



THE RAAB WRITING FELLOWS SHOWCASE

May 31, 2023, 4-5:30 pm
Mosher Alumni House

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Raab Writing Fellows Program

Writing Program, UCSB
<http://raabwritingfellows.com/>

Welcome

Ljiljana Coklin, Raab Writing Fellows Program Director

Deborah Harris, Writing Program Associate Director

Linda Adler-Kassner, Associate Vice Chancellor of Teaching and Learning
& CITRAL Faculty Director

Presentations

The Ideologies of Identity

Robbin May Balagtas: The Rhetoric of Belonging at UCSB

Mentor: Karen Lunsford

Minyi Jiang: The Influence of Chinese Maoism in Iran

Mentor: Katie Baillargeon

Phoebe Pineda: The Embattled Feminine Gaze: A Study in Reylo Discourse

Mentor: Dan Frank

Elaina Smolin: Behind the Shades: A Close Look at the Blurred Lines
Between Joan Didion's Fiction and Nonfiction

Mentor: Robby Nadler

Global Perspectives

Leila Katibah: Hyperreality in A Globalized World

Mentor: Kevin Rutherford

Viviana Bustamante: Fandom Lore: Finding Identity in Fiction

Mentor: Nomi Morris

Estefania Zaragoza: Language Left Behind

Mentor: Paul Mena

Sydney Fry: Minority Languages & The Survival of Cultural Identity

Mentor: Peter Huk

Hannah Meyers: "Happy, Free, Confused, and Lonely": A Gaucho's Guide To
Studying Abroad In the Netherlands

Mentor: Ljiljana Coklin

Understanding Ourselves Through Storytelling

Chase Duma: Plempath & Building Empathy through Stories

Mentor: Sarah Hirsch

Sofia Mosqueda: Of Earth and Sky

Mentor: Ellen Whittet

Daian Martinez: In the Middle

Mentor: Bob Krut

Maya Salem: Myth-making in Civil War: Broken Hourglass

Mentor: Peter Huk

Reed Gaynor: Pura Vida

Mentor: Ljiljana Coklin

Reflection and Resilience

Courtney Poon: Lazy

Mentor: Beth Saur

Ash Phommasa: A Life Worth Living

Mentor: Kenny Smith

Kiana Perez-Granados: Sterling Silver River

Mentor: Bob Krut

Brea Spencer: Bittersweet

Mentor: Alison Williams

Sierra Vakili: To Get to the Other Side

Mentor: Ellen Whittet

Thank you

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