

| <b>Location</b>   | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Description</b>  | <b>Panelists</b>  |
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| 7:00 AM - 7:55 AM<br>Balcony M<br>Floor 4               | Tai Chi with Richard   | Come practice "mediation in motion".  | Richie Goldstein  |
| 9:00 AM - 9:55 AM<br>Preservation Hall Foyer<br>Floor 2 | Registration   | Pick up your name badge, tote, T-Shirt and free books   | Teresa Wilson   |
| 9:00 AM - 9:55 AM<br>Balcony K<br>Floor 4               | Quiet Room   | Relax and Rejuvenate  |   |
| 9:00 AM - 9:55 AM<br>Preservation Hall Floor 2          | Book Bazaar  | Attendees pick out books for their tote bags with tickets received from registration.                                   | Patricia Walker   |
| 9:00 AM - 9:55 AM<br>Preservation Hall Floor 2          | Hospitality Suite  | Open today for relaxing.  | Sharon Murphy   |
| 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM<br>Galerie 5-6<br>Floor 2           | Bouchercon 101   | Bouchercon Experts will fill you in on what to expect, and Bouchercon Buddies will meet up with Newbies.                | Heather Graham  |
| 12:00 PM - 12:55 PM<br>Galerie 5-6<br>Floor 2           | Panel 1-3:<br>Room for More:<br>Great Ensemble<br>Casts                    | Multiple characters add drama, storylines, and differing perspectives.  | Steve Stratton(M), Tod Goldberg, Leslie Karst, Vera Kurian, DonnaRae Menard, Tracey S. Phillips     |
| 12:00 PM - 12:55 PM<br>Salon A-B-C-D<br>Floor 2         | Panel 1-4:<br>Encouraging<br>Young Readers,<br>Inspiring Future<br>Authors | Today's readers, tomorrow's authors: let's get more kids reading!   | Heather Graham(M), Gary R. Bush, Joshua Corin, Keir Graff, Jonathan Maberry, Sandra Rathbone        |
| 12:00 PM - 12:55 PM<br>Galerie 3<br>Floor 2             | Panel 1-2:<br>Getting Started:<br>How Ideas<br>Become Stories              | Finding the spark that ignites a good story.  | Matthew Lavoie(M), Trish Arrowsmith, Brandi Bradley, Winnie Frolik, Wendy Gee, Eleanor Cawood Jones |
| 12:00 PM - 12:55 PM<br>Galerie 4<br>Floor 2             | Media Room:<br>Sponsor<br>Outliers Writing<br>University                   | Interviews, Podcasts, Roundtables and More!   | Kathleen Antrim, DP Lyle  |
| 12:00 PM - 12:55 PM<br>Acadia<br>Ballroom<br>Floor 3    | Book Store   | Book Sellers, Author Signings after each panel session, Silent and Live Auction items, and Vendor Merchandise for sale. | Donald Longmuir   |
| 12:00 PM - 12:55 PM                                     | Anthony<br>Awards Voting<br>Table  | Online Voting Available - Table is not open during panels   | John Purcell  |

