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Alexander Hamilton, Ron Chernow, & William Kennedy Among Those to be Inducted into NYS Writers Hall of Fame

Noted writers Ron Chernow, William Kennedy, Suzan-Lori Parks and Lillian Ross are among the eight members of the 2017 Class of Inductees into the [NYS Writers Hall of Fame](#). The four are expected to be in attendance at the induction on Monday, June 5, 2017, at [the Princeton Club of New York](#). Rocco Staino, who serves as the Director of the [Empire State Center for the Book](#), made the announcement on February 20, 2017. The Center for the Book is the organization that oversees the Hall of Fame. In addition, four deceased writers: Alexander Hamilton, Christopher Morley, Walter Dean Myers, and Frederick Law Olmsted will be inducted.

“This year our committee decided that it was time that we expand our scope of writers,” said Rocco Staino, Director for the Center of the Book. “Both Alexander Hamilton and Frederick Law Olmsted are noted for political and environmental writing respectively.”

The full list of the 2017 inductees is as follows:

***Ron Chernow* (1949) – Journalist, historian, and biographer**

***Alexander Hamilton* (1755 – 1804) – A prolific and vigorous writer, he authored 51 of the Federalist Papers.**

William Kennedy* (1928) – Pulitzer Prize winner and author of eight novels called the *Albany Cycle

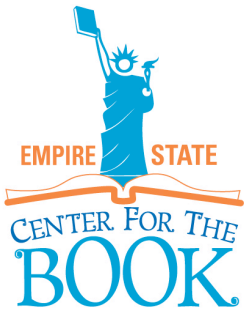
***Christopher Morley* (1890 - 1957) – Journalist, novelist, essayist, and poet. He was the founder of the Baker Street Irregulars.**

***Walter Dean Myers* (1937 – 2014) – Author of children’s and young adult books. He was the third National Ambassador of Young People’s Literature.**

***Frederick Law Olmsted* (1822 – 1903) – Landscape architect who wrote about landscape, culture, and society. He was one of the earliest environmental writers.**

***Suzan-Lori Parks* (1963) – Pulitzer Prize winning playwright, novelist and screenwriter.**

***Lillian Ross* (1926) – American journalist and long-time writer for *The New Yorker*.**



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This year's nominees into the NYS Writers Hall of Fame were chosen by a selection committee comprised of: Barbara Genco, retired librarian from Brooklyn Public Library and Editor of Collection Management at Media Source, Brian Kenney, Director of the White Plains Public Library, Stefanie Peters of the Library of America, Kathleen Masterson, Director of the Literature Program at the New York State Council on the Arts, Ira B. Matetsky Esq., partner at Ganfer & Shore, Christine McDonald, retired director of the Crandall Library in Glens Falls, Bertha Rogers, Executive Director of Bright Hill Press & creator of the New York State Literary website and map, Charlene Rue, Brooklyn & New York Public Libraries Book Ops, Cynthia Shor, Executive Director of the Walt Whitman Birthplace Association, and Rocco Staino, Director of the Empire State Center for the Book.

The Empire State Center for the Book is part of the Library of Congress Center for the Book and is currently housed at the New York Library Association.

For additional information on the Empire State Center for the Book and the Writers Hall of Fame, please contact Rocco Staino at the New York Library Association, 1-800-252-NYLA or rocco.staino@gmail.com.