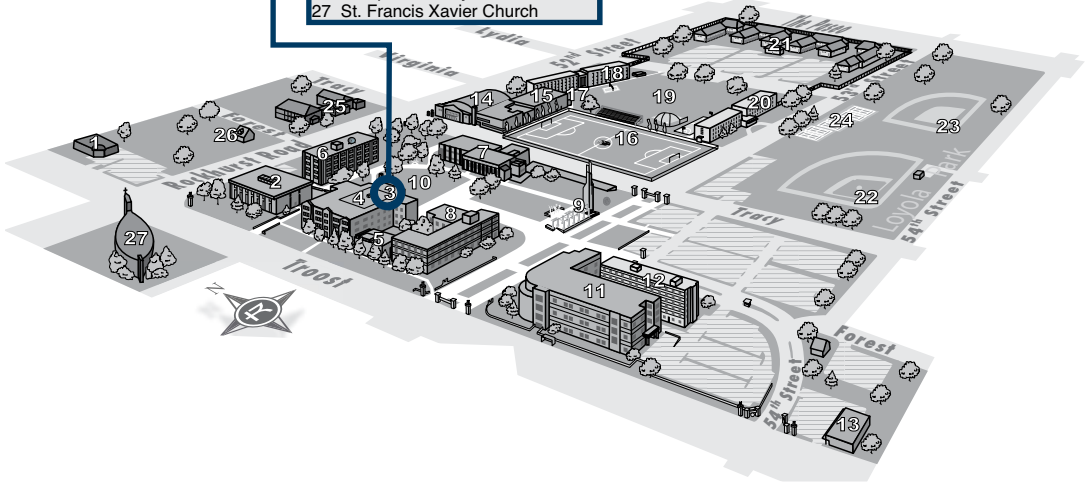


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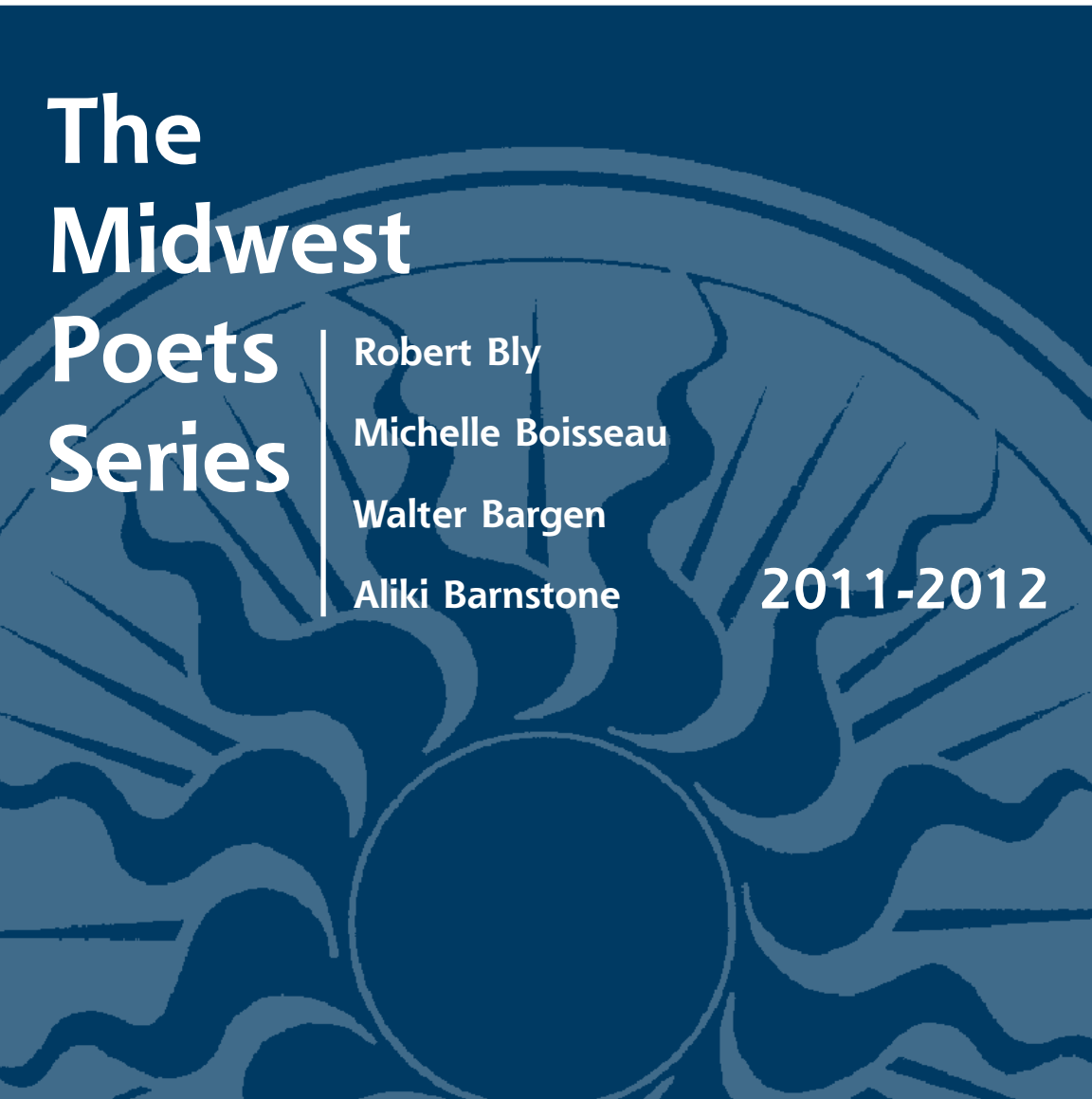


