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C.K. WILLIAMS TO GIVE PUBLIC READING AT EMORY
Award-Winning Poet Known for Everyday Observations, Whitmanesque lines

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet C.K. Williams will give a public reading at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009, in the Jones Room on Level 3 of the Robert W. Woodruff Library on the Emory University Campus. Admission is free.

Williams is known for combining everyday observations with long, Whitmanesque lines that defy and redefine lyric poetry. He is the author of several books of poetry, including Repair (1999), which won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry; The Singing (2003), winner of the National Book Award; Flesh and Blood (1987), which won the National Book Critics Circle Award; I Am the Bitter Name (1992), and Tar (1983). He has also published translated works of Sophocles, Euripides, Issa and modern poets such as Adam Zagajewski. He teaches in the creative writing program at Princeton University.

“Williams is a poet of broad scope, deep insight, and sophisticated music,” says Kevin Young, curator of literary collections and the Raymond Danowski Poetry Library at the Emory Libraries’ Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library (MARBL). “His presence on campus will surely prove another high point in the Raymond Danowski Poetry Library Reading Series.”

The award-winning poet has two books slated for publication next year: Wait, a book of poems, and Williams, on Whitman, a prose book. Recently Williams was awarded the 20th Annual Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, given to American poets in recognition of extraordinary accomplishments.

The Williams reading opens the fifth season of the Raymond Danowski Poetry Library Reading Series. The theme for the new season is “Translation.”

The second reader in the series will be Robert Pinsky, scheduled to read at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, 2010, in Glenn Memorial Auditorium, 1652 N. Decatur Rd., Atlanta, Ga., 30322. The third reader of the season is Irish Poet Eamon Grennan, slated for Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

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The Woodruff Library is located at 540 Asbury Circle, Atlanta, Ga., 30322. For more information, contact Denise Funk at 404.727.688 or dmfunk@emory.edu or visit http://marbl.library.emory.edu/events-and-exhibitions.html.

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