

# Annual Meeting of the RPW Circle

~ Guthrie, Kentucky ~

**2022**

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## Thursday, April 21

~ The Old Oaks Farm | 2130 Fairgrounds Road | Guthrie, KY

**6:00pm:**  
**Welcome Reception @**  
**the “True Love” house**



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## Friday, April 22

~ Guthrie Transportation Museum | 218 S. Ewing St. | Guthrie, KY (all sessions)

### **9:00-9:15am: Opening of the Conference**

Aimee Berger & Kyle Taylor, Conference Co-chairs

### **9:20-10:20am: Keynote Address**

Dr. Randy Hendricks, University of West Georgia

### **10:40am-12:20pm: Moderated Session**

"The Centrality of Humanity: RPW, the Civil War and Civil Rights"

Moderator: Dr. Aimee Berger, University System of Georgia

Speakers:

Dr. Keri Overall, Texas Woman's College

Dr. Clare Byrne, Independent Scholar

Kyle Taylor, West Georgia Technical College

### **12:30-2:30pm: Lunch**

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### **2:30-4:00pm: Panel Presentations**

"Warren's Influences and Impact, Past and Present"

Moderator: Dr. Leverett Butts, University of North Georgia

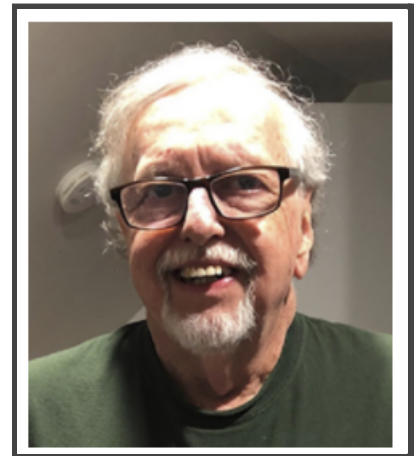
- Dennis Looney, Independent Scholar  
"Dante In and Around the Work and Life of Robert Penn Warren"
- Natalie Marroquin - University of North Georgia  
The "Opportunity Gap" and What Robert Penn Warren Would Have to Say About It Today
- Kevin Lucas, Augusta University  
"Robert Penn Warren, Mass Media, and Martyrdom"

**4:15-4:30pm:**  
**A Toast in Memory of Absent Friends**

**5:00-6:00pm:**  
**Open Mic in Honor of Jim Perkins**

Hosted by Dr. Leverett Butts, University of North Georgia

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### **6:00-8:00pm: Guthrie Celebrates Robert Penn Warren's Birthday (cake cutting @ 6:30pm!)**

Live music from The Todd County Boys in Longhurst Park

Food trucks on Ewing St Cake

*~ Longhurst Park, Downtown Guthrie*

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## Saturday, April 23

~ Guthrie Transportation Museum | 218 S. Ewing St. | Guthrie, KY (all sessions)

**10:00-10:20am: Robert Penn Warren Studies Journal welcomes new Editor**

### **10:25-11:45am: Panel Presentations**

Moderator: Dr. Ernest Suarez – Catholic University of America

- Evan Hulick - Catholic University of America  
“The Prince and the Poet: Two Florentines in Burden’s Landing”
- Matt Steinhafel - Catholic University of America  
“Mayflower Screwball: The Humor of Robert Lowell’s Yankee Persona”
- Daniel Qualk - United States Military Academy, West Point  
“Oedipal Crime: Innocence, Guilt, and Love in All the King’s Men”
- Rachel Daly - Catholic University of America  
“Does Ripe Fruit Never Fall? Fixity, Flux, and the Legacy of Cleanth Brooks”

**12:00-1:30pm: Luncheon sponsored by the Birthplace Committee**

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\*\*RPW Circle Board will convene briefly during lunch

### **1:30-2:00pm: Awards**

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- Announcement of the Brooks/Warren Book Award,
- Presentation of the Eleanor Clark Award

### **2:00-3:30pm: The RPW Circle Celebrates Guthrie**

- Announcement of the winners of the Guthrie school’s Poetry & Art Contests, with readings from the winners
- Readings from Warren’s poetry



**3:30-4:00pm: Closing of the 2022 Meeting of the Robert Penn Warren Circle**

**5:00-6:00pm**

RPW CIRCLE BOARD MTG

[discretionary time for all others!]

**6:30-9:30pm:**

**Dinner & a Movie @ *The Old Oaks Farm***

**Screening of *Band of Angels*, with Commentary**