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Robert Bly • Thursday, October 20

Robert Bly stands among the most important literary and cultural writers of our time. His dozen highly regarded volumes of poetry include *Talking Into the Ear of a Donkey* (Norton, 2011) and *The Light Around the Body*, for which he won the National Book Award in 1968. He is an important translator of Pablo Neruda, Antonio Machado, Rainer Maria Rilke, Tomas Tranströmer, Hafez and others. He has edited landmark anthologies, including *News of the Universe*, *The Rag and Bone Shop of the Heart* (with James Hillman and Michael Meade) and *The Soul Is Here for Its Own Joy*. Bly's bestselling book-length essay *Iron John: A Book About Men* sparked the men's movement of the early 1990s and defined a generation's view of masculinity. He lives in Minneapolis with his wife, Ruth.



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Michelle Boisseau • Thursday, December 1

Michelle Boisseau's latest of four books of poems, *A Sunday in God-Years* (U. of Arkansas Press, 2009), has been described by Eleanor Wilner as "a unique blend of sensuality, rue, fresh insight, engaging candor, anguish, wicked humor, taut lyricism and a pungent dash of caustic." Her book *Trembling Air* (Arkansas, 2003) was a PEN USA Award finalist; *Understory* (Northeastern U. Press, 1996) won the Morse Prize. She is co-author of *Writing Poems* (Longman), the most widely used textbook of its kind in the country. Her poems and essays have appeared in *Poetry*, *Gettysburg Review*, *Yale Review*, *Georgia Review*, *Ploughshares* and *New Letters*. The recipient of two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships and two prizes from The Poetry Society of America, Boisseau teaches in the M.F.A. Program in Creative Writing and Media Arts at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.



Walter Bargaen • Thursday, January 26

Walter Bargaen served as the first poet laureate of Missouri from January 2008 to early 2010. His 13 books include *Days Like This Are Necessary: New & Selected* (BkMk Press-UMKC, 2009), *West of West* (Timberline Press, 2007), *Theban Traffic* (WordTech Press, 2008) and *The Feast* (BkMk, 2004). His writing appears in more than 100 magazines, including *Boulevard*, *Witness*, *Georgia Review*, *Iowa Review*, *Missouri Review* and *New Letters*. He has received a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, the Hanks Prize and the William Rockhill Nelson Award. Bargaen graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a B.A. in philosophy and later earned a master's in English education. His work as poet laureate set a precedent of service to this state that will last.



Aliki Barnstone • Thursday, March 22

Aliki Barnstone is a poet, translator, critic, editor and visual artist. Her most recent books are *Bright Body* (White Pine Press, 2011), *Dear God, Dear Dr. Heartbreak: New and Selected Poems* (Sheep Meadow Press, 2010), *Changing Rapture: Emily Dickinson's Poetic Development* (University Press of New England, 2007) and *The Collected Poems of C.P. Cavafy: A New Translation* (W.W. Norton, 2006). In the fall of 2006, Barnstone was a Senior Fulbright Scholar in Greece, where she did research for and wrote a sequence of poems, "Eva's Voice," in the voice of a Sephardic Jew from Thessaloniki who survives the Holocaust. She is a professor of English and creative writing at the University of Missouri-Columbia, series editor of the Cliff Becker Book Prize in Translation and director of the University of Missouri Workshops in Greece-Athens/Serifos.



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