

Confluencia

A community gathering to share the experiences of different cultures via the written word.

December 2, 2014

Refreshments & Musical Performance • 5:30 p.m.

Open Mic • 6:00 p.m.

Readings • 6:30 p.m.

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

*Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.*

*My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.*

*He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.*

*The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.*

By: Robert Frost



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Valley
Community
College

Playbox Theater
750 Chase Parkway
Waterbury, CT

PROGRAM

Welcome Reception

Musical Prelude

Chris Connelly and Chris Cochrane, guitar duo

Greetings

Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.
President, Naugatuck Valley Community College

Welcome

Iralis DeJesus
SGA President

Introduction

Marianela Medrano, Ph.D.
Confluencia Coordinator

Open Mic

Readings

Cathy Allman
Yvelisse Fanith
Steven Ostrowski
Arthur Pfister

Q & A

Conclusion

Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.



Cathy Allman
Poet & Educator

Cathy Allman is a writer and educator with a master's degree in creative writing from Manhattanville College. A sought after educator, she has synthesized her years of writing and creative experience into the development of *Writes of Passage*, her workshops for writers. Her work has appeared in many journals including *Edison Literary Review* and *Front Range Review*.



Yvelisse Fanith
Poet

Born in the Dominican Republic, *Yvelisse Fanith*, studied in New York City where she continues to reside today. She has participated in numerous literary events world-wide including the 2007 *First International Congress of Poets for Peace* in Paris and conducted the 2008 literary contest, *Premios Nósside*, held in New York City. Her latest poetry publication is *Danza Almagre*.



Steven Ostrowski
Poet & Songwriter

Steven Ostrowski is a poet, fiction writer and songwriter. He is the author of two chapbooks of poems and a chapbook of stories. Steven is a frequent participant in poetry readings around Connecticut, including the traveling *Voices of Poetry*. He teaches at Central Connecticut State University.



Arthur Pfister
Poet & Performer

Arthur Pfister, a poet and fiction writer from New Orleans, is a Spoken Word artist, educator and performer. Also known as *Professor ARTURO*, he is one of the original Broadside poets of the 1960s. He currently teaches at Norwalk Community College and recently published *MY NAME IS NEW ORLEANS: 40 Years of Poetry & Other Jazz* (w/ jazzoetry CD). Inquiries regarding his work can be sent to arthurpfister@yahoo.com.