In just one hour, we'll be chatting with you about the #AWP17 Conference & Bookfair. Please share your experiences using #TellAWP17.

Welcome to the #TellAWP17 tweet chat discussing your feedback and experiences at the 2017 Conference & Bookfair in Washington, DC.

The conference staff is live for the next hour to respond to your #TellAWP17 feedback.
With us are AWP's Director of Conferences @ChristianTeresi and Director of Exhibits @cshermanva. #TellAWP17

@wpwriter @ChristianTeresi @cshermanva Good to meet you. Plz #TellAWP17 that we need doors that work #CripLit
Also here are Registration Coordinator @AWPsTiffany and Events Coordinator Colleen Cable @colleen_cable. #TellAWP17

@awpwriter @AWPsTiffany @colleen_cable Good to meet you! Plz #TellAWP17 that we need ramps to get on stages
Christian Teresi@ChristianTeresi

Did you attend #AWP17 in DC? Please complete this #TellAWP17 survey & help us create a better conference: https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/survey ...

Tiffany@AWPsTiffany

Thank you to all that attended #AWP17 it was a pleasure meeting you in the registration area! #TellAWP17

AWP@awpwriter

Feel free to leave your #AWP17 Conference & Bookfair feedback any time during the #TellAWP17 chat.
Over 250 students & adjunct professors volunteered for #AWP17. Thank you for your service you were a HUGE help! #TellAWP17

The #AWP17 conference staff is live until 4 PM EST to respond to your #TellAWP17 feedback and questions. Let us know what you think.

@ChristianTeresi I would like to see more publishers of color. This was my 1st time & I enjoyed it. #TellAWP17
@CocoaFly We welcome any publisher or press that wants to come to the bookfair. We send out extensive solicitations. We would love that too.

Had a great time presenting at AWP!#TellAWP17

Presenting with professors at the AWP conference!@StreetsboroHS
#TellAWP17 Thank you bookfair exhibitors and attendees for such a great bookfair!

@ChristianTeresi If you don’t mind a suggestion, I think it might work better for the tweet feedback if you asked questions. #TellAWP17

Thanks @LisaRomeo. Have you filled out the survey? [https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/survey ...](https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/survey ...)
Lisa Romeo @LisaRomeo

@ChristianTeresi I did yes - that was a great follow-up to get so soon, while fresh in mind. #TellAWP17

Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva

#tellawp17 Bookfair fun! Thank you, Poetry Fox, love my poem ❤️
Loved @awpwriter had ASL ppl signing at @azarnafisi talk. Hope org can do that for all of the major speakers at future AWPs #tellAWP17.

@ClaireKirchMN We prioritize interpreters based on individual need. A lot of deaf attendees don't use ASL. #tellAWP17

@ClaireKirchMN Many deaf attendees use Cued Speech Transliteration or CART, & we prioritize the needs of those attendees. #tellAWP17.

@ChristianTeresi Ohhh. wonder if you can do that, "subtitles," on the screens you have above the speakers? asking for a friend. #TellAWP17

@ClaireKirchMN We are happy to take individualized CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) requests. #TellAWP17
@ClaireKirchMN @ChristianTeresi For future cons, if you (or a friend) needs accessibility services, contact us so we can make arrangements.

@ChristianTeresi @ChristianTeresi

@ClaireKirchMN We arrange interpreters based on the kind they need, & this makes it specific to what works best for them. #tellAWP17.

@ChristianTeresi @ClaireKirchMN You need interpreters at the headline events. Please. Otherwise it's like you don't want us there.

@SuziG I hope future Caucus meetings are staggered since we contain multitudes. Would love to go to the Queer & the Latino Caucus for ex #TellAWP17

@SuziG The caucuses are allowed to pick their own schedule between Thurs, Friday, & Saturday. Those dates they picked themselves. #TellAWP17
@SuziG For #AWP18, they will be able to choose between two times on each day. 6 to 7:15 pm and 7:30 to 8:45 pm. #TellAWP17

@SuziG This should give the #AWP18 caucuses the space to spread out meeting if they choose. #TellAWP17

@SuziG yes yes, we should not have to decide btw our identities. #TellAWP17
#tellawp17 Tweets for all at #AWP17
What was your favorite #AWP17 event? What event fell short of your expectations? Any events give you ideas for future proposals? #TellAWP17

@CocoaFly I loved Adichie and Coates but was disappointed that people were kept out when there were empty seats. #TellAWP17

I'm sorry to hear that @CocoaFly. The convention center pulled rank on us because they were so worried about the fire code.
@ChristianTeresi They were disorganized and shouldn't have set up so many seats if it was an issue. Luckily I got in.

