



## Poetry of Presence

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with Raisa Tolchinsky

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Dear all,

Welcome to our writing workshop, The Poetry of Presence— thank you for registering! I'm so excited to write with you, learn alongside you, and spend a weekend together in creative practice in this life-changing place. Below, some basic information for our course.

Schedule:

Friday

Check-in: 3:00 pm

Dinner (Dining Hall): 5:30–6:30 pm

Ghost Ranch Orientation

Welcome/Introductions: 7:00–9:00 pm

Saturday

Breakfast: 7:30–8:30 am

Morning Writing Session: 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Lunch: 12:00–1:00 pm



Afternoon: Personal Writing Time / Free Time

Office Hours with Raisa: 4:00–5:00 pm

Dinner: 5:30–6:30 pm

Writing Workshop: 7:00–8:30 pm

Sunday

Breakfast: 7:30–8:30 am

Check-out: by 10:00 am

Final Writing Session / Closing: 10:00–11:30 am

What to bring for our class:

- A notebook
- A pen
- A favorite book of poetry or a favorite poem— something that has inspired you.
- A photo of a loved one

Also, remember to bring Ghost Ranch essentials:

- water bottle
- sun hat & warm hat
- sunglasses
- clothing layers
- sturdy shoes or boots
- sunscreen
- flashlight or headlamp
- a day pack



So looking forward to our time together this summer, and feel free to contact me at [ritolchin@gmail.com](mailto:ritolchin@gmail.com) with any questions.

Yours,  
Raisa