

MFA OF THE AMERICAS

Residency Checklist

January 1-11, 2020

Atlantic Center for the Arts

- If you are flying, there are two options for airports: Daytona Beach (which is smaller and closer – only thirty minutes away from ACA, yet usually more expensive) or Orlando (which is generally cheaper and just over an hour away).
- You need to arrange your own travel to ACA, including to and from airports.
 - Address: 1414 Art Center Ave, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
 - Phone: (386) 427-6975
- Check in at the ACA is on January 1st, anytime between 1pm to 5pm. You cannot check in earlier.
- Departure is the morning of the 11th. The last event for the residency is the student reading on the evening of January 10th. Yes: this reading is required for all students. Time: generally 3-4 minutes. Some bring prepared work; others read something they made during the residency. We love both options!
- Paula Hogenmiller in the Graduate Offices will register you; expect to receive information about your faculty in late fall.
- Included in this email is the diet survey for the ACA. Please complete it with as much information to your dietary restrictions/needs. **Due by Monday December 2nd**.
<https://forms.gle/3KmM9mJqUaXHcUPJ8>
- The model release form is also attached in this email. Please sign it and return to program coordinator Jacklyn Gion at jgion@stetson.edu or bring to the residency to be handed in.
- The detailed residency schedule will be released to you by the end of November.
- The afternoon talks previously known as craft talks are now being called “artist talks.”
- We will be joined by Engagement and Learning Librarian Hunter Murphy, who will host an optional workshop on utilizing Stetson’s library resources and databases. A writer himself, Hunter will be also talk about research strategies for writers.
 - During the residency we have our own little MFA library from which students can check out books. These books must be returned by the end of the residency. Stetson is working to expand their resources and are preparing to order more books catered to our program.
- Here is our list of confirmed guests for the residency: Douglas Kearney, Pablo Helguera, and Yuri Herrera. Stefania Heim will be conducting the translation workshop. We encourage you to start exploring their creative work; we are also sending a list of suggested encounters (including faculty works) to engage with before the residency. Between now and January, we’ll be positing additional info about the guests on Facebook.
- We are excited to announce that LaTasha N Nevada Diggs will be joining our faculty in January as a poetry instructor.