

WRITERS AT RISK

Wayne State University

September 15 & 16, 2022

Citizenship and Constitution Day Program

Danny Fenster

Thursday, September 15, 6 PM

Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium

Wayne State University Law School

On May 24, 2021, while attempting to fly home to Detroit, writer and journalist Danny Fenster, then working in Yangon as managing editor of the anglophone magazine *Frontier Myanmar*, was arrested by agents of the Burmese junta that had seized power the previous February. He spent the next six months in prison, in the company of Burmese dissidents. Released last November, Fenster is now a Nieman Journalism Fellow at Harvard University. This September 15, he returns to Wayne State University, where he earned a Master's in English in 2016. In conversation with Creative Writing professor Donovan Hohn, Fenster will discuss his experiences in Myanmar, the growing global threat of authoritarian surveillance, and the imperiled role of the writer as truth-telling witness.



Cities of Asylum Solidarity Tour

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Exiled Writers on
Resistance and Risk

16
September to 24
Pittsburgh
Detroit
Ithaca

Cities of Asylum

Solidarity Tour

Friday, September 16, 7 PM

Trinosophes Cafe

1464 Gratiot Ave

Poet Dmitry Bykov nearly died in a poisoning, then was banned from teaching or appearing on Russian TV. Essayist Pwaangulongii Dauod received death threats for writing about queer culture in Nigeria. Cartoonist Pedro X. Molina watched Nicaraguan state forces jail his colleagues and occupy his newspaper's offices. Novelist Anouar Rahmani was threatened with imprisonment for writing about human rights in Algeria. All four were forced to flee their homelands, and all four found safe haven in a City of Asylum in the United States. Come hear their stories and learn about their commitment to free creative expression at this evening of readings and lively conversation. Timed for Banned Books Week, the event is part of a three-city tour celebrating solidarity among City of Asylum programs in Ithaca, Pittsburgh, and Detroit.

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