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# WORD MADE FLESH: WRITING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

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March 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m.-March 17, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 2018

## OVERVIEW

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