May 12, 2017

Dear Human Rights Center Fellowship Alumni:

We’re excited to announce that we are currently accepting applications from our former Human Rights Center Fellows for this year’s Mesa Refuge retreat—a two-week collaborative residency at Mesa Refuge from July 10-23 in Point Reyes, California. Mesa Refuge is a writers’ retreat that is intended to provide a quiet and inspiring space for people writing about ways to create a more just and sustainable world. You can learn more at www.mesarefuge.org.

Mesa Refuge has hosted notable writers such as Michael Pollan, Anna and Frances Moore Lappé, Natalie Goldberg, Raj Patel, Daniel Ellsberg, Rebecca Solnit, and Van Jones. Last year, Executive Director Alexa Koenig and fellows Julia Sizek and Hayden Shelby were awarded residencies. At the culmination of the retreat, they read from their work to an intimate group of friends and Human Rights Center supporters.

This residency is focused on human rights and is supported by the center's Fellowship Program benefactor Tom White in order to give our fellows the time and beautiful space they need to write about their work. We’re hoping it can become an annual feature of the Fellowship Program.

If you would like to be considered, please send the following by Friday, May 19:

1. Name, phone, email, and mailing address
2. A description of your project in 500 words or less answering the following questions:
   - What do you intend to write (academy paper, long form journalism piece, other)?
   - What is your intended audience?
   - What do you hope to accomplish with your writing?
3. A writing sample (2,000 word limit)

Submissions and questions should be directed to Audrey Whiting at audrey.whiting@berkeley.edu.

Warm regards,

Audrey Whiting
Fellowship Coordinator