

Facets hosts fundraiser with novelist Lisa Harris

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(Butler, PA) Facets, Butler County Community College's award-winning literary magazine, will host novelist Lisa Harris for a fundraiser from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on March 11 at The Bennitt House on BC3 main campus.

There is a suggested donation of \$5 at the door. Refreshments will be served and Harris will sign books available for purchase at the reading.

Harris' stories, poems, and occasional essays explore the interactions of the human heart with the spirit of place. In her second published novel, *Allegheny Dream*, Harris delves into the secrets, mysteries, and hopes spanning four generations of Pennsylvanians. These mountains observe, but do not judge, unlike some of the people who live there. Both *Allegheny Dream* and Harris's first novel, *'Geechee Girls*, a book set in coastal Georgia, reveals a world of opposites, and of the natural and supernatural in conflict and harmony.

For interviews or more information, contact Michael Dittman, Assistant Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences, at michael.dittman@gmail.com or 814-673-4808.

Biography for Lisa Harris

Lisa Harris was born in Snow Shoe, Pennsylvania, a small town located in the Allegheny Mountains, part of the Appalachian Range. She now lives in Butler, Pennsylvania.

Lisa has always been a writer, and she has worked as a public school administrator, a teacher, and a college professor. She currently teaches at Butler County Community College and the Community College of Allegheny County and is at work on three novels, *THREAD*, *Stars Fell*, and a sequel to *'Geechee Girls*.

Harris has received support for her writing from the New York Council of the Arts, Landsmen Fellowships (Bard College), The Constance Saltonstall Foundations (Ithaca, New York), the Hambidge Colony for the Creative Arts and Sciences (Rabun Gap, Georgia), and several Provost Grants from Ithaca College.

She has taught creative writing in multiple settings, including Savannah, Georgia; Burlington, Vermont; Ithaca, New York; and Butler, Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of Bard College, Armstrong Atlantic University, SUNY Cortland and holds an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Avery Graduate School of the Arts.

Harris received first place in fiction in The Author's Zone for her first published novel, *'Geechee Girls*, and a honorable mention in the same category for her second published novel, *Allegheny Dream*. In addition, she has received two Bright Hill Fiction Awards for her chapbooks, *Low*

Country Stories and Boxes, the seed stories for her novels, which have been anthologized in various journals and publications. Her poetry has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize.