



ROBERT HAYDEN/DUDLEY RANDALL CENTENNIAL SYMPOSIUM

Wayne State University Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights
Wednesday, April 2nd • 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

- 10:00 am **Welcome: Peter Hammer, Director of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights**
- 10:10 am **Introduction: "WSU Celebrates the Centennial Births of Robert Hayden and Dudley Randall"**
Melba Joyce Boyd, Distinguished Professor & Chair, Africana Studies
- 10:15 - 11:00 am **"Detroit's Historical and Aesthetic Context"**
Speakers:
Frank Rashid, Marygrove College, Department of English
Todd Duncan, Wayne State University, Department of English
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm **" 'Angles of Ascent': Illuminating the Legacies of Robert Hayden and Dudley Randall"**
Speakers:
Melba Joyce Boyd, Wayne State University,
Department of Africana Studies & Executor, Dudley Randall Estate
Frederick Glaysher, Executor, Robert Hayden Estate
Laurence Goldstein, University of Michigan, Department of English
Kevin Gaines, Robert Hayden Distinguished Professor, University of Michigan,
Department of Afroamerican and African Studies
- 12:00 - 12:30 pm **Conversations on Presentations**
- 12:30 - 1:30 pm **Lunch**
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm **Film screenings: Excerpts from *The Black Unicorn: Dudley Randall and the Broadside Press* and *Austere and Lonely Offices: The Poetry of Robert Hayden***
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm **"The Aesthetics of Writing Heritage": Round Table Discussion**
Speakers:
Tony Medina, Howard University, poet & Professor of English
Al Young, Poet Laureate of California Emeritus, Guggenheim Fellow & Detroit native
Bill Harris, Award-winning Detroit poet & playwright
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm **"Bending, Blending and Breaking Literary Barriers"**
Speakers:
Terry Blackhawk, InsideOut Literary Arts Project
jessica Care moore, Award-winning Spoken Word poet
- 4:30 - 5:30 pm **Reception**

POETRY READING: "IN THE TRADITION"

Wayne State University Bernath Auditorium, David Adamany Undergraduate Library
Thursday, April 3rd • 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Greeting

Dean Sandra Yee, University Libraries

Readings by Poets:

Al Young, Melba Joyce Boyd & Marion Hayden Trio
Naomi Long Madgett
Bill Harris
Adrian Matejka
Tony Medina
jessica Care moore

Frederick Glaysher
M. L. Liebler & The Magic Poetry Band
Caroline Maun
Terry Blackhawk
Laurence Goldstein
InsideOut Literary Arts Project students

Reception and Book Signing

Community Room, 3rd floor