Institute Prologue Events

Attendance by registration at oldsymposium.org/events

The Old Symposium Institute formally launches in February 2027.

But we can't wait.

So, we're going to get warmed up!

Mini Poetry Seminar

Description:

We are hosting a two-week poetry reading seminar led by two guest poet-facilitators. Each poet-facilitator has chosen a volume of poetry that has been particularly inspirational for their work. Selected poems from each volume will be read and discussed with 8-10 participants around the seminar table over two separate sessions. Participants will be asked to purchase both volumes of poetry from The Old Symposium Bookstore in order to secure their seat. Registration is only available for both sessions together at oldsymposium.org/events

Session 1

Saturday, December 5, 2p – 315p

Poet-facilitator:

Janice N. Harrington

Selected volume:

Rose by Li-Young Lee

Session 2

Saturday, December 12, 2p – 315p

Poet-facilitator:

Claire McQuerry

Selected volume:

Late Wife by Claudia Emerson

Poet-facilitator Bios:

Janice N. Harrington is an award-winning poet, children's author and professor emerita at University of Illinois. Janice is the author of four collections of poetry, eight children's books and the recipient of several poetry awards including the A. Poulin Jr. Poetry Prize, Anisfield-Wolf Book Award, and a Guggenheim Fellowship in poetry.

Claire McQuerry is a poet, associate professor and director of creative writing at Bradley University. Claire is the author of two collections of poetry, translator (from French to English) of one collection, and her work has recently appeared in *The Shore, The Sun Magazine, Cincinnati Review, Memorious, Seneca Review*, and other journals.