

Feb. 7: Good Thunder Reading Series

Short story writer Sequoia Nagamatsu, poet Jordan Deveraux are featured writers.

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Mankato, Minn. – Minnesota State University, Mankato will host short story writer Sequoia Nagamatsu and poet Jordan Deveraux on Thursday, Feb. 7 in the next event of the University’s 37th annual Good Thunder Reading Series.

Nagamatsu is the featured writer in the Robert C. Wright Minnesota Writer Residency. Deveraux is the winner of the 2018 Robert C. Wright Award.

All Good Thunder Reading Series events are free and open to the public.

Feb. 7 activities will begin with Nagamatsu holding a workshop from 10-11 a.m. at the Emy Frentz Gallery (523 S. 2nd St. in Mankato), and then a “Talk on Craft” from 3-4 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, located at 150 Stadium Court in Mankato.

That evening, Deveraux and Nagamatsu will read from their work from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Centennial Student Union, Room 245.

Nagamatsu (pictured at left) is the author of the story collection, “Where We Go When All We Were Is Gone” (Black Lawrence Press), silver medal winner of the 2016 Foreword Reviews’ Indies Book of the Year Award, and an Entropy Magazine Best Book of 2016. Originally from Hawaii and the San Francisco Bay Area, he was educated at Grinnell College and Southern Illinois University. He co-edits Psychopomp Magazine, an online quarterly dedicated to innovative prose, and teaches at St. Olaf College and the Martha’s Vineyard Institute of Creative Writing.



Deveraux (pictured at right) was born and raised in Bountiful, Utah. He has been a poetry editor, operations editor, and managing editor at Blue Earth Review, Minnesota State Mankato’s literary journal. In addition to reading and writing poems, he likes to listen to music in the car, and ride skateboards down hills that are only slightly more steep than flat.

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