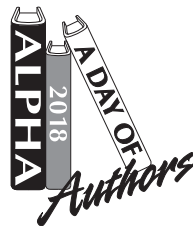


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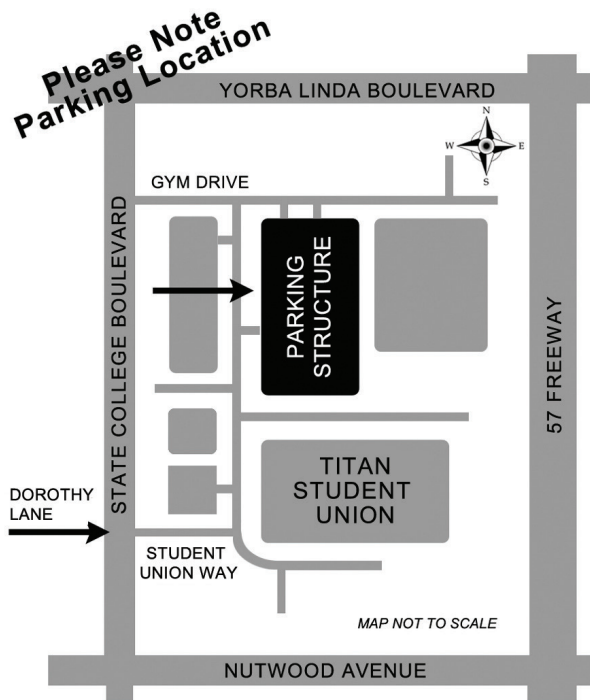
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## Directions & Map



### Titan Student Union California State University, Fullerton

Enter the campus off State College Boulevard at Student Union Way. Make an immediate left and continue to the State College Parking Structure.



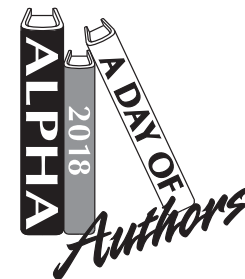
### FREE PARKING

In the State College parking structure off Student Union Way, north of the Titan Student Center

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### PLEASE NOTE: Reservations are limited.

To assure your reservation, register early by mail or on our online site.  
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Once again this year we expect a sell-out event. Please submit your reservation as soon as possible. If all reservations are filled before we receive your reservation form, your check will be returned to you.

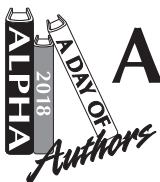
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## 2018 Twenty-Sixth Annual A Day of Authors - Saturday, February 17, 2018

Titan Student Union, California State University, Fullerton

### 8:15–9:00am Registration

Enjoy a continental breakfast while purchasing books and Basket Raffle tickets.

### 9:00–9:15am Welcome & Introductions Becky D'Arrigo, ALPHA Chair

### 9:15–10:05am Kate Andersen Brower

Kate Andersen Brower, drawing from the first ladies themselves to their advisers, friends, family members, and residence staff, gives readers *First Women: The Grace & Power of America's Modern First Ladies*. This intimate look at ten remarkable women who have defined the role, from Jackie Kennedy to Michelle Obama, lifts the curtain of secrecy disclosing the bonds and individual challenges that connect them. Brower's *New York Times* bestseller, *The Residence*, contains anecdotes touching and hilarious about living and working in the White House, "...the country's most potent and enduring symbol of the presidency." (*Kirkus Reviews*)

### 10:05–10:40am First Breakout Session Author Signings – Breakout Rooms

#### Charmaine Craig

Charmaine Craig's novel, *Miss Burma*, is a sweeping, multi-generational story of a family "...during...violent and turbulent times as multiple groups and nations vied for control of Burma's future." (*LA Times*) Charting both a political and a deeply personal history, "Craig reimagines the extraordinary lives of her mother and grandparents with exquisitely precise description." (*New York Times Book Review*) "Mesmerizing and haunting." (*Kirkus Reviews*) Craig's *The Good Men*, a national bestseller, is a true-life historical, part romance, part legal thriller, and a tour of some of the darkest corners of early Christianity.

