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CREATIVE WRITING PROFESSORS TO READ
BEST SELLERS ON CAMPUS

MILLEDGEVILLE, GA – Jason Allen, author of *The East End*, and Peter Selgin, author of *The Kuhreihen Melody: Nostalgic Essays*, will read their novels at a Georgia College event. Both of the authors are creative writing faculty members at the university.

Based in the Hamptons, *The East End* consists of murder, addiction and the clashing of the lower and upper classes. Allen drew from his own experience as lower class in the Hamptons in writing the novel. In addition, it may become a TV mini-series.

“My background was a lot like the teenaged character, Corey, who is a working class kid in the Hamptons who longs to be somewhere else, to escape the island. My friends and I were the creative misfits, most of us from broken homes, and we all worked long hours for the rich. We rewarded ourselves most nights with heavy drinking and a variety of drugs. We also developed strong opinions about class, that’s for sure,” said Allen.

Peter Selgin also draws on childhood experience in his book about the phenomenon of nostalgia, *The Kuhreihen Melody: Nostalgic Essays*. The book is nonfiction and consists of 15 essays.

Selgin received the Flannery O’Conner award for fiction in 2007 and the William Faulkner Prize in 2011.

“What great fiction does, what it’s supposed to do, is get at the meaningful essence of things; not through “facts” as much as through particulars, by describing specific yet universal and showing us, through vivid descriptions, in Flannery O’Connor’s words,” said Selgin in an interview with Derek Alger.

The reading will take place at 7 p.m. on January 14 on the Georgia College campus.

About Georgia College

Georgia College & State University was founded in 1889 and was originally named Georgia Normal and Industrial College. As a women-only school, its original purpose was to give women the knowledge they needed in the new industrial era. Today, Georgia College is a co-education university and serves over 6,600 undergraduates. It is now the only public liberal arts university in Georgia and has four different colleges, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education and the College of Health Sciences.

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