



## THE LITERACY STUDIES PROGRAM

of the

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION

presents the

# 2018 LITERATURE and IMAGINATION CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Room 106 Calkins Hall, South Campus

*The Literature and Imagination Conference* is a biennial event that provides an opportunity for all who are interested in young people and their literature to assemble to create a culture of talk about books that advocate for meaningful, thoughtful, and enjoyable experiences with children's and young adult literature.

## GUEST SPEAKERS



### **Adam Gidwitz, Children's book author**

Adam Gidwitz is the Newbery Honor-winning author of *The Inquisitor's Tale*, as well as *A Tale Dark & Grimm* trilogy and *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back, So You Want to Be a Jedi?* Adam's new series, *The Unicorn Rescue Society*, will be available in April 2018. Adam believes that "the deepest truths about life tend to be written in works of fiction." After graduating from Columbia University with a major in English literature, Adam began teaching elementary school students. During the day, he would tell stories to kids. At night, as a part-time student at Bank Street College of Education, he would meet writers and read bags full of children's books and wonder how it all went together. After telling a group of second-graders a terrifying Grimm fairytale called *Faithful Johannes*, Adam recalls, "Some of them liked it. Some of them were traumatized. And one kid stuck her finger in my face and said, 'You should make that into a book!'" It became the first chapter of his book *A Tale Dark & Grimm*.

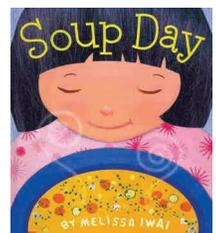
Adam will share some thoughts on his writing process and how to engage young readers, as well as the research and life experiences that inform his storytelling.



### **Melissa Iwai, Children's book illustrator and author**

After earning a BFA in illustration from ArtCenter College of Design in Pasadena, California, Melissa Iwai moved to New York City to be at the center of the children's book publishing world. Her board books and picture books for children include illustrations for Eileen Spinelli's *Night Shift Daddy*, and the colorful, textured, and cheerful flip-sided circular book *I'll Hug You More* by Laura Duksta. Melissa has collaborated with her husband, playwright and children's book author Denis Markell, on *The Great Stroller Adventure* and *Hush Little Monster*. The first children's book that Melissa both wrote and illustrated, *Soup Day*, combines her passions for cooking and illustrating. Melissa also has numerous pieces in educational textbooks and children's magazines, including *Highlights*.

Melissa joins this year's *Literature and Imagination Conference* to discuss her creative process in writing and illustrating children's books.



A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

*The Literature and Imagination Conference* is sponsored by the Office of the Dean, Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Department of Specialized Programs in Education; Literacy Studies Program; Curriculum Materials Center, Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library; Reading/Writing Learning Clinic of the Joan and Arnold Saltzman Community Services Center; and Literacy Studies Doctoral Society.

Registration is required by May 10, 2018. After May 10, participants will be accommodated as space allows.

**PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR FEES AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION.**

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## Fees and Registration Information

### Professional Development Option

Professional development hours and/or in-service credit may be available through your school district. District purchase orders are accepted. The fee of \$100 per person, made payable to Hofstra University, includes food and materials.

### Graduate Credit Option (1 s.h.) for LYST 352, CRN 24391

Hofstra University students and non-Hofstra students may register in-person on the second floor of Memorial Hall, South Campus. For questions regarding registration procedures, call the Office of the Registrar at 516-463-8000, #2. Please contact the Department of Specialized Programs in Education at 516-463-5751 for further information about credit options and fees. Registration must be completed by Thursday, May 10, 2018.

For information about **LYST 352: Literature and Imagination Conference**, please email Dr. Jeanne Henry, Department of Specialized Programs in Education, at [Jeanne.M.Henry@hofstra.edu](mailto:Jeanne.M.Henry@hofstra.edu). For those taking the course for graduate credit, there is an online component, and a short paper is assigned. See Blackboard for details.

### Noncredit Option

All Hofstra students are welcome to attend, space permitting, at no charge.

The completed registration form, with payment, should be sent to:

Barbara Calvo, Senior Assistant  
Office of Professional Development Services  
School of Education  
Room 230 Hagedorn Hall  
119 Hofstra University  
Hempstead, NY 11549-1190  
Telephone: 516-463-5750 • Fax: 516-463-6006 (Purchase orders are accepted.)

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### Registration Form – Literature and Imagination Conference

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position/Student \_\_\_\_\_ School/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am registering for professional development credit; enclosed please find a check or purchase order for \$100.
- I am registering (noncredit) as a Hofstra student participant. (Registration is complimentary.)  
My Hofstra student ID number is \_\_\_\_\_.
- I am registering (noncredit) as a non-Hofstra student participant. I have enclosed \$25 for the conference, food, and materials. (Please enclose a copy of your student ID.)
- I am registering as a Hofstra faculty member, as a Hofstra alum, or as a Reading/Writing Learning Clinic literacy specialist. (Registration is complimentary.)

**Enclose check or district purchase order payable to Hofstra University and mail to  
Office of Professional Development Services (address above).**

Visa/MasterCard is accepted. To pay by credit card, please visit [hofstra.edu/edworkshopreg](http://hofstra.edu/edworkshopreg) and click on **conferences/workshops** or call **516-463-5750**. Special group rates are available.

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