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WRITERS SERIES AT UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH: “PROS ON PROSE”

The Center for Academic Excellence at the University of Saint Joseph will host “Pros on Prose,” a panel discussion on the writing process, on Thursday April 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The event will take place in the Crystal Room of Mercy Hall at the University’s main campus: 1678 Asylum Avenue West Hartford, Conn. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

“Our goal in developing the program was to highlight the process that professional writers go through in order to show students the path to success,” said Tami Fagan, director of the Center for Academic Excellence. “The panelists — all of whom are published authors — are willing to share the struggles and triumphs they endure.”

Authors serving on the panel include:

- Jason Courtmanche, Ph.D., director of the Connecticut Writing Project at the University of Connecticut and author of *How Nathaniel Hawthorne’s Narratives Are Shaped by Sin*, as well as the popular blog, “The Write Space: A Blog for Teachers and Writers”
- David Fortier, an English teacher at Rocky Hill High School, poet, and the author of several titles including *Unexpected Presence* (2012) and *Daily Meditations with Scripture for Busy Couples* (1999)
- Dawn Leger, Ph.D., a fiction writer of *In Flight* (2009) and editor who has also worked as a journalist, grant writer, academic administrator, and editor of scientific textbooks and articles
- Lisa Smith, a poet, short story, and nonfiction writer who has published in *The New York Times*, *Freshwater*, *Rise Up*, the *Connecticut Review* (winning the Best Fiction prize in 2006)

Following the panel discussion, refreshments will be served and participants can speak informally with the writers. For more information, contact Jessyka Scoppetta at jscoppetta@usj.edu

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