#### Rene Denfeld

Rene Denfeld is the author of two critically acclaimed novels, *The Enchanted* and *The Child Finder*, as well as commented books of non-fiction, essays, and articles. Devoted to helping others, Denfeld works with sex trafficking victims and innocents in prison. Her debut novel, *The Enchanted*, won numerous honors, including the prestigious French Prix. *The Child Finder* centers on an investigator seeking a missing child in the remote reaches of an Oregon forest in this powerful novel. "Intense...Innovative...Heartbreaking, surprising—The conclusion will leave readers breathless." (*Publishers Weekly*)

#### Janet Fitch

From Janet Fitch, bestselling novelist of *White Oleander* and *Paint It Black*, comes *The Revolution of Marina M.* "the mesmerizing story of one woman's journey through some of the most dramatic events of the last century." (*Washington Post*) During the Russian Revolution's unimaginable upheaval, Marina's coming-of-age unfolds, marking the heroism of an ordinary woman living through extraordinary times. "Fitch has given us a courageous...young woman who handles the bad cards she has been dealt with grace and resolve." (*Washington Post*) She "...has much in common with Fitch's modern heroines and is a protagonist worth following." (*Publishers Weekly*)

#### Denise Kiernan

Denise Kiernan's *The Last Castle* is the captivating story of Biltmore House—the largest residence ever built in the United States. "The book's vitality lies in the details about the architects, artists, writers, and peers of the

Vanderbilts who built and enjoyed the majestic (mansion)." (*The New York Times*) "Kiernan's prodigious research...brings the place to life (with) juicy bits...of adultery, bankruptcy, and suicide." (*The Wall Street Journal*) In *The Girls of Atomic City*, Kiernan traces the fascinating story of the women who unknowingly helped to create the fuel for the world's first atomic bomb.

#### Gordon McAlpine

Gordon McAlpine, author of adult novels ranging from magical realism to hardboiled literary mystery, stepped aside of adult novels in 2013–2015 to publish a popular trilogy of middle grade novels—*The Misadventures of Edgar and Allan Poe*. His first work for younger readers, *Misadventures* (is)... "entertaining and original...endlessly fun and satisfying on every level." (*Publishers Weekly*) Called an enigma wrapped in a mystery, McAlpine's literary mystery, *Woman with a Blue Pencil*, was an 2015 Edgar® Nominee, working both as a conventional mystery and a deconstruction of the genre's ideology." (*BookList*)

#### Rufi Thorpe

Rufi Thorpe's second novel, *Dear Fang, with Love*, is a "...beautiful, often hilarious novel. Utterly original." (*The Huffington Post*) "Tremendous... Showcase[s] Thorpe's fabulous versatility, insight, and humor...an absolute winner." (*Publishers Weekly*) "...a hauntingly beautiful story (of) absentee fathers, legendary matriarchs...and the persistence of hope in the face of suffering." (*Miami Herald*) Thorpe's first novel, *The Girls from Corona del Mar*, examines the psychological tug-of-war between friends. "Thorpe is a gifted writer who depicts friendship with affection and brutality, rendering all its love and heartbreak in painstaking strokes." (*LA Times*)

### 10:40–11:30am Book Sales & Author Signings Time to purchase books and have them signed!

### 11:30–12:05pm Second Breakout Session Note: author signings following the second breakout session will take place in the Atrium and hallway.

### 12:05–12:30pm Book Sales & Author Signings Another opportunity to purchase Basket Raffle tickets.

### 12:30–1:30pm Lunch, Basket Raffle and Opportunity Ticket Drawing

### 1:30–2:20pm Marcia Clark (Interview w/Bobbie Cooper)

Marcia Clark's Samantha Brinkman series centers on a flawed but sympathetic Los Angeles defense attorney. The series includes: *Blood Defense*, "a top-notch whodunit...with jaw-dropping surprises throughout; and impressively pulls off a shocker lesser writers can only envy." (*Publishers Weekly*) Book 2, *Moral Defense*, has "...a hard-charging lawyer heroine, tough-as-nails cops...and page-turning twists." (*The Associated Press*) Latest in the series is *Snap Judgment* with "A plot (that) will keep readers turning pages." (*Booklist*) Co-prosecutor in the O.J. Simpson murder trial, *Without a Doubt* is Clark's memoir of the case.

### 2:20–3:00pm Author Signings A time to meet with authors, have books signed and enjoy friends.

## Reservation Form

Please duplicate this form for additional registrations (only one registration per form). You may include multiple forms and check/s in one envelope. A postmark is required on the envelope for registration—no hand deliveries can be accepted. You may also register online at [adayofauthors.com](http://adayofauthors.com) Tickets, name badges, and programs will be held at the event for pick up.

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### Preferences for the Breakout Sessions:

Please indicate your choices for BOTH SESSIONS by numbering the list below from 1-6 with 1 as your FIRST CHOICE. Note: If your choices are filled and you have not specified alternate options, we will place you where an opening occurs.

#### Breakout Sessions

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Enclosed is my check for \$95, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, and parking. (\$36 of the fee goes toward the ALPHA philanthropic projects.)

I've added my payment for Opportunity Tickets (1 ticket for \$10, 3 tickets for \$20). See attachment.

Enclosed is my additional contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for ALPHA philanthropies. (We welcome contributions of any amount and list donors in our program.)

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