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**Manhattanville College's Master of Art in Writing Program's**

***Meet the Writers* Literary Series 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Hosts reading by HVWC's Slapering Hol Press Authors**

**Ann Lauinger, Lorna Knowles Blake and Lyrae Van Clief-Stefanon,**

**Thursday, November 6, 7:00PM; Free and open to the public**

**at Manhattanville College's Reid Castle**

*Purchase, NY October 14, 2008:* Manhattanville College's Master of Arts in Writing Program's Meet the Writers fall literary series will host a reading by Hudson Valley Writers Center's Slapering Hol Press published poets. Featured poets include Ann Lauinger, author of *Persuasions of Fall*; Lorna Knowles Blake, author of *Permanent Address*; and Lyrae Van Clief-Stefanon, author of *Poems in Conversation and a Conversation*, a Slapering Hol Press chapbook collaboration with poet Elizabeth Alexander. The reading is scheduled for Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Admission to the reading is free and open to the public and will be located in Reid Castle on the Manhattanville College Campus 2900 Purchase Street, Purchase NY. For information or to reserve a space, call (914) 323-5300. For directions, log onto [www.manhattanville.edu](http://www.manhattanville.edu)

**Ann Lauinger's** book, *Persuasions of Fall* (University of Utah, 2004), won the Agha Shahid Ali Prize in Poetry. Her work has been anthologized, among other places, in *The*

*Bedford Introduction to Literature*, and has been featured on Poetry Daily, Verse Daily, and on Martha Stewart Living Radio. Recent poems appear in *The Cincinnati Review*, *Parnassus*, and *Smartish Pace*. A member of the literature faculty at Sarah Lawrence College, she lives in Ossining, NY.

**Lorna Knowles Blake's** first collection of poems, *Permanent Address*, won the 2006 Richard Snyder Memorial Prize and will be published by the Ashland Poetry Press in 2007. Her poems have appeared recently in *Barrow Street*, *The Bellingham Review*, *Cortland Review*, and the *Hudson Review*. She is Executive Director of the NY State IOLA Fund and a creative writing teacher and editor at *Barrow Street*. She lives and works in New York City and Cape Cod.

**Lyrae Van Clief-Stefanon** is the author of *Open Interval* (forthcoming, University of Pittsburgh Press) and *Black Swan* (University of Pittsburgh Press), winner of the 2001 Cave Canem Poetry Prize, as well as *Poems in Conversation and a Conversation* (Slapering Hol), a chapbook in collaboration with Elizabeth Alexander. Her work has appeared in such journals as *African American Review*, *Callaloo*, *Crab Orchard Review*, *Gulf Coast*, and *Shenandoah*, and in the anthologies *Bum Rush the Page*, *Role Call*, *Common Wealth*, *Gathering Ground*, and *The Ringing Ear: Black Poets Lean South*. She is currently at work on a third collection, *Southern Gate*. She teaches in the creative writing program at Cornell University.

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