

PoetTalk

In this discussion course, students will listen at home to an assigned podcast from the archives of *The New Yorker Poetry* podcast (available free from Apple podcasts, Google Play, or the WNYC website). Each episode of the podcast involves the host (the poetry editor of the *New Yorker*) and a guest poet discussing two poems, one from the *New Yorker* archive of poems published in the magazine, and one written by the guest poet, also from the *New Yorker* archive. The poet-to-poet discussion is like eavesdropping on two poets talking about craft, technique, and creativity, and provides invaluable points of entry to understanding and appreciating the poems. In class, we will listen to the poems read aloud and then discuss each in turn, considering the comments of the poets and the insights of class members.

For the fall of 2023, the five possible assigned podcasts may include:

Charles Simic Reads Sharon Olds (Nov. 15, 2017)
Forrest Gander Reads Ada Limon (Oct. 20, 2021)
Tim Donnelly Reads Yusef Komunyakaa (Jan. 21, 2015)
Jo Harjo Read Sandra Cisneros (Sept. 16 2020)
Amanda Gorman Reads Tracey Smith (Dec. 22, 2021)
David Lehman Reads John Ashbery (Dec. 20, 2017)
Danielle Chapman reads Zbigniew Herbert (Sept. 20, 2017)

Tom Sleigh rReads Seamus Heaney (May 20, 2017)
Kwame Dawes ReadsDerek Walcott (Feb. 26, 2020)