

# Creative Writing Matters:

SPU Department of English  
Annual Conference



## Keynote Address: "The Vocation of Writing" (10:00am - 10:45am)



**Judith Valente**

An alumna of SPU, Judith Valente is the author of five books on how to live a more contemplative life, and two poetry collections, including one selected by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver for a national poetry award. She was twice a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in journalism, in the feature writing and public service categories, and has collected numerous other awards for her writing. She is currently at work on a new collection of poetry and a book about her many stays in Italy.

## Flash Fiction Panel: "Stories in a Flash" (11:00am - 12:00pm)



**Matthew Goldberg**



**Doris W. Cheng**



**Alyson Mosquera  
Dutemple**



**Bud Smith**



**Gabriela Gonzales**

## Featured Readers & Open Mic (1:00pm - 2:00pm)

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10 AM - 2 PM**

**DUNCAN SKYROOM**

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