@CocoaFly The huge crowd was the issue. The center was concerned about safety. We knew the crowd would be large but it exceeded expectations.

@CocoaFly I think the main ballroom was filled, & I know the center was actively working to fill empty seats in the overflow room.

@CocoaFly We haven't see a crowd like that since Seamus Heaney & Derrick Walcott shared the stage in 2013.

@ChristianTeresi I heard there were some seats in the main room. I made it to overflow and there were plenty of seats.
Thanks @CocoaFly. We asked people to hold up their hands if they had an empty seat next to them in the main room. Vast majority were filled.

#TellAWP17 @ChristianTeresi My favorite panel was I Sing the Body Queer & Crip. I wish it was easier to find #CripLit I almost missed it

@ChristianTeresi I loved the @AWPDisability Caucus, despite the stairs/door(extra agenda items we had to add last minute bc #ableism

@themegdaystory And we appreciated the opportunity to discuss each of these concerns in depth with the @AWPDisability caucus. #TellAWP17

@themegdaystory Feel free to contact me yourself to if you would like to have a larger discussion. I think you have my email. #TellAWP17
Which did you find most useful for the schedule: the digital app, the large printed program, the thin grid, or the website? #TellAWP17

Claire Kirch @ClaireKirchMN

Printed out my schedule from website 2 days b4 #AWP17, was perfect for my purposes #TellAWP17. Large printed program too big & heavy.

Robert J. Williams @rwilliams69

@awpwriter #TellAWP17 Thin grid. Needed a few more posted around the conference venue, inside book fair, etc.

AWP @awpwriter

@rwilliams69 More large schedule meter signs posted, you mean? Thanks!

Lisa Romeo @LisaRomeo

I agree with both points - thin grid was great AND if it were enlarged and posted in various locations, that would be helpful. #TellAWP17
@LisaRomeo We did have some enlarged schedule signs for each day, but sounds like we needed more! Thanks!

@awpwriter Yes, because HUGE venue! #TellAWP17

@rwilliams69 @awpwriter Great idea, I looked for posted thin grids a few times. I left #AWP17 program in my hotel 15 mins. away #TellAWP17

#TellAWP17 @awpwriter Big program isn’t needed anymore. Most research the panels online in advance, only need thin grid or app at conference

@daycathy @awpwriter I think the program is mostly for ad revenues -- and souvenir. Love the pics of previous AWPs.
@ClaireKirchMN @awpwriter True. Those ads are important. I used to bring them home with me, but now, they are so heavy and I'm old. :-)

@LisaRomeo @LisaRomeo @awpwriter I like paper, but big book is cumbersome & heavy. I've seen (& liked) daily newsprint schedule at other conferences. #TellAWP17

Claire Kirch @ClaireKirchMN

@LisaRomeo @awpwriter @PublishersWkly publishes daily newspaper at Book Expo ... just saying, just saying #tellAWP17.

Jenee Darden @CocoaFly

@awpwriter The app and thin grid were most useful. #TellAWP17

Janna Marlies Maron @justianna

@awpwriter app! 🏷

Leslie Pietrzyk @lesliewriter

@awpwriter I always study the website & print out info...then I use the thin grid. Had a friend in love with the app!
@awpwriter Definitely the website and app, I hated thinking how much paper the books were using.

@awpwriter The app, but it had a glitch. I couldn't rate the sessions. The ratings didn't show up.

@awpwriter loved and used the app and the thin grid.

@awpwriter the thin grid was the most popular

@awpwriter The printed program doesn't require charging one's batteries; a real pain finding an outlet between sessions.

@awpwriter I used the website to plan and the print versions while I was there.

#OldSchool
Write Despite @write_despite

@awpwriter Most useful was Add to My Schedule option on website, which I printed out. Sync this to mobile app, and that would be the bomb.

