

# The Moore Talk

The Department of English is pleased to present  
the 2022 Moore Speaker:

## If Not Arson, Then an Essay

by Megan Stielstra

Megan Stielstra is the author of three collections: *Everyone Remain Calm*, *Once I Was Cool*, and *The Wrong Way to Save Your Life*, winner of the 2017 Nonfiction Book of the Year Award from the Chicago Review of Books. Her work appears in *Best American Essays*, *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *The Believer*, *Poets & Writers*, *Tin House*, and elsewhere. A longtime company member with *2nd Story*, she has told stories for *National Public Radio*, the *Museum of Contemporary Art*, and theatres, festivals, and classrooms across the country. She teaches creative nonfiction at *Northwestern University* and is Senior Fellow with the *Annenberg Innovation Lab* at the *University of Southern California*, imagining a media that centers human beings.



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**Thursday, March 3, 2022**  
**5:15pm**

Hagstrum Room 201  
1897 Sheridan Road  
Northwestern University - Evanston, IL

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**Click the link below to register via Zoom.**

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Mason Reay (McC89) and Katherine Reay (WCAS92, GJ 93), author of several novels, created the Moore Speaker Series. The program aims to attract great writers to pass their knowledge and experience on to students, faculty, and the Northwestern community. "It's exciting to hear today's writers talk about their lives and stories", Mason says, "and how they communicate them with relevance". Katherine adds, "We'd like this to be about how you craft big thoughts. There are phenomenal writers coming out of Northwestern, and we hope this inspires them."

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