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Conference Overview

The Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Writers Conference of the Southwest, presented by the University of North Texas Mayborn Graduate School of Journalism, provides a forum for journalists, writers, readers, students, educators and the general public to listen to, be inspired by and practice their craft at the highest possible level. We seek to enhance the quality of nonfiction writing, encourage innovation, and create a community of factual storytellers who maintain an unflinching faith in the narrative craft. Each year, we gather some of the most talented storytellers in the country to explore the aesthetic elements of nonfiction narrative prosewriting that elevate the reading experience without ever compromising factual truth.

As a result, "The Mayborn Conference has very quickly risen to preeminence among the nation's literary conferences," says Hampton Sides, author of *Blood and Thunder*. *Texas Monthly* contends "The Mayborn Conference has street cred among literati and a reputation for hot-button banter."

This year's conference is bringing some of the most renowned literary nonfiction authors to North Texas, including keynote speakers N. Scott Momaday, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Bob Shacochis, an editor at large for *Outside* magazine and author of *The Immaculate Invasion*, and Candace Millard, a former writer for *National Geographic* and author of *River of Doubt*.

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