

ACCUTE 2022 Conference - Creative Writing Panels

The Post-Pandemic Long Poem

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The tradition of the epic, the heroic tale, even Eliot's *The Wasteland*, all reflect one's place in society. In this time of reconciliation and post-pandemic grief, the long poem is the perfect form and structure for contemplating how to be in the world now. Three panelists, Dr Tanis MacDonald (Wilfred Laurier), Dr Micheline Maylor (Mount Royal University), and John Wall Barger (Canadian citizen teaching at University of the Arts Philadelphia), all accomplished creative writers and teachers, will discuss how to engage with the process of building the long poem and in what ways those poems can incorporate personal narrative for the sake of social and societal change.

This panel will appeal to writers and may include a writing workshop. It will include a brief history of the long poem followed by a creative reading from the three authors, plus a discussion period.