Celebrate National Poetry Month @ Pius Library

Join us for the First Annual Poetry Symposium: Poets Engaged: Faith, Hope, and Love at Pius Library, Saint Louis University, Wednesday, April 14th to Friday, April 16th, 2010. Keynote speaker is Ralph Wright, OSB and featured guest poets are Joshua Kryah, Margot Lurie, Ben Mazer, Philip Nikolayev, and Yaoska Tijerino. Events are sponsored by the St. Louis Poetry Center, Pius XII Memorial Library, Laclede Coffee Co., Left Bank Books, the Dept. of Modern & Classical Languages at Saint Louis University, and the SLU Writing Center’s Creative Writing Dojo. Events, listed in this issue, are free and open to the public!!

Accompanying the symposium will be two exhibits in Pius Library. “Songs, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs” is a display of manuscript facsimiles held by the Vatican Film Library. The exhibit, located on the second floor of Pius Library, will be on display from April 1st through April 30th. “The Poetry Critic and Poet: The Secret Life of Walter J. Ong, SJ” is an exhibit of key pieces from Father Ong’s collection which is housed in the University Archives. Located on the 3rd floor of Pius Library, this exhibit will be on display from April 1st through April 30th. There will be a brown bag lunch on April 15th where John Waide, University Archivist will provide a brief account of Ong’s work on Hopkins and his other lesser known interests.
Events of Interest in the Area:

Joshua Kryah Workshop: The Project Poem

Friday, April 16, 2010
10:00am - 3:00pm
Lunch will be provided.
Participants are limited to 10.
Location: TBD (private home in Webster Groves).
$50.00 for St. Louis Poetry Center members.
$60.00 for non-members.
Limited student/senior rates available.

This workshop will concentrate on the recent increase in poetry “project” books – those collections that center around one central theme, figure, or conceit. Participants can expect to spend time engaging in various approaches to the “project” poem through their own work. To reserve your place at the workshop, please email Karen Mondale at feeworkshop@stlouispoetrycenter.org and put “Fee Workshop” in the subject line. Please state your name in the email.

Poetic Palette Opens @ SLUMA
From now through June 20, 2010, the Saint Louis University Museum of Art (SLUMA) is exhibiting “Poetic Palette: Paintings of Ann Brown.”

SLUMA’s hours are: 11am-4pm, Wed.-Sun. For more information, visit: http://sluma.slu.edu

Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith and Art

Missouri History Museum
May 15, 2010 - September 12, 2010
Experience 2000 years of Vatican art and history, presented through extraordinary works by artists such as Michelangelo and Bernini, and objects marking the most significant moments in the history of the papacy and the Vatican. For more information visit: http://www.mohistory.org/exhibitions/upcoming/4070
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Keynote speaker Fr. Ralph Wright, OSB, was born in Nottinghamshire, England, about 200 yards from Sherwood Forest. He holds a BA in Greats (Classics, Ancient History & Philosophy) from Oxford and an STL in Theology from Fribourg (Switzerland) and was ordained as a priest at Ampleforth Abbey in 1970. At the Abott’s invitation, Fr. Wright joined the St. Louis Priory and shortly thereafter became an American citizen. At the Priory he taught Latin, Greek, English, and Religion as well as serving as tennis coach on and off for over 25 years. Today, Fr. Wright teaches 11th grade theology, creative writing to seniors, as well as serving as an advisor at the School. His first book of poems, Ripples of Stillness, was published in 1978 by Pauline Press. An author of several additional books of poetry, he has published more than 50 hymns – some originals, some translations from Latin – and continues to author works to this day.


Born in New York City, Ben Mazer’s poems have been widely published in international periodicals including Fulcrum, Verse, Harvard Review, Boston Review, Salt, and many others. His work Landis Everson’s Everything Preserved: Poems 1955-2005 (Graywolf Press, 2006) was the winner of the first Emily Dickinson Award from the Poetry Foundation. A prolific poet, Ben studied under Seamus Heaney at Harvard and recently completed his Ph.D. under Christopher Ricks at the Editorial Institute. He lives in Boston where he is contributing editor to Fulcrum for which he has edited full length anthologies of The Berkely Renaissance, and Poetry and Harvard in the 1920s.

