

The LRC Scholars on Campus Series

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Teresa Tope - Kentucky Author

Join your friends and colleagues for a reception and reading of selections from Teresa's poetry and short stories.



Teresa Tope was born and raised in the tiny town of Oak Hill, which sits at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in southern Ohio. Her writing has been deeply influenced by place and through the stories told to her by her family.

Her first published article, a non-fiction personal essay, appeared in *Sweet Baby James*. Shortly after the publication of this piece, she was the featured author in the literary journal, *Empire Zine*. Her poetry has been published in *Wilmington Blues*, and *Free Zone Quarterly*, and she has recently pursued publication for her fiction. The short story, "Mommy's Letter", will be published in December's issue of *Southern Hum* which will feature Appalachian writers. Teresa lives in Richmond with her husband and is currently working on a collection of short stories tentatively titled *Star Light Star Bright*, which are

stories that reflect the honest and imaginative thinking of children. She also is working on a play, *Sisterhood Revival*, which focuses on the unsettled relationship between two sisters.

From "Mommy's Letter"

Mommy falls down on her knees and pulls me with her. She grabs me against her body and wraps me in her arms tight like I am a baby and cries real hard. My legs is stretched way out over her lap, and I feel funny her holding me like this. I can feel her cries so deep down in her belly that she shakes me and her both. Poppy stands there with his head down looking at the ground making circle marks in the dirt with his big old boots. He don't say nothing to me or Mommy or to anybody else.

Friday, November 10, 2:30 - 4:00

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