

# Westview Writers' Festival Planned April 19-20 at SWOSU

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's 24th annual *Westview* Writers' Festival will be on Wednesday, April 19, and Thursday, April 20, on the Weatherford campus.

Activities both evenings will be held in the SWOSU Memorial Student Center Ballroom. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

The event celebrates the ongoing publication of *Westview*, SWOSU's literary journal, and supports emerging writers and publishers. Offering a workshop and readings by feature authors and students, the festival provides both education and entertainment while fostering the art of creative writing.

The schedule of events is:

## Wednesday, April 19

- 5-6 p.m. Publishing Workshop with Literati Press Comics and Novels

Charles Martin, author and editor in chief of Literati Press Comics and Novels, and Kristen Grace, editor and graphic novelist, offer a behind-the-scenes tour of the publishing world. Attendees will learn about submitting work for publication and how to get started in publishing-related careers.

- 6-7 p.m. Feature Reading: Kristen Grace and Charles Martin

Kristen Grace, author of *The Stepmother Who Dreamed of Feathers* (Literati Press, 2016), will read from her newest book, *Wings*, a collection of graphic feminist fairy tales for children and adults. She is joined by Charles Martin, editor of Literati Press and author of several books including *How to Control Gravity and Other Stories*, *In the Town Where All Things Are Possible*, and *The Wonderboy Serials* (all with co-author Will Weinke). A question and answer period with the authors and book signing will follow.

## Thursday, April 20

- 6-7 p.m. Feature Reading: A.W. Marshall

Pushcart Prize-nominated short fiction writer, A.W. Marshall, will read from his latest short story collection, *Simple Pleasures* (ELJ 2015). Q & A with the author and book signing to follow. For more on A.W. Marshall's work. Marshall's reading will be preceded by poetry readings by SWOSU students.

The Art of *Westview* Exhibition will be on display in the Student Center during the festival. This exhibition features the work of SWOSU's graphic design students, who have contributed their talents to the upcoming summer issue of *Westview*. Copies of *Westview* and subscriptions to the journal will also be available for purchase during this event.