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Margot Lurie is a Maytag Fellow at the Iowa Writers’ Workshop. She holds a Master’s in Religion from Harvard and was a Fulbright Teaching Fellow in Paris as well as a seminary student in Jerusalem. Her poems have appeared most recently in Parnassus: Poetry in Review, and are being set to music by composer Zachary Fischer (to premier at the Univ. of Iowa Center for New Music in Fall 2010). Her essays and reviews have appeared in Commentary, The New Criterion, Tablet, and The Jewish Review of Books.

Joshua Kryah was born and raised in St. Louis. He holds an MFA from the Iowa Writers’ Workshop and a Ph.D. from the Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he was a Schaeffer Fellow in poetry. His first collection of poems, Glean (2007), won the Nightboat Books Poetry Prize. Dr. Kryah’s poems have appeared in the Denver Quarterly, FIELD, The Iowa Review, and Ploughshares, among other journals. He lives with his wife and two children in Las Vegas where he teaches at UNLV as well as serving as poetry editor for Witness.

Yaoska Tijerino was born in Managua, Nicaragua, in 1979. Coming from a family of writers, it was not unexpected that she was to publish her first poems at age 17 in Nuevo Amanecer Cultural. Her poetry has since appeared in newspapers, magazines and book anthologies from Nicaragua, Central America and the USA: Novísimos, Cruce de poesía, Poetas pequeños dioses. Tijerino holds a Bachelor’s degree from Saint Louis University and a Master in Spanish Golden Age Literature from Tulane University where she continued her Ph.D. studies in Contemporary LatinAmerican Literature. She is currently writing her doctoral dissertation on legendary Nicaraguan poet Carlos Martínez Rivas. Tijerino teaches Spanish language and literature in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at her Alma Mater, Saint Louis University. Her own book of poems Treinta veces Isha: Poesía reunida (1997-2009) was published this month (March, 2010).
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List of Events  

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**Wednesday, April 14th**  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  Opening Reception  
Knights Room, Pius XII Memorial Library  
Saint Louis University  
3650 Lindell Blvd.  
St. Louis, Missouri 63108  

Keynote address: Ralph Wright, OSB  
Discussion panel of poets: Philip Nikolayev, Ben Mazer, Margot Lurie,  
Joshua Kryah, and Yaoska Tijerino  
Q & A open to the audience  

**Thursday, April 15th**  
6:30pm – 8:30pm  Poetry Readings  
Laclede Coffee Co.  
3722 Laclede Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Poetry Readings by: Ralph Wright, OSB, Margot Lurie, and Joshua Kryah  
Refreshments will be served.  

**Friday, April 16th**  
6:30pm – 8:30pm  Poetry Readings  
2nd floor, Pius XII Memorial Library  
Saint Louis University  
3650 Lindell Blvd.  
St. Louis, Missouri 63108  
Poetry Readings by: Philip Nikolayev, Ben Mazer, and Yaoska Tijerino  

**Cobra Kai Dojo: Creative Writing Group**  
**Host: A Call for Poets!**  
Poets, aspiring poets, and anyone who wants to read from their favorite poet are invited to present and perform the spoken word.  

For information regarding the Poetry Symposium, contact Amy Phillips at: aphil27@slu.edu or 314-977-3084.
Students point out their home country at the Pius XII Memorial Library table during Atlas Week.

ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE AN ANSWER!!

Recently, the University Libraries conducted an online survey, seeking feedback about our website from students and faculty. Although most of the responses were about the website, there were a few non-web-related questions. Below are a few of those along with the answers!!

Q: Pius Library absolutely needs an intercom system for safety purposes.
A: We agree!! The Library is working with the Dept. of Facilities to install a PA system so that announcements (such as for closing the Library, emergencies, etc.) can be broadcast throughout the 200,000 square foot building.

