

2012 Sandburg-Auden-Stein Residency

Intensive Learning Term poet-in-residence program, from 30 April to 18 May 2012.

From the early 1930s to the mid 1940s, Olivet College hosted some of the best-known writers of the time: Sinclair Lewis, Sherwood Anderson, Katherine Ann Porter, Carl Sandburg, Ford Madox Ford, W.H. Auden, and Gertrude Stein. In that tradition, Olivet has established an annual residency program for poets who are establishing a name for themselves in this new millennium. Previous Sandburg-Auden-Stein poets-in-residence are John Rybicki (2007), Carol V. Davis (2008) and Rhoda Janzen (2010).

During the 2012 Intensive Learning Term, the Olivet College Humanities Department will offer its sixth poet-in-residence position. The Sandburg-Auden-Stein poet will live on or near campus and teach ENG 247: Poetry Writing. The Sandburg-Auden-Stein poet will also host two public events: a public reading of his or her work and a stand-alone talk/discussion on a subject of his or her choice (publishing poetry, beat poets, def poetry, etc.).

An award of \$3,100 (plus room and board) will be given to the 2012 poet. The Humanities Department faculty will evaluate the submissions and choose the winner. Poets who have published at least one book of poetry are eligible. Submissions are due on Sept. 10, 2010, and should include the following: five poems from your most recent book, a single page personal statement regarding your poetics and teaching, a current résumé and two references. There is no entry fee. Please contact Kirk Hendershott-Kraetzer, Ph.D., Humanities Department chair, with your questions at (269) 749-7621 or <mailto:khendershott-kraetzer@olivetcollege.edu>.

Electronic applications are strongly encouraged: .rtf, .doc, .docx formats accepted, .pdf preferred. Send to khendershott-kraetzer@olivetcollege.edu with "Residency application" indicated in the subject line.

Application materials also may be sent by regular mail to:

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