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PEN SA would like to bid a fond farewell to outgoing secretary Deborah Horn-Botha, who has resigned from her post after more than a decade at our organisation. Thank you for your contribution, Deborah, and we wish you all the best and happiest for the future.



An introductory Q&A with our new Head of Communications, Nick Mulgrew

PEN SA extends a warm welcome to [Nick Mulgrew](#), who has joined the permanent staff at PEN South Africa as its new Head of Communications (originally the Newsletter Editor). He



Zukiswa Wanner's "The Final Minute" translated into 11 languages for #WRAD18

Tomorrow, February 1st, is World Read Aloud Day! For 2018's edition, literacy advocates Nal'ibali commissioned PEN SA member Zukiswa Wanner to write a story to be translated into all official

was asked about what drew him to work for PEN SA, what he thinks makes PEN SA an important organisation, and what he hopes to contribute to our organisation in the coming months.

[Read more](#)

(Image by Mia Borman)

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have revamped the events pages on the PEN SA website. Now it's easier to find events that appeal to you – whether they be poetry readings, workshops, days of public participation or other literary happenings.

Check our calendar of literary events in February – including a three-course meal-slash-cookbook launch – by clicking [here](#).

Please submit your literary events for conclusion on our events calendar by e-mailing newslettereditor@pensouthafrica.co.za.

NEW MEMBERS' TITLES

languages and read aloud to children on the day.

[Read more](#)

***Are you taking part in #WRAD18?
Send us your pics and recordings!
Reply to this mail.***

(Image courtesy of Nal'ibali)

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

[Jacana Media is looking for a new desk editor and marketing co-ordinator](#) (Deadline 7 February)

[Guernica calls for submissions for its special Deserts issue](#) (Deadline 7 February)

[Artist bursaries are available for the SU Wordfees](#) (Deadline 12 February)

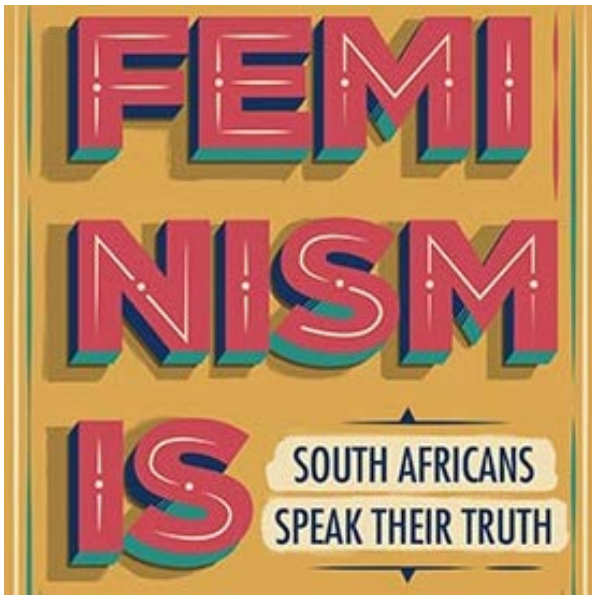
[Prairie Schooner's annual Book Prize accepting manuscripts](#) (US\$25; deadline 15 March)

[Writivism Short Story Prize](#) (Deadline 31 March)

[Koffi Addo Writivism Prize for Creative Non Fiction](#) (Deadline 31 March)

[Cameroonian magazine Bakwa calls for submissions on the theme of "Pain"](#) (Deadline 15 April)

[Click here for all calls for submissions](#)



Recent and upcoming publications by PEN SA members include [Feminism Is](#) edited by Jen Thorpe, and [Out of Time](#), songs based off of poems by Gabeba Baderoon performed by Robert Stone.

Please send new releases to
newslettereditor@pensouthafrica.co.za.

AWARDS NEWS

The nominees for the 53rd Fleur du Cap Awards have [been announced](#).

The winners of Science Fiction and Fantasy South Africa's 2017 Nova Awards have [been announced](#).

CONGRATULATIONS

Jill Morsbach has won the 2017 Nova Award for her story "The Last Baby". [Read more](#)

What Remains, written by PEN SA President Nadia Davids, has been nominated in six categories for the 53rd Fleur du Cap Awards, including Best Production and Best New South African Script. [Read more](#)

WELCOME

Welcome to new PEN SA Professional Members Grace Muthandwa, former Chairperson of PEN Zimbabwe; and Michele Betty, poet and publisher of Dryad Press!

Welcome to new PEN SA Supporter Tess Sulaman!

Send us your news

Had a book published recently? Attended or participated in a festival? Won an award? Achieved a personal milestone of note? We welcome any news of your activities for future issues of the PEN SA newsletter. Please let us know if your email changes so we can update our mailing list.

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