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Affrilachian author Crystal Wilkinson to Speak at Fourth Annual Kentucky Women's Book Festival

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Crystal Wilkinson, a renowned Affrilachian poet and novelist, will be the featured keynote speaker at the Fourth Annual Kentucky Women's Book Festival May 15 at the University of Louisville.

Writers and readers from the region are invited to the 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. event, which offers sessions led by well-known and newly emerging female authors connected to Kentucky.

"This festival is known enhanced media, creativity and writing," said Mary Karen Powers, the director of the UofL Women's Center who is co-chairing the event.

All sessions will take place in the new wing of UofL's Ekstrom Library

Wilkinson's talk will take place at the luncheon, 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Silent Study Room in the library. Tickets for lunch are $16 each and should be purchased in advance by calling the UofL Women's Center at 852-8976. Check and credit card payments are accepted.

Morning and afternoon sessions are free. Those sessions include:

• An opening keynote address led by Sheila Joyce Pyle, co-owner of the Rudyard Kipling and long time supporter of the arts, 10 a.m.

• A closing address by Sarah Gorham, an author, publisher and founder of Sarabande Books, a Louisville-based publishing company, 3 p.m.

There will also be concurrent sessions on poetry, a letterpress journal, writer's groups, blogging, and oral history.

For more details, call the Women's Center at 502-852-8976 or visit http://louisville.edu/womenscenter/kwbf for a complete schedule.

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