CONTEMPORARY INDIANA WRITERS TO READ FROM NEW ANTHOLOGY AT
PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST

Not Like the Rest of Us is a Wonderful New Resource for Educators

On November 3rd, from 7 to 8:30 PM, Contemporary Indiana writers Lucrecia Guerrero, Janine Harrison, Michael Poore, and Barbara Shoup will read from the new anthology, Not Like the Rest of Us, at the Purdue University Northwest Hammond campus, in the CIVS Immersive Theater, Powers, Room 123. A Q&A and book signing will follow. The event is free and open to the public.

Lucrecia Guerrero’s short stories have been published in literary journals such as The Antioch Review and The Louisville Review. Chasing Shadows, her collection of linked short stories, was published by Chronicle Books, and her novel Tree of Sighs by Bilingual Press at Arizona State University. She recently completed a novel, Rosa Linda & Donnie Ray. Guerrero teaches creative writing part-time at Purdue University Northwest and lives in Westville with her husband Jerry Holt and their cat, Sir Bobelot.

Janine Harrison, M.A., M.F.A., teaches creative writing at Purdue University Northwest and is a former Indiana Writers’ Consortium president. Her creative work has appeared in Veils, Halos, & Shackles: International Poetry on the Oppression and Empowerment of Women, A&U, Not Like the Rest of Us: An Anthology of Contemporary Indiana Writers, and other publications. Her most recent scholarly work has appeared or is forthcoming in Mythology and Modern Women Poets and CREDO: An Anthology of Manifestos and Sourcebook for Creative Writing. Former Indiana Poet Laureate George Kalamaras included Janine in his The Wabash Watershed “Six Indiana Women Poets” feature. She lives in Highland, Indiana, with husband, fiction writer Michael Poore, and daughter, Jianna Sol.

Michael Poore moved to Indiana twenty years ago, and now lives in Highland. His short work has appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies, including The Year’s Best Science Fiction and The Best American Nonrequired Reading 2012. His novel Up Jumps the Devil was published by HarperCollins in 2012. A second novel, Reincarnation Blues, will be released next fall by Del Rey (an imprint of Random House) and nine foreign publishers.

School Library Journal Best Adult Book for Young Adults. Shoup has lived in Indiana all her life. She is married with two daughters and two grandchildren.

The anthology, which features the best of more than 70 contemporary Indiana authors, defies a Hoosier tendency to celebrate only our literary past; for this reason, it is an excellent work to incorporate into Indiana’s high school and college English curriculums.

*Not Like the Rest of Us: An Anthology of Contemporary Indiana Writers* is published by INwords, an imprint of the Indiana Writers Center (IWC), and is an officially endorsed Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project.

Barbara Shoup, IWC director, said the title derives from an essay, “Not Like the Rest of Us: A Hoosier Named Cole Porter,” by Cathy Day. Shoup said Day’s essay captured the “peculiar nature” of Hoosiers’ relationship to the arts, and fit the aim of the new anthology. For many, Indiana “isn’t the first place that comes to mind thinking about where writers are likely to settle,” said Shoup, who edited the book alongside Rachel Sahaidachny, IWC program director.

*Not Like the Rest of Us* belies that image. It includes notable writers of fiction, creative non-fiction and poetry from around the state. The most experienced writers in the volume are in their 90s, the youngest in their 20s. “Some are best-selling authors, some widely known in literary circles, others are just beginning,” notes a cover blurb. “Many were born and raised in Indiana, while others found their way here — and stayed.”

The authors include: Marianne Boruch, winner of the Kingsley-Tufts Award; Mari Evans, winner of the John Jay Whitney Fellowship; Helen Frost, winner of the New York Historical Society’s Children’s History Book Prize; John Green, winner of the Printz medal for Young Adult Fiction and the Edgar Award; Adrian Matjeka, finalist for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize; Scott Russell Sanders, winner of the Lannan Literary Award and the Mark Twain Award and Dan Wakefield, winner of a Rockefeller Grant for Creative Writing.

According to Shoup, “Not Like the Rest of Us celebrates authors who bring honor to Indiana now, extending the appreciation of our literary heritage to the 21st century.”