Connecticut Poetry Circuit 2010-2011

Connecticut Student Poets
January 24-March 11, 2011

Jack B. Bedell
October 18-October 29, 2010

Louisiana-born and educated, Jack B. Bedell writes poetry which “dazzles with a quiet brilliance all its own, a luster born of simple things, with stirring poems of desire, familial love and fatherhood, and with real-life places and encounters, at once exotic and familiar,” writes Diane Thiel. Bedell is the author of five collections of poems: Call and Response; Come Rain, Come Shine; What Passes for Love; At the Bonehouse; and Greatest Hits. Heather Ross Miller praises Bedell’s re-creation of a place “full of Louisiana Cajun zest, quick to anger and quick to forgive” and his “remarkably examining lyrics that grab hold and won’t let go.” Currently, Dr. Bedell is the Woman's Hospital Distinguished Professor in the Humanities at Southeastern Louisiana University where he also serves as editor of Louisiana Literature and director of Louisiana Literature Press.

For scheduling information for Jack B. Bedell, please contact James Gentile.

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The Connecticut Student Poets are selected by the Circuit Selection Committee. Each college is invited to nominate one student poet. Five pages of poetry by the poet must reach the Circuit Directors by October 22, 2010. The finalists will be announced in December.

For more information, please see your campus representative.

Connecticut Poetry Circuit Selection Committee:
Dick Allen, Kate Rushin, Clare Rossini, and Vivian Shipley
The first group of student poets traveled around the state during the winter of 1970. These writers have been named Connecticut Student Poets.