

Conroy Center Hosts 5th Annual March Forth Online

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Entering its fifth year, March Forth is a signature annual program of the nonprofit Pat Conroy Literary Center, commemorating the anniversary of Pat Conroy's death (March 4, 2016) with educational conversations about storytelling, conservation, social justice, and inclusivity—major themes of Conroy's writing and teaching life.

The annual event will be held virtually on March 4, 6, and 7, 2021 (Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday), and presented in partnership with **Penn Center, NeverMore Books, the Beaufort County School District,** and

First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort.

March Forth is sponsored by

South Carolina Humanities

, a not-for-profit organization inspiring, engaging and enriching South Carolinians with programs on literature, history, culture, and heritage.

Thursday evening's program is free and open to the public on Zoom or as a livestreamed video on the Conroy Center's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/patconroyliterarycenter).

Saturday and Sunday's programs require advance registration with a \$25 all-inclusive fee.

Learn more and register at

<https://marchforth2021.eventbrite.com>

Books by presenting authors are available locally at Beaufort's NeverMore Books.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 4, 6:00 p.m.: **Bruce Feiler**, *New York Times* best-selling author of *Council of Dads* and



Walking the Bible (both adapted as TV series) will discuss his newest book *Life Is in the Transitions: Mastering Change at Any Age* in conversation with

Rev. Patrick Perryman

of First Presbyterian Church of Beaufort. (free online event)

Saturday, March 6, 10:00 a.m.: Former *State* newspaper journalist **Claudia Smith Brinson** will discuss her book *Stories of Struggle*

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The Clash Over Civil Rights in South Carolina

with

Rev.

Joseph A. Darby

of Charleston's Nichols Chapel AME Church.

Saturday, March 6, 11:30 a.m.: CNN commentator and former South Carolina State Representative **Bakari Sellers** will discuss his *New York Times* best-selling memoir *My Vanishing Country*

in conversation with Charleston

Post and Courier

editor and writer

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Saturday, March 6, 2:00 p.m.: Debut Young Adult author **Kalynn Bayron** will discuss her novel *Cinderella Is Dead*

in conversation with Beaufort High School students led by Conroy Center intern **Holland Perryman**

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Saturday, March 6, 3:30 p.m.: Penn Center staff members **Dr. Marie Gibbs** and **Dr. Charlene M. Spearen**

will discuss the *The Convergence of Land and Self*, an exploration of the connection between three common threads: Penn Center's history, the Gullah community, and Pat Conroy's attention to landscape as evocative of one's journey and sense of self.

Sunday, March 7, 12:30 p.m.: Join us for a virtual tour of the Pat Conroy Literary Center's new location, led by executive director **Jonathan Haupt**.

Sunday, March 7, 2:00 p.m.: Environmentalist authors **J. Drew Lanham**, author of *Sparrow* and *Envy*

and recipient of the E.O. Wilson Award for Biodiversity Conservation, and

John Lane, author of

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Whose Woods These Are□

and a South Carolina Academy of Authors honoree, will discuss their writing lives and their student-mentor relationship, moderated by USC Beaufort writer-in-residence

Ellen Malphrus

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Sunday, March 7, 3:30 p.m.: Join us for a panel discussion of *Meeting at the Table:*

African-American Women Write on Race, Culture, and Community,□

featuring novelist and editor

Tina McElroy Ansa

, journalist and editor

Wanda S. Lloyd

, professor and hip hop scholar

Regina N. Bradley

, and actress and Disney Legend

Anika Noni Rose

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Learn more about the year-round educational mission of the nonprofit Pat Conroy Literary Center online at www.patconroyliterarycenter.org or in person at 905 Port Republic Street in downtown Beaufort.

Pictured above: Anika Noni Rose, Bruce Feiler, Bakari Sellers