

2024 BOOK JURY

Gloria Dickie



Gloria Dickie is the author of *Eight Bears* (W.W. Norton, 2023), a global exploration of the eight remaining species of bears and the dangers they face. The book was named a 'best book of the year' by *The New Yorker* and *The Economist*, and shortlisted for the 2023 Banff Mountain Book Awards. She has participated in the Banff Centre's Mountain & Wilderness Writing Residency and Environmental Reportage Residency in years past, focusing on human-wildlife conflict. Gloria is currently a global climate and environment correspondent at Reuters News Agency, and has reported from more than 20 countries in her career. Her writing has also appeared in *The New York Times*, *Scientific American* magazine,

Wired magazine, *The Guardian* and *The Walrus*. Her favourite wild places include the Arctic, western China, and the Rocky Mountain Front Range. Originally from Canada, she is currently based in London.

Tony Whittome



Tony was founder faculty with Marni Jackson of the influential Mountain and Wilderness program at Banff Centre back in 2005. A British director of Penguin Random House UK, now retired and working freelance, he has published many award-winning mountaineering, travel and adventure writers, such as Joe Simpson, Stephen Venables, Bernadette McDonald, Jim Perrin and Andy Cave, as well as running his own history, politics, poetry and fiction lists. A keen traveller and (decidedly amateur) former climber, he has walked and cycled on four continents and is the co-editor of the Banff Centre Press publication, *Rock, Paper, Fire*. He has served on the

boards of the Poetry Society and the Poetry Book Society and is currently on the Arts Board of the prison charity Koestler Arts, where he is also a literature judge.

Marni Jackson



Marni Jackson is a Toronto writer who has been proud to work with climbers and aspiring authors during her 20 years on the faculty of the Banff Mountain and Wilderness Writing Program. An award-winning journalist who wrote for Outside magazine when it first launched, Marni's most recent novel, "Don't I Know You?" was among CBC's top twenty books of the year. She also works in theatre and was a co-writer on the documentary film "Al Purdy Was Here".

Marni is delighted to be back in Banff.

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