



Conference 2026 Schedule Preview

Wednesday, October 21

4:00 PM Registration Opens

4:45-6:00 ***Hope Is a Practice: Sustaining Ourselves in the Work***

Thursday, October 22, 2026

7:00 AM Registration Opens

7:30-8:15 Breakfast and Writing with Capital District Writing Project

8:15-9:15 **Keynote: Brandy Colbert!**

9:30-10:30 Workshop Session A

10:45-11:45 Workshop Session B

12:00-1:00 **Session C: Lunch and Learn—NEW THIS YEAR!**

1. Hudson Valley Writing Project
2. New York State Education Department
3. Capital District Writing Project
4. NCTE Film Screening
5. Documentary, (Un)Banning Toni Morrison
6. Open Spaces for Gathering and Lunch

1:15-2:15 Workshop Session D

2:30-3:30 Workshop Session E

3:30-4:30 Cocktails and Conversation/Friends of Excellence Basket Raffle

4:30-5:30 **Trivia!**

5:30-7:00 Dinner on Your Own

7:15-8:00 **Open Mic Night—NEW THIS YEAR!**

Friday, October 23, 2026

7:00 AM Registration Opens

7:30-8:15 Breakfast and Opening Writing

8:15-9:15 **Keynote: Cornelius Minor!**

9:30-10:30 Session F

10:45-11:45 Session G

12:00-1:00 Session H

1:00-2:00 **Awards Reception|Light Lunch Fare|Closing Remarks**