

2022 Poetry Day in Arkansas

October 15, 2022
Benton, AR

PRA's 2022 Poetry Day Conference is scheduled for October 15 at the Parkview United Methodist Church, 514 North Border Street, Benton, AR. Registration will begin at 9:00 am and the conference will begin at 9:30 am. There is no registration fee and a BBQ lunch will be available at \$8.50 a meal.

Laura Bridges will serve as Poetry Day Chair and Christine Henderson will serve as Poetry Day Contest Chair.

The featured speaker is Dr. Tyrone Jaeger of Hendrix College. Dr. Jaeger teaches courses on creative nonfiction, fiction, hybrid literature, and digital storytelling. He is the author of *Radio Eldorado* (Braddock Avenue Books, 2020), the story collection *So Many True Believers* and the cross-genre novella *The Runaway Note*. His writing has appeared in journals such as the *Oxford American*, *Southern Humanities Review*, *High Desert Journal*, and *The Literary Review*. Dr. Jaeger is the recipient of the Porter Fund Literary Prize, an Arkansas Arts Council Individual Artist Grant in Novel Writing, the Theodore Christian Hoephner Award, and the Frank O'Connor Award for Short Fiction.

Poetry Day is the main poetry event in Arkansas. Each year this conference honors Arkansas Poet Laureate Rosa Zagnoni Marinoni (1953-1970). As a result of her efforts to promote poetry in Arkansas, Governor Ben Laney proclaimed October 15, 1948, the first annual Poetry Day in Arkansas. For conference questions contact John McPherson at mcpherson8391@gmail.com or 501-305-9972.