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Writing Women in the Past, Present, and Future: A Reading and Conversation with Award-Winning Author and MCCC Professor Jacqueline Vogtman

Fiction writer Jacqueline Vogtman could be your professor! Along with teaching at MCCC, Professor Vogtman is a published author whose 2023 short story collection, *Girl Country*, stirs emotions and provokes thought in unexpected ways. According to Lawrence Coates, author of *Camp Olvido*, "Vogtman's characters encounter threats from environmental collapse, economic divide, and social structures that repress and contain women. Yet the stories find illumination in the darkness as the characters bend toward empathy and connection."

She will read from her recent fiction, discuss her work as a writer, and answer your questions about her stories and living a creative life.

- Jacqueline Vogtman won the 2021 Dzanc Short Story Collection Prize for her book *Girl Country*, published in 2023.
- From Anne Valente, author of *By Light We Knew Our Names*: "Each story in *Girl Country* is absolutely luminous, the gorgeous writing and fantastical premises lingering with the reader for days after. This is an essential, urgent and awe-inspiring collection."
- Her fiction has appeared in *Electric Literature*, *Hunger Mountain*, *Permafrost*, *The Literary Review*, *Third Coast*, *Smokelong Quarterly*, and other journals.
- She is currently Professor of English at Mercer County Community College, where she edits the *Kelsey Review* and co-advises the creative writing club.

Recommended by: Professor Carol Bork, English Department

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