

The Developmental Writing folks submitted a Make It Happen Grant and got some money to bring some guest speakers to campus this semester. All of our English colleagues are invited to come and to bring your students! You may not have a class that meets during the times these guest speakers are coming to campus. However, we encourage you to check them out and to persuade your students to come to the events if they can.



Award-winner Stephanie Allen, author of *A PLACE BETWEEN STATIONS*, talking about writing and reading from her collection...FYI re: her book, go to: [http://www.amazon.com/Place-Between-Stations-Stories/dp/0826214444/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1201209347&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/Place-Between-Stations-Stories/dp/0826214444/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1201209347&sr=8-1) If you want, I can give you photocopies of some stories from this book, as well as suggested writing activities related to the stories.

She'll be here on Tuesday, February 5, 12:30-1:30 p.m.,  
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She'll be here on Wednesday, February 6, 1-2 p.m.,  
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Dynamic activist-documentary/feature filmmakers--who grew up in Montgomery County--speaking about their community involvement and some of the films they made for YouTube about the immigration backlash in our area... Read about our guest speakers, Annabel Park, Eric Byler, and Jeff Man, in The Washington Post: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/11/02/AR2007110202158.html> and <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/12/14/AR2007121401327.html>

They'll be here on Tuesday, February 26, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Theatre Arts Arena  
They'll be here on Wednesday, February 27, 1-2 p.m., Theatre Arts Arena

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Rebecca Haile, author of *HELD AT A DISTANCE: MY REDISCOVERY OF ETHIOPIA*, talking about her identity and experience as an Ethiopian American, her return 25 years later to Ethiopia, and her reflections on Ethiopian history and culture...Here's some info on her book: [http://www.amazon.com/HELD-AT-DISTANCE-REDISCOVERY-ETHIOPIA/dp/0897335562/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1201209297&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/HELD-AT-DISTANCE-REDISCOVERY-ETHIOPIA/dp/0897335562/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1201209297&sr=1-1) If you want, I can give you photocopies of selections from this book, as well as some suggested discussion and writing activities related to it.

She'll be here on Wednesday, March 5, 11-12 p.m. and 1-2 p.m., Theatre Arts Arena

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Michel Martin, star of National Public Radio's "Tell Me More," an eclectic, cutting-edge news/talk show, discussing her work on current issues...Here's an intro article from The Washington Post: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/26/AR2007102600486.html>; and here's the link to her programs on NPR: <http://www.npr.org/templates/rundowns/rundown.php?prgId=46> To find out which issues/programs she'll be discussing, please ask, and I'll send you the specific links.

She'll be here On Friday, April 18, 1-2 p.m., Theatre Arts Arena

We hope to see you there. Peace, The Rockville Developmental Writing Program Committee