faculty advisor at *Glass Mountain* at University of Houston
   6. FUSE Alumni: Arden Lee and Emily Teitsworth
   7. Universities and Publications Represented
      1. BGSU: *Prairie Margins*
      2. Calumet College of St. Joseph: *Against the Grain*
      3. Cedar Crest College: *Pitch*
      4. Indiana University: *IU East* and *Tributaries*
      5. Penn State University: *Kalliope* and *Klio*
      6. SUNY Geneseo: *Gandy Dancer*
      7. SUNY Oswego: *Subnivean*
      8. Susquehanna University: *RiverCraft, Essay, Sanctuary, The Squirrel, The Apprentice Writer*
      9. Tusculum University: *Tusculum Review* and *Sit Lux*
      10. UC Santa Barbara: *Spectrum*
      11. UC Santa Clara: *Santa Clara Review*
      12. UCLA: *West Wind*
      13. University of Houston: *Glass Mountain*
      14. University of Minnesota: *The Tower*
      15. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: *Furrow; Cream City Review*
      16. Widener University: *Blue Route; Widener Ink; Q&A Queer Zine*
3. Report on FUSE 2021 Virtual Event

The 2021 online event took place November 3-5, 2021, in conjunction with Bowling Green State University’s Winter Wheat: The *Mid-American Review* Festival of Writing. 11 schools participated, with approximately 45 individuals registered. 3 panels, an editors’ roundtable, a publishing pros Q&A, and an open mic formed the offerings.

1. Plans for FUSE Conference 2022 and 2023

The FUSE event for Fall of 2022 will be an online event organized by Michael Cocchiarale and student leaders. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers. Michael Cocchiarale will get in touch with the organizers. The event will take place in October 2022.

The FUSE Conference will resume in person in 2023, hosted by SUNY Geneseo with Rachel Hall as the faculty director.

1. Q&A/Discussion and Updates

Schools in attendance at the Caucus shared challenges and successes over the past year.

1. Goals for 2022-2023

To host national online events regularly. A yearly membership fee of $50 per institution was proposed and approved.