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Floor 3

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| 12:00 PM -<br>12:55 PM<br>Galerie 1-2<br>Floor 2      | Panel 1-1: How<br>to Keep Your<br>Series<br>Characters<br>Interesting                  | Tips for keeping your readers<br>wondering what your characters<br>will do next!         | Christine Jarmola(M), Traci Hunter<br>Abramson, Claire Booth, Sean Hagerty, Bill<br>Loehfelm, Patrice McDonough  |
| 12:00 PM -<br>12:55 PM<br>Salon F-G-H<br>Floor 2      | Panel 1-6:<br>Research:<br>Giving Your<br>Work<br>Authenticity                         | How much is too much? Deciding<br>on the right amount of research for<br>your book.      | T.O. Paine(M), Stephanie Bearce, Christina<br>Boufis, Dave Bruns, Dennis K Crosby,<br>Mike Faricy  |
| 12:00 PM -<br>12:55 PM<br>Salon E Floor<br>2          | Panel 1-5:<br>Debut: The<br>Rollercoaster<br>Ride of<br>Publishing Your<br>First Book  | The ups, downs, disappointments<br>and thrills of publishing your first<br>book.         | Kathryn Prater Bomey(M), John Dingle,<br>Leigh Dunlap, Rebecca Kanner, Michael<br>Rigg, Christy J. Kendall   |
| 1:00 PM -<br>1:55 PM<br>Acadia<br>Ballroom<br>Floor 2 | Author Signings  | Limit of five items to be signed at<br>one time.   | Traci Hunter Abramson, Trish Arrowsmith,<br>Stephanie Bearce, Kathryn Prater Bomey,<br>Claire Booth, Christina Boufis, Brandi<br>Bradley, Dave Bruns, Gary R. Bush, Joshua<br>Corin, Dennis K Crosby, John Dingle,<br>Leigh Dunlap, Mike Faricy, Winnie Frolik,<br>Wendy Gee, Tod Goldberg, Keir Graff,<br>Heather Graham, Sean Hagerty, Christine<br>Jarmola, Eleanor Cawood Jones, Rebecca<br>Kanner, Leslie Karst, Vera Kurian, Matthew<br>Lavoie, Bill Loehfelm, Jonathan Maberry,<br>Patrice McDonough, DonnaRae Menard,<br>T.O. Paine, Tracey S. Phillips, Sandra<br>Rathbone, Michael Rigg, Christy J. Kendall,<br>Steve Stratton |
| 1:30 PM -<br>2:25 PM<br>Salon F-G-H<br>Floor 2        | Panel 2-6: On<br>the Edge of<br>Your Seat:<br>Suspense on<br>Every Page                | Cliffhanger at the end of each<br>chapter? How about on every<br>page?                   | Theresa Varela(M), Rebecca Kanner,<br>Michelle Maryk, David B. Schlosser, Cathi<br>Stoler, Tony Wirt   |
| 1:30 PM -<br>2:25 PM<br>Salon A-B-C-<br>D Floor 2     | Panel 2-4:<br>Reader<br>Whiplash?<br>Pacing Do's and<br>Don'ts's                       | Pacing: maintain reader interest,<br>build tension, ratchet up suspense,<br>and more!    | Carol Shay Hornung(M), J.L. Hughes,<br>Madison Lawson, Jonathan Maberry,<br>Melinda Mullet, A.M. Strong  |
| 1:30 PM -<br>2:25 PM<br>Galerie 1-2<br>Floor 2        | Panel 2-1: The<br>Art of<br>Misdirection:<br>Mis-Clues,<br>Miscues and<br>Red Herrings | Misleading your reader, but in a<br>good way.  | Baer Charlton(M), J. Luke Bennecke, Ellen<br>Byron, Curtis Ippolito, James L'Etoile,<br>Amanda Marbais   |
| 1:30 PM -<br>2:25 PM                                  | Panel 2-3:<br>Genre Mashing:   | Unique narratives: mysteries and<br>thrillers that blend in elements of<br>other genres. | Dawn Chartier(M), Mindy Carlson, Annette<br>Lyon, Sharon Michalove, Patricia Smith,<br>Mark L. Van Name  |