Tiffany@AWPsTiffany

Feel free to #TellAWP17. Your registration experience is important to us.
How did you feel about the registration process? Is there anything different you would like for us to do? #TellAWP17

@AWPsTiffany It was so quick and easy - I registered on site, couldn't remember my password, but it didn't matter. Kudos on that. #TellAWP17

@AWPsTiffany Best registration process I've ever seen. Good job!

@AWPsTiffany Believe me, me too! Tampa in March ... yes please!

@AWPsTiffany @sukrungruang registration was very smooth for me. No complaints!
Colleen Cable@colleen_cable

Did you download the #AWP17 digital app? What was useful? What would you like to see changed? #tellawp17

Windy Lynn Harris @WindyLynnHarris

@colleen_cable I was confused by the inbox. I didn’t even know I had messages until I returned home. Was there a chime?

Colleen Cable @colleen_cable

@WindyLynnHarris Any inbox message you have was originally sent as a push notification.

Windy Lynn Harris @WindyLynnHarris

@colleen_cable Got it :)

Windy Lynn Harris @WindyLynnHarris

@colleen_cable My favorite thing on the app was the My Schedule. Used that more than anything 😊
@colleen_cable SO useful! I loved that I could click on the location of an event and the map popped up with a marker cool! #tellawp17 #AWP17

@larrypub @colleen_cable Agree. SUPER USEFUL! Love the note feature, too, to keep notes attached to events!

Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva

Any of your favorite BF exhibitors missing at #AWP17? Let me know and I will invite them to #AWP18 #TellAWP17
Book Expo live streams its breakfast keynoters ... can #AWPwriter live stream major speakers, esp. evening keynoters #tellAWP17?

Sorry @ClaireKirchMN we can't live stream. BEA has a lot more resources than we do. We're thinking about it for the future. #tellAWP17

@ChristianTeresi @ClaireKirchMN If #BinderCon can livestream (and they can, and they do), then why can't you @awpwriter even if it's 1 event

what if awp had 'scholarships' for indie litmags/presses to be a part of the bookfair...? #TellAWP17

@Eloisa_Amezcua The winner of our small press publisher award does receive free exhibit space & registrations for the next conference.
@Eloisa_Amezcua We're definitely are working on this for the future. We don't have the staff to admin. such a program right now. #TellAWP17

Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

@Eloisa_Amezcua But please feel free to nominate any lit mags or presses for the Small Press Award. #TellAWP17
https://www.awpwriter.org/contests/small_press_publisher_award_overview ...

Cynthia Sherman @cshermanva

@Eloisa_Amezcua We are working towards that goal! AWP recognizes importance of all work being represented. Thanks for writing! #TellAWP17

Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

Did @azarnafisi's #AWP17 keynote inspire you? #AWP18 Tampa event proposals will be accepted on March 7. The deadline is May 1. #TellAWP17
@ClaireKirchMN

@ChristianTeresi @azarnafisi Hard to tell what the future will bring, but Azar Nafisi was perfect choice for #AWP17 #tellAWP17 #prescient.

@TiffanyAWPsTiffany

Feel free to share more of your thoughts by completing the survey #tellawp17 https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/survey ...

@cshermanva

#AWP18 Bookfair sales open in June. We are really excited about being in Tampa! And look forward to seeing you there! #AWP17 #TellAWP17
#TellAWP17 How come the automatic doors for disabled writers were broken throughout the conference?

@GeorgesDryad We welcome your criticism, but it's not possible to discuss all of this in 140 characters. Please email events@awpwriter.org.

@ChristianTeresi Here's this Storify. Did you miss it? https://storify.com/GeorgesDryad/getting-started ... #CripLit

#TellAWP17 We disabled writers are trying to understand where you're coming from. But we really don't get it. @awpwriter

@GeorgesDryad There's a lot of information that would address your concerns, but it's really hard to discuss in 140 characters. #TellAWP17
But to have a real conversation, one that allows us the best clarity, that would have to happen by email or phone.

Only one character needed! Make em d/Deaf or Disabled & give em a job as a liaison #AWP18

We're a new venue annually, which will present logistical issues for even the most seasoned accessibility events coordinator

Believe me. We have called you we have emailed you since 2014. This is not about our attempts. It's about yours.

Did you attend the conference? Would you like to have a personal conversation with me. We can make that happen.
I've had many conversations about accessibility and the conference, and it always always helps to have those by email or phone.

