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**FEATURED SPEAKERS:**

**Dr. Terry Holliday,**

**Kentucky Commissioner of  
Education**



**Silas House** is an award winning Kentucky author. House serves as the NEH Chair of Appalachian Literature at Berea College and on the fiction faculty at Spalding University. House was born and raised in Eastern Kentucky. He divides his time between London and Berea, Kentucky.

**Frank X Walker** is the current Kentucky State Poet Laureate. Walker is cofounder of the Affrilachian Poets, as well the editor and publisher of *PLUCK!, the new Journal of Affrilachian Art & Culture*. He currently serves as an associate professor in the Department of English at the University of Kentucky. Walker is a native of Danville, Kentucky.



**Dr. ReLeah Lent** is an accomplished author and educator. A longtime secondary teacher, Lent was a founding member of the Florida Literacy and Reading Excellence project. She is now a full-time consultant and writer, including such works as *Common Core CPR: What About Adolescents Who Struggle...Or Just Don't Care*. She is a Kentucky native and currently resides in Georgia.