PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES

LGBTQ Presentation and Representation of/by Asian/Pacific American Writers

Sponsored by APALA and GLBTRT, this program focuses on the representation, or lack thereof, of LGBTQ members within the spectrum of the Asian/Pacific American (APA) community, particularly in literary works of APA LGBTQ writers.

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Hyatt Regency McCormick Place
Jackson Park 10A