

James Laughlin to read poetry selections at third program of New Poetry Series

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Writer and publisher James Laughlin will read selections of his poetry at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the University of California, San Diego in the Formal Lounge of the Revelle College Commons.

The program, which is free and open to the public, is the third this fall in the UCSD New Poetry Series.

Laughlin, 60, publishes "New Directions," a bi-annual anthology he founded in 1936. The series has included the early writings of William Saroyan, Dylan Thomas, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, James Agee and Thomas Merton.

Shortly after issuing the first anthologies, Laughlin started publishing novels, plays and collections of poems. Tennessee Williams first appeared as a poet in the early "Five Young American Poets" and Karl Shapiro printed his first work in the second volume of the same series.

In 1953, he was awarded the cross of the French Legion of Honor for his interest in publishing works of foreign writers and his work as president of Intercultural Publications which publishes significant American writing and art in English, French, Italian and German editions.

A resident of Norfolk, Conn., Laughlin was graduated with an A.B. degree from Harvard University in 1939. At 18, he had already published short stories and poetry in "The Atlantic Monthly" and the little magazines.

Published collections of his work include "A Small Book of Poems," "The Wild Anemone and Other Poems" and "Selected Poems."

The next reading in the poetry series will feature Carolyn Stoloff at 4 p.m. Nov. 20 in the same location.

The programs are sponsored by the UCSD Departments of Visual Arts and Literature, the Archive for New Poetry of the University Library's Department of Special Collections and the Campus Program Board.

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