

AU Writers' Conference Adds

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Alfred, NY -- A talk by award-winning poet Brian Swann has been added to the attractions at Alfred University's second annual "Writing for Your Life" conference, which begins Thursday (March 23). Swann, a poet, fiction writer, and translator whose poetry collection *Song of the Sky: Versions of Native Americans and Poems* received numerous awards, will give a lecture titled "Darkness Visible: The Indian and American" at 2:30 p.m. Friday (March 24) in room 114 of Seidlin Hall on the AU campus. Like all conference events except workshops and individual consultations, his talk is free and open to the public. Other highlights include a reading of a short piece of fiction, "The Way We Live Now," at 12:10 p.m. Friday (March 24) by Susan Morehouse, associate professor of English at AU. Her reading in the Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, is this month's Women's Studies Roundtable. The Women's Studies Roundtables are a monthly series sponsored by the Women's Studies Department. "Writing for Your Life" also features nationally known novelist Tim O'Brien, author of *The Things They Carried*, a Vietnam-era novel that was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Award; Syd Field, a prominent screen writer; and Megan Staffel, an area writer who has published two well-received novels. For additional information or to register for the workshops and private consultations, call the English Division at 607 871 2256; Susan Morehouse at 607 871 2173; or e-mail morehous@alfred.edu. Thursday, March 23: 8:15 p.m. - Ohara Lecture by novelist Tim O'Brien, Nevins Theatre, Powell Campus Center, Alfred University Friday, March 24: 9 a.m.-noon, registration for workshops and private consultations, English Division Office, Seidlin 010, Alfred University 12:20 p.m., Women's Study Roundtable, fiction reading by AU Professor Susan Morehouse, Knight Club, Powell Campus Center, Alfred University 2:30 p.m., - "Darkness Visible: The Indian and American," lecture by poet Brian Swann, room 114, Seidlin Hall, Alfred University 4:30 p.m., screening of "The Matrix," Nevins Theatre, Powell Campus Center, Alfred University 8 p.m., "Words into Pictures" lecture by screenwriter Syd Field, Room 302, Olin Building, Alfred University Saturday, March 25: 9 a.m. - noon, fiction, screenwriting and poetry workshops conducted by visiting writers, Powell Campus Center, Alfred University. Registration required. 1-3 p.m., individual consultations with visiting writers, Powell Campus Center, Alfred University. Registration required. 4-5 p.m., Writers' Roundtable, Powell Campus Center, Alfred University. 8 p.m., poetry reading by Brian Swann, Howell Hall, Alfred University.