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WRITERS RESIST
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Writers Resist Event in Boston's South End

BOSTON, MA – Authors Laura Grattan, Julie Lektstrom Himes, and Margaret Zamos-Monteith will be featured readers at a Writers Resist event being held at Boston Sculptors Gallery in Boston's South End on Sunday January 15th at 2 pm. The reading, titled WHERE THINGS BEGIN TO HAPPEN, has been organized in conjunction with artist Claudia Olds Goldie's solo exhibition SKIN DEEP, and in coordination with more than 90 Writers Resist events taking place concurrently across the nation. The Gallery is located at 486 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02118.

Community partners co-sponsoring the Writers Resist Boston South End event include Pen & Anvil Press, *Clarion* magazine, *Pustebly* journal of translation, *The New England Review of Books*, *Burn* magazine, Ibbetson Street Press, *The Battersea Review*, the feminist literary collective Whisper and the Roar, Červená Barva Press, *Oddball Magazine*, *spoKe* magazine, Dire Literary Series, and JP Lime, a hip-hop collective.

One sponsoring partner, Červená Barva Press, is operated by Gloria Mindock, Poet Laureate of Somerville; Executive Director of the Read America Read project; and author most recently of the collection *Whiteness of Bone* (Glass Lyre Press, 2016). She explains her reason for supporting Writers Resist South End Boston: "I am proud to speak up in literary protest with others throughout the country in protest for our democracy and for justice. Our freedom of expression is in danger of being silenced. We must protect our rights of having a free press, free religion, and freedom of the right to assemble. The Writers Resist movement will not be quiet. I will not be quiet."

More information can be found at fb.com/events/132262637263338 and penandanvil.com/writers-resist.

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ABOUT WRITERS RESIST. Across the country and internationally, nearly a hundred locally-organized Writers Resist events to "reclaim democracy" will be happening on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, 01/15/17, featuring hundreds of prominent literary voices. Sites include New York, Boston, Los Angeles, Austin, Portland, Omaha, Seattle, London, Zurich, and Hong Kong.

Writers Resist is a national network of writers driven to [#WriteOurDemocracy](https://www.writeourdemocracy.com) by defending the ideals of a free, just and compassionate democratic society. It was launched after the recent US election by poet Erin Belieu, an alumnus of Boston University's graduate creative writing program and founder of VIDA: Women In Literary Arts. Belieu hopes that this day of massively coordinated readings and rallies will be "a first step in focusing public attention on the ideals of a free, just and compassionate society."

The organizers of the South End Boston event share Belieu's goal that in order for us to move forward and heal from the recent election, we must focus as artists and writers on the ideals of democracy and social justice *for all*. In support of this mission, we invite you to gather with us in celebration of the importance of literature and the arts to a strong, thriving democracy.

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