

## POET TALK

### Course Description

This course is a chance to delve into contemporary poetry and poets through close reading and craft discussions of individual, representative poems from poets writing today. Students listen to the assigned podcast at home, preferably more than once. In class, the instructor will play the audio of the poems read on the podcast, and for approximately half the class period, we will discuss each poem, taking off from the discussion of the poem on the podcast. The podcasts are chosen with attention to a diversity of styles, poets and subjects; typically two of the podcasts are hosted by Paul Muldoon, the 2010s New Yorker poetry editor and originator of the podcast, while three are hosted by Kevin Young, the podcast host since 2016. The podcasts listed below are representative of the podcast assigned; there may be changes in the selections.

### Weekly Layout:

"Tom Sleigh reads Seamus Heaney" host: Paul Muldoon

"Monica Youn reads Afaaa Michael Weaver" host: Paul Muldoon

"Kaveh Akbar reads Ellen Bryant Voight" host: Paul Muldoon

"Saed Jones reads Deborah Digges" host: Kevin Young

"Catherine Barnett reads Wislawa Szymborska" host: Kevin Young