

Gary Snyder to give poetry reading

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Gary Snyder, winner of the 1975 Pulitzer Prize for poetry, will give a poetry reading at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, at the University of California, San Diego. The reading will be conducted in room 107 of the Third College Lecture Hall on the Third College campus.

Snyder has been a leading contributor to the evolution of poetry on the West Coast for almost 30 years. He is a native of San Francisco, where he was active in the birth of the beat poetry movement in the early 1950s. In 1955, he traveled to Japan, where he lived in a Zen monastery for 18 months. Since that period, he has returned several times to Japan, and his experiences with Zen have inspired much of Snyder's poetry.

Another strong influence on Snyder is nature and the land. Snyder has worked as a seaman, on a Yosemite National Park trail crew, for a logging company and as a forestry service lookout. He grew up in the Pacific Northwest and currently lives in the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas with his wife and two sons.

Some of Snyder's most recent collections of poetry include "Turtle Island," for which he received the Pulitzer Prize; "Earth Household"; "Myths and Texts" and "The Old Ways."

Snyder's reading is sponsored by the UC San Diego Archive for New Poetry and the Muir College Interdisciplinary Studies Program.

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