It's important for us to hear from attendees. Did you attend #AWP17? If so, we'd like to discuss accessibility in details.

Obviously, I attended.

I ask because it's not uncommon for people to write about the conference without ever having attended. It's hard to tell.

Check AWP-Bookfair Facebook page for updates!
https://www.facebook.com/awpbookfair #TellAWP17
Could you explain why the stages were inaccessible?

You accepted 20 of our panels. But then you made the buildings and stages inaccessible.

Some of us were stuck in conference rooms because the doors were inaccessible and there were no attendants.

& then we really wanted to be at the main readings, but there were no captions on the screens. And no interpreters.

Plz, plz hire a Disability and D/deaf Liaison. Okay, we would even settle for an ADA Coordinator.

That's one thing we're working on for #AWP18. We are constantly updating accessibility with updated best practices.
One AWP-related idea: what if orgs with more free registrations than they need could donate them as "scholarship" registrations? #TellAWP17

Great idea! #TellAWP17

We wrestle with this one every year and appreciate the idea of "scholarship" registrations. Thank you! #AWP17 #TellAWP17

Thanks for all you do!

Wifi continues to be an issue in the bookfair, it seems. @awpwriter #TellAWP17

#TellAWP17 you say "Let us know what you think." I think the conference is #ableist. Prove me wrong next year @awpwriter
#TellAWP17 I know you'll say "we're doing the best that we can." But it's simply not best not close to best not even bare minimum #ADA 1990

@awpwriter More distinct exhibitor badges would be useful, to alleviate traffic jam getting into bookfair before 9a. #TellAWP17

#TellAWP17 I know you'll say "we're doing the best that we can." But it's simply not best not close to best not even bare minimum #ADA 1990

#TellAWP17 What should I tell the disabled writers who don't want to come back? who don't think the conference is for them? @awpwriter

#TellAWP17 Should I tell them, again, like in 2014, 2015 and 2016, that you're working on it? @awpwriter @SFdirewolf
#TellAWP17 Do you even know about @monsteringmag @thedeafoets @wordgathering & all the writers these mags bring to you?

#TellAWP17 If we can’t enter the doors of the conference, then it’s hard for us to feel happy about it. #PlzKnow

#TellAWP17 Plz check out #AccessibleOrganizingMeans and #CriptheVote and #CripLit

@ChristianTeresi Some of the diversity, writers of color panels overlapped on the schedule. They should be spread out. #TellAWP17

@CocoaFly @ChristianTeresi Yes! Also happened w/genre topics - 4 panels on essay/CNF/memoir at same time. #TellAWP17.
@LisaRomeo We work very hard to spread similar events. There are so many events that overlapped its not always possible. #tellAWP17

@LisaRomeo We also need to account for many schedule requests, AV requests, and presenters on more than one event. #tellAWP17

@LisaRomeo Making the schedule is the hardest thing we do all year. It's a priority to spread out similar events as much as possible.

@LisaRomeo I'm sure it's an enormous headache w/lots of conflicting priorities! But you asked for feedback...

@CocoaFly Making the schedule is the hardest single thing we do all year, & it's a priority to spread out similar events as much as possible
Jenee Darden @CocoaFly

@ChristianTeresi I can imagine it's hard!

Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

@CocoaFly We work very hard to spread similar events out as much as possible.

Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

@CocoaFly There were so many events that overlapped between multiculturalism, writers of color, and social justice that it was not possible.

Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

@CocoaFly We also need to account for many schedule requests, AV requests, and presenters on more than one event.

George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad

Next time advertise this to caucuses #TellAWP17 @ChristianTeresi plz 4 the luv of the goddess

Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi

@GeorgesDryad We've been advertising this to everyone for several weeks. We haven't been shy about it.
George's Dryad@GeorgesDryad

#TellAWP17 I'm sorry I'm late. @awpwriter

AWP@awpwriter

Thank you all for participating in our #TellAWP17 chat and sharing your experiences.

AWP@awpwriter

If you have more #AWP17 feedback, please feel free to fill out this survey: https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/survey ... #TellAWP17

AWP@awpwriter

Please join us on 3/16 for #AWPWCC about our writer's conferences & centers programs and scholarship competition. #TellAWP17