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## **2013 Symposium Features Faculty of Top Writers from Alaska and Outside**

Kathleen Dean Moore, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Oregon State University, believes that moral force is necessary to prevent toads, salmon, and cedars from slipping off the planet. Author of seven books, the Oregon writer-activist is the keynote speaker at the fourth annual North Words Writers Symposium, held in Skagway, Alaska May 29-June 1. Moore's books have won the Oregon Book Award, the Pacific Northwest Booksellers' Award, and the Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award. Her works have also been published in *Orion*, *Discover*, *The Sun*, and the *New York Times Magazine*.

Moore is joined at the Skagway symposium by a faculty of Alaska authors that includes John Straley, Kim Heacox, Lynn Schooler, Andromeda Romano-Lax, David Hunsaker, Howard Weaver, and Heather Lende. Faculty will serve on panels to discuss topics like overcoming writer's block, the path to publication, assessing reader needs, and writing personal essays, screenplays, and fiction.

"North Words stands alone among writer gatherings," said symposium program director Daniel Henry. "Participants take home winning ideas, success stories, methods, and deepened relationships with a whole network of talented writers. Moreover, Skagway knows how to host an unforgettable soiree."

For more information, including registration, go to [www.nwwritersss.com](http://www.nwwritersss.com)

### Faculty

Kathleen Dean Moore: *Moral Ground*, *The Pine Island Paradox*, *Riverwalking*, etc.

John Straley: *The Woman Who Married a Bear*, *The Big Both Ways*, etc.

Kim Heacox: *The Only Kayak*, *An American Idea: The Making of the National Parks*, etc.

Lynn Schooler: *The Blue Bear*, *The Last Shot*, *Heartbroke Bay*, etc.

Andromeda Romano-Lax: *The Detour*, *The Spanish Bow*, etc.

David Hunsaker: Screenplays *The Firecracker Boys*, *Whistler in the Dark*, graphic novel *North End of the World*

Howard Weaver: Former editor of Anchorage Daily News, Book: *Write Hard Die Free*.

Heather Lende: *If You Lived Here, I'd Know Your Name*; *Take Good Care of the Garden and the Dogs*

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