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| Galerie 5-6<br>Floor 2                                | Blurring the<br>Lines  |   |   |
| 1:30 PM -<br>2:25 PM<br>Salon E Floor<br>2            | Panel 2-5:<br>Crafting<br>Mysteries and<br>Thrillers Set in<br>Foreign Lands | Crafting mysteries and thrillers in<br>foreign lands: this is how we do it.                               | Deanna Fowler(M), Jess Armstrong,<br>Nicholas George, Richie Goldstein, Lane<br>Stone, Holly West   |
| 1:30 PM -<br>2:25 PM<br>Galerie 3<br>Floor 2          | Panel 2-2: Need<br>to Know:<br>Avoiding the<br>Info Dump                     | Avoid the yawns! Weaving in the<br>backstory and need-to-know info<br>is an art you can master.           | Ann Michelle Harris(M), Traci Hunter<br>Abramson, Carol Finizza, Michael Rigg,<br>Steve Stratton, Alex K. Thompson  |
| 2:30 PM -<br>3:25 PM<br>Acadia<br>Ballroom<br>Floor 2 | Author Signings  | Limit of five items to be signed at<br>one time.  | Traci Hunter Abramson, Jess Armstrong, J.<br>Luke Bennecke, Ellen Byron, Mindy<br>Carlson, Baer Charlton, Dawn Chartier,<br>Carol Finizza, Deanna Fowler, Nicholas<br>George, Richie Goldstein, Ann Michelle<br>Harris, Carol Shay Hornung, J.L. Hughes,<br>Curtis Ippolito, Rebecca Kanner, Madison<br>Lawson, James L'Etoile, Annette Lyon,<br>Jonathan Maberry, Amanda Marbais,<br>Michelle Maryk, Sharon Michalove,<br>Melinda Mullet, Michael Rigg, David B.<br>Schlosser, Patricia Smith, Cathi Stoler, Lane<br>Stone, Steve Stratton, A.M. Strong, Alex K.<br>Thompson, Mark L. Van Name, Theresa<br>Varela, Holly West, Tony Wirt |
| 3:00 PM -<br>3:55 PM<br>Salon E Floor<br>2            | Panel 3-5: Short<br>Stories: The Art<br>of Brevity                           | Concise doesn't equal boring.<br>Things to consider when staying<br>within the character limit.           | Faye Arcand(M), Anjili Babbar, Shelly<br>Dickson Carr, Christopher Chambers, Barb<br>Goffman, Deborah Lacy  |
| 3:00 PM -<br>3:55 PM<br>Galerie 1-2<br>Floor 2        | Panel 3-1:<br>Making Your<br>Blood Run<br>Cold: Dabbling<br>in Horror        | Mysteries and thrillers that send<br>chills down your spine.  | Armand Rosamilia(M), Michael J Cooper,<br>Luke Dumas, Lisa Jones Gentry, Ronald<br>Malfi, Rebecca Rowland, G. Allen<br>Wilbanks   |
| 3:00 PM -<br>3:55 PM<br>Salon F-G-H<br>Floor 2        | Panel 3-6:<br>Make 'Em<br>Laugh: Wise-<br>Crackin'<br>Through Crime          | Murder and mayhem with a side<br>of mirth.  | Ellen Byron(M), Elise Burke Brown, Rob<br>Byrnes, Heidi Hormel, Libby Klein, Lisa Q<br>Mathews  |
| 3:00 PM -<br>3:55 PM<br>Galerie 3<br>Floor 2          | Panel 3-2: Noir<br>Fiction:<br>Subgenres of<br>Darkness and<br>Despair       | Enter a world populated by hard<br>boiled detectives, femme fatales,<br>and morally ambiguous characters. | Peter Rozovsky(M), Jeff Esterholm, Poppy<br>Gee, Alex Kenna, Nik Xandir Wolf, Elysia<br>Whisler   |
| 3:00 PM -<br>3:55 PM<br>Galerie 5-6<br>Floor 2        | Panel 3-3: Don't<br>Quit the Day<br>Job? Amateur<br>Crime Solvers            | Amateur crime solvers: working<br>full time, solving crime on the<br>side.                                | Judy Kundert(M), Veronica Cline Barton,<br>Darlene Dziomba, M.L. Hamilton, Miranda<br>James, Sharon Lynn  |
| 3:00 PM -<br>3:55 PM                                  | Panel 3-4:<br>Capote, Rule,<br>Larson,                                       | True crime is all the rage, but it's<br>also inspiration for a killer plot.                               | Cathy Pickens(M), Dawn M. Barclay, Lina<br>Chern, Georgia Jeffries, Keith Roysdon,<br>CherAnn Wright  |

