Fall 2015 Common Read Events

Event: Common Read Writing Workshop: A Sentence that’s Never Been Written
Track Color: TBD
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: PEC
Date: Tuesday, September 1, 2015
Description: Join Phyllis Dunham, UNO MFA Candidate in Creative Nonfiction, for a writing workshop that, like Kennedy in *Aunt Alice vs. Bob Marley*, embraces writing as an act of discovery. You’ll write a sentence that’s never been written before (and hopefully fall in love with writing in the process!).

Event: Common Read Writing Workshop: The Six-Word Memoir
Track Color: TBD
Time: 12:30 PM
Location: PEC
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Description: Join Ken Rayes, Instructor of English, for a writing workshop that, like *Aunt Alice vs. Bob Marley*, reimagines the autobiographical form. We’ll write six-word memoirs that speak volumes in six short words.

Event: Common Read Book Discussion: “People Want to Read Your Mind to Ease Their Mind”
Track Color: TBD
Time: 1:00-2:00
Location: PEC
Date: Thursday, September 10, 2015
Description: Join Dr. Janet Smith for a discussion where we consider what has inspired and challenged us most as we read Kareem Kennedy’s memoir.

Event: Common Read Cultural Discussion: *Aunt Alice vs. Bob Marley* and the New Orleans Prison Complex
Track Color: TBD
Time: 1:30-2:30
Location: PEC
Date: Monday, September 14, 2015
Description: Join Dr. Elizabeth Steeby for a closer discussion of the New Orleans prison system as it relates to *Aunt Alice vs. Bob Marley* and literature and writing in general. Dr. Steeby is a member of UNO’s English faculty, and has also taught literature at the Orleans Parish Prison as part of the Orleans Parish Prison Project.

Event: Common Read Brown Bag Discussion: Higher Education in Post-Katrina New Orleans
Track Color: TBD
Time: 12:00-1:00
Location: UCC Innsbrook Suite
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2015
Description: Join us as we engage in conversation with award-winning writer and critic Fredrick Barton, who has authored four novels, a play in verse, and numerous short stories. He is also a founder of the Creative Writing Workshop at the University of New Orleans. His new book, *In the Wake of the Flagship*, was recently published by the UNOPress.
Event: Common Read Cultural Discussion: Versions of New Orleans
Track Color: TBD
Time: 1:30-2:30
Location: PEC
Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2015
Description: Join Dr. Dave Rutledge, editor of two anthologies of New Orleans-based writing, *Do You Know What It Means to Miss New Orleans* and *Where We Know: New Orleans as Home*, as he examines different aspects of New Orleans as seen in *Aunt Alice vs. Bob Marley* and other works.

Event: Get Up Stand Up: A Night of (Un)Common Readings
Track Color: TBD
Time: 5:00-7:00
Location: UC Ballroom
Date: Monday, September 28, 2015
Description: Join local slam poets, some of UNO’s best student writers, and Kareem Kennedy himself for an unforgettable evening of performances and readings! Light refreshments provided.

Event: Common Read Keynote Event: An Evening with Kareem Kennedy
Track Color: TBD
Time: 5:00-7:00
Location: UC Ballroom
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015
Description: Please join us in welcoming Kareem Kennedy, author of *Aunt Alice vs. Bob Marley*, back to UNO for an interview and book signing! Light refreshments provided.