Q: RENOVATE PIUS! I've never seen such an outdated university library! The chairs have clearly been here since the place was built and they are SO uncomfortable!
A: We wholeheartedly agree with you!! You may have seen some new furniture, carpeting, and additional electrical outlets installed on the 2nd floor of Pius Library and new carpeting in the Medical Center Library. We are working closely with the new SGA administration who is very interested in renovating Pius Library, especially the reference area on the main floor that is known as the iCommons. Throughout this process, we will continue to seek your input so that Pius Library and the Medical Center Library meets the needs of today’s students and faculty.

Q: Lockers or a place where belongings could be checked while I roam the floors collecting books for research.
A: There are lockers for you to use in Pius Library. Lockers located on the 2nd floor are for personal use and are available for current students, staff, and faculty. The cost is $3.00 per academic year, and rentals expire on May 31 annually. Summer rentals to August 31 are $1.00. A limited number of premium lockers on the 5th floor are available at the cost of $5.00 per academic year. Inquire at the Circulation desk about renting a locker and further locker use policies. **NOTE: ALL LOCKERS HAVE BEEN RENTED FOR THIS SEMESTER.**
April 2010: A “Shower” of Electronic Resources for April

By Georgia A. Baugh, M.A., M.A.L.I.S.
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Dictionary of Irish Biography (Deceased persons from earliest times to December 31, 2002)
- Online version of the 9-volume print edition from Cambridge University Press and the Royal Irish Academy.
- Provides over 9,000 biographies of noteworthy persons born in Ireland and of persons born elsewhere who made significant contributions to Ireland.
- Has especially strong coverage of women in the modern period of Ireland.
- Check out entries for St. Patrick, James Joyce, Elizabeth Bowen, and Bobby Sands.

ENGnetBASE (1986 to present)
- Access to over 1,300 ebooks from CRC Press.
- Most ebooks were originally published in the 2000’s with one from the 1980’s and a few from the 1990’s.
- Covers aerospace, mechanical, civil, and electrical engineering and more.

Social Explorer (1790 to present)
- Identify geographical census areas in the United States.
- Create statistical demographic reports from U.S. Census data from 1790 to the present.
- Create maps showing a wide variety of demographic data.

Need help?
- Check out our LibGuides (research guides by subject) at http://libguides.slu.edu
- Stop by the Reference Department, call (314-977-3103), email or chat.
- Contact your liaison librarian by phone or email.
University Libraries Celebrate ASPCA Month in April

The University Libraries are celebrating ASPCA Month in April. Known as “ASPCA's Go Orange for Animals,” this month highlights the prevention of cruelty to animals. Check out our "Pet of the Day" site from April 5 - April 30, with a featured cat or dog available for adoption. We are seeking donations of dog and cat food, leashes, collars, toys, and other animal-related items. Donation boxes will be available at the Circulation Desks at both Pius Library and the Medical Center Library from April 5th through April 30th. All donated items will benefit the St. Louis City Animal Care and Control. Financial donations will benefit the ASPCA. Help us help those who can't help themselves.

Upcoming Events & Exhibits - Pius Library

“Theaters of War: America’s Perception of World War II”
Presented by Vincent Casaregola, Ph.D., English Department, Saint Louis University
Monday, April 19th, 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Pius Library, Level 2, Gallery
   Dr. Casaregola will talk about this book Theaters of War: America's Perception of World War II.

Finding Grace: Ten Year Retrospective of collabARTive: From the Peter and Paul Community Services
Exhibit runs: April 12th – May 28th
Reception: Thursday, April 15th, 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Pius Library, Level 2, Gallery

Who Was Father Bannon?

Learn about Father Bannon in an exhibit of his photographs, books, and documents from the University’s archives. The exhibit will be on display in the atrium of Pius Library during the month of April. You are also invited to attend the John Francis Bannon, SJ Annual Lecture given by Prof. Stephen Berry of the Univ. of Georgia on April 7th at 4pm in the Sinquefield State Room, 4th Floor DuBourg Hall.