

Writers On Writing

Virtual Conference

Saturday, July 10, 2021

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Registration required

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Schedule

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Opening Keynote: In Conversation with Padma Venkatraman
Moderated by Lisa Krok

10:40 am-11:20 am

Keith Manos: Proven Methods for Writing Nonfiction

11:30 am - 12:10 pm

Mahnaz Dar: A Writer on Both Sides of the Desk

LUNCH BREAK

12:45 pm- 1:25 pm

Jerry Jaffe: Authenticity and Humor

1:30 pm - 2:10 pm

Chasity Strawder: Motivation

2:10 pm - 2:20 pm

BREAK

2:20 pm - 3:00 pm

Tobin Terry: Developing Character with Empathy and Scene

3:05 pm - 3:45 pm

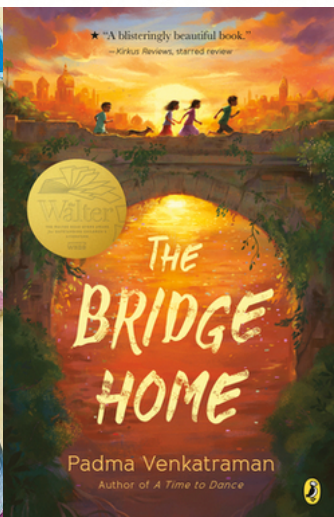
Closing Keynote: D.M . Pulley

**Turning Pages: Lessons Learned in Publishing Four Novels and
Moving a Writing Career Forward in a Competitive Market**

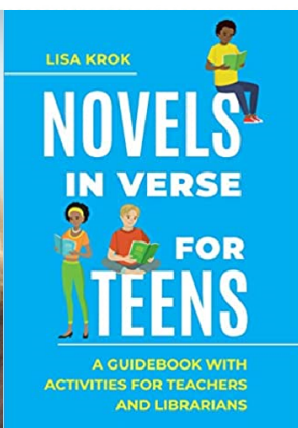
3:50 pm-4:00 pm

Lisa Krok and Louise Kloss : Closing Remarks

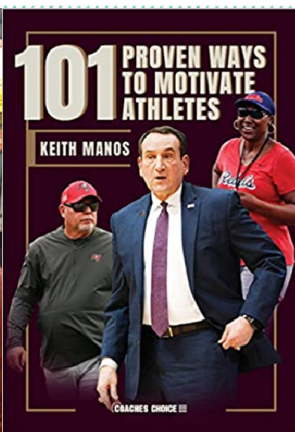
Meet Our Presenters!



Padma Venkatraman is the author of *The Bridge Home* (a 2019 Global Read Aloud, WNDB Walter Award & SCBWI Golden Kite winner); *A Time to Dance* (the first South Asian American verse novel for young people); *Island's End* (a South Asia Book Award winner) and *Climbing the Stairs* (a Julia Ward Howe Award winner). Her next novel, *Born Behind Bars*, is scheduled for release in September 2021.



Lisa Krok, MLIS, MEd, is the Adult and Teen Services Manager at Morley Library and a former teacher in the Cleveland, Ohio area. She is the author of *Novels in Verse for Teens: A Guidebook with Activities for Teachers and Librarians* (ABC-CLIO, 2020). She reviews young adult fiction for *School Library Journal* and blogs for *Teen Librarian Toolbox*. Lisa has served on YALSA national committees *Best Fiction for Young Adults* and *Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers*.



Keith Manos, Ohio's English Teacher of the Year in 2000, is the author of 11 nonfiction books, including *Writing Smarter* (Prentice Hall, 1998), *The Elite Wrestler* (Coaches Choice, 2020), and *101 Proven Ways to Motivate Athletes* (Coaches Choice, 2021). You can check out all his books at www.keithmanos.com.



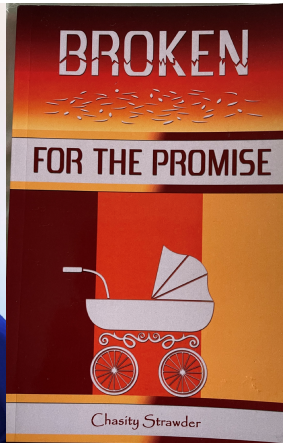
Mahnaz Dar is the Reference and Professional Reading Senior Editor at *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal*, where she also covers graphic novels, books on film, TV, and music. She also loves writing freelance pieces on pop culture, little-known New York City spaces, and internet subcultures.

THE COMICAL HEATHEN

PODCAST



Jerry C. Jaffe teaches acting and comedy classes at Lake Erie College. As a director he has produced over 100 plays on three continents. Recent productions at LEC include *Measure for Measure*, *I Hate Hamlet*, *Dracula*, and many more. As a stand up comedian he has performed in venues all over the US. He also produces, writes, and hosts the satire podcast *The Comical Heathen*. He has published widely on theatre and comedy, and he co-edited the book *Performing Japan: Contemporary Expressions of Cultural Identity*.



Chasity Strawder is a wife to Terrence and a mother to sons, Donovan and Joshua. She is also the author of a memoir entitled *Broken for the Promise*.



Tobin F. Terry is a Professor of English at Lakeland Community College where he teaches courses in creative writing and journalism and serves as an editor for the literary magazine, *Chagrin River Review*. Before joining Lakeland, Tobin taught writing at Central State University, served as communications director for the Antioch Writers' Workshop, and worked as a copy editor at The United States Sports Academy.



Louise Kloss has been an Adult and Teen Services Librarian at Morley Library for 27 years. In addition to being an eclectic reader, Louise is an avid user of multiple streaming services for news, enlightenment, and entertainment; and a frequent enrollee in online continuing education classes offered by Morley on the library's website.



While working as a Professional Engineer, D.M. Pulley's structural survey of a vacant bank tower in downtown Cleveland inspired her debut novel, *The Dead Key*, which won the 2014 Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award and launched her writing career. The abandoned buildings, haunted houses, and buried past of the Rust Belt continue to inspire her work.