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presents

Creative Non-Fiction Workshop

Reclaiming Home & Finding Belonging in Biomythography/Speculative Memoir



with

Vanelis Rivera

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Explore memory, myth, and imagination to reclaim your story and find your place.

Date: 20th November 2026

Time: 1:45 – 3:30 pm

Venue: Room 107, 1st Floor, Central Block

No of participants: 30

Registration fees:

- Christ University students: Rs 120
- Others: Rs 250

SCAN TO REGISTER

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WORKSHOP DETAILS

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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

As a truth-seeker, a memoirist must dig deep into memory and carve out emotional truths in order to understand the complexities of personal lived experiences. This does not always entail reporting facts like an investigative journalist. Instead, it can require alchemizing flighty memory into versions of the real. For some, this involves mythmaking, using lived experiences, ancestral stories, history, and the cutting edge of imagination to construct a narrative thread that gets as close to Truth as the imagination allows.

WHAT YOU'LL EXPLORE

- Examples of biomythography and speculative memoir
- Language and scene-crafting prompts
- Discussions on using personal story to reclaim lived experiences and establish our place in the wide net of existence

ABOUT THE FACILITATOR

Vanelis Rivera is a Latine, Louisiana-based writer of nonfiction born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, and raised in St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands. She received her MFA from the University of New Orleans and her MA from the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM). Currently, she is an assistant professor at ULM and a contributing writer for BayouLife Magazine where she focuses extensively on the culture and lifestyle of Northeast Louisiana. She has also been published in She Shreds Magazine and Farm Star Living. Having recently completed her memoir Girlsaint, which maps her girlhood on the island of St. Croix, she is beginning her career as a memoirist and essayist.

COORDINATORS

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