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4:00 PM -  
4:55 PM  
Acadia  
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Floor 2

Author Signings

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Faye Arcand, Anjili Babbar, Dawn M. Barclay, Elise Burke Brown, Rob Byrnes, Ellen Byron, Shelly Dickson Carr, Christopher Chambers, Lina Chern, Veronica Cline Barton, Michael J Cooper, Luke Dumas, Darlene Dziomba, Jeff Esterholm, Poppy Gee, Barb Goffman, M.L. Hamilton, Heidi Hormel, Miranda James, Georgia Jeffries, Lisa Jones Gentry, Alex Kenna, Libby Klein, Judy Kundert, Deborah Lacy, Sharon Lynn, Ronald Malfi, Lisa Q Mathews, Nik Xandir Wolf, Cathy Pickens, Armand Rosamilia, Rebecca Rowland, Keith Roysdon, Peter Rozovsky, Elysia Whisler, G. Allen Wilbanks, CherAnn Wright

5:00 PM -  
5:55 PM  
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Floor 3

Library Event --  
"Free Books"

An event to support Libraries and the freedom to read proudly: Bring a children's book that will be donated to the Jefferson Parish Public Library.

Jeff Ayers, Leslie Blatt, Steph Cha, Heather Graham, Charlaime Harris, Jen Jumba, Deborah J Ledford, Jonathan Maberry, Alex Segura, Alexandra Sokoloff, Kelli Stanley

6:00 PM -  
6:55 PM  
Salon E Floor  
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The Story That  
Saved Me

This 55-minute keynote, The Story That Saved Me, is a soul-deep rallying cry for crime writers and readers to remember why stories of darkness and redemption still matter—and why telling the truth on the page can save us, too. Clay Stafford invites every person in the room to reclaim their fire, raise the dead with their words, and leave believing in the sacred power of story all over again.

Clay Stafford

6:30 PM -  
7:25 PM  
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Floor 3

Cozies and  
Cocktails

Grab a cocktail from the pop-up bar and mingle with some of today's most popular cozy authors at Cozies and Cocktails. Enjoy readings, giveaways, and lots of swag at this special Bouchercon event celebrating the beloved genre.

Ellen Byron, Raquel Reyes

7:00 PM -  
7:55 PM  
Carondelet  
Ballroom  
Floor 3

Lisa Black! Our  
Forensics  
Expert!

How do CSIs find, develop, search and identify fingerprints? What are the challenges both physical and legal? How accurate are books and movies? 25-year veteran and certified latent print examiner and author Lisa Black will reveal all the mysteries of how not to get lost in those ridges!

Lisa Black

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| 8:00 PM -                   | Don Bruns          | The fascinating story of the most prolific author / business genius that the publishing industry has ever witnessed, and you have never even heard of him. The Father Of The Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew and 168 other series. The unbelievable story of Edward Stratemeyer, who built the largest writing syndicate in history. | Don Bruns                                |
| 8:55 PM                     | Presents:          |   |  |
| Salon E Floor 3             | Edward Stratemeyer |   |  |
| 9:00 PM -                   |                    | Join renowned paranormal investigator Terry Rodgers, bestselling author Jon Land, and thriller writer J. L. Hughes for a chilling dive into the unknown.  |  |
| 9:55 PM                     | Paranormal -       | From real-life encounters to the eerie ways the supernatural shapes fiction, this trio explores where fact meets fear. Believer or skeptic, get ready for a journey into the shadows—where every silence holds a secret.  | Jennifer Hughes, Jon Land, Terry Rodgers |
| Carondelet Ballroom Floor 3 | Fact vs Fiction    |   |  |