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**THE 15<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL BLACK WRITERS CONFERENCE at  
MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE, CUNY IS RESCHEDULED FOR FALL 2020.**

The Center for Black Literature Announces New Dates for The  
Writers Conference as November 11-14, 2020, In Brooklyn.

BROOKLYN, NY - - - The **Center for Black Literature at Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York** (CBL), and Presenting Partner **AKILA WORKSONGS**, announce new dates for the **15<sup>th</sup> National Black Writers Conference**. The conference will reconvene Wednesday, November 11 – Saturday, November 14, 2020 at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, New York. The theme will remain the same: “Activism, Identity, and Race: Playwrights and Screenwriters at the Crossroads.”

CBL Founder and Executive Director **Dr. Brenda M. Greene** said: “Though it was very difficult to make the announcement earlier this week about the conference postponement, it was a necessary decision. The health of the community is of utmost importance. At the same time, I knew that we must move swiftly to secure new dates for this national gathering. The unwavering support of participants who have reconfirmed their participation has been tremendously encouraging. Thus, we will maintain the same theme, the same panels, roundtables, workshops, and other program features, and the same commitment to centering the Black writer in all that we do.”

**April R. Silver** of AKILA WORKSONGS adds: “Dr. Greene and everyone involved who is excited to reconvene have all tapped into one of the main reasons we do this work: We are builders, against all odds. There’s no better place to examine the art of perseverance than at the National Black Writers Conference. We are mindful of our new reality *and* simultaneously building for the future.”

General inquiries are directed to CBL at (718) 804-8883 and [writers@mec.cuny.edu](mailto:writers@mec.cuny.edu). For updates about the conference, please sign up to CBL’s newsletter via the website: [www.CenterForBlackLiterature.org](http://www.CenterForBlackLiterature.org). On social media, follow #NBWC. On Twitter and Instagram, follow @Center4BlackLit. On Facebook, like @CenterForBlackLiterature and @NationalBlackWritersConference. Media inquiries and requests for interviews are directed to Lea Byrd at AKILA WORKSONGS: (718) 756-8501 (office) or [lea@akilaworksongs.com](mailto:lea@akilaworksongs.com).

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