The Toronto Humanities at Large Workshop:
Writing Creative Non-Fiction for Academics

May 27-31, 2019, University of Toronto
Application Deadline: 25 April

This week-long intensive workshop is designed for academic writers who wish to reach a broader public. Participants will be given strategies for writing for different audiences and for disseminating their work in non-academic channels. They will learn strategies drawn from creative non-fiction, such as narrative structure, character development, voice, and point of view.

Instructors: Eva-Lynn Jagoe is an Associate Professor of Comparative Literature and Spanish. She is the author of Take Her, She’s Yours, a forthcoming nonfiction memoir, and teaches courses on critical and creative nonfiction. She has been co-organizer of this workshop, as well as of Banff Research in Culture. Gretchen Bakke is a professional editor and writer with extensive experience writing for both academic and non-academic readership. Author of The Grid: The Fraying Wires between Americans and our Energy Future (a 2016 Bill Gates pick) Bakke is currently a Visiting Professor of Anthropology at Humboldt University in Berlin.

Application Process: The workshop is limited to 14 spaces, with preference given to mid-level (Associate) professors, though other applications will be considered. To apply, please send the following: 1) 500-word proposal of what writing you want to do (or are already doing) in this area and why; 2) 1-page CV. Applications should be submitted through the JHI website at: https://humanities.utoronto.ca/funding/24316

Please feel free to write to Eva-Lynn Jagoe (e.jagoe@utoronto.ca) or Gretchen Bakke (gretchen.bakke@hu-berlin.de) for further information about the nature and structure of this workshop.

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Out-of-town participants (i.e., non-University of Toronto participants) are eligible for limited funding support toward the costs of travel and accommodation on a reimbursement basis. If you have questions about this funding, please contact JHI Director, Professor Alison Keith (jhi.director@utoronto.ca)