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Chairman Dana Gioia

Preface

Before I assumed my current position, I supported my family for 12 years as a full-time writer. Although primarily a poet, I also reviewed books and music, edited anthologies, gave readings, wrote for radio, and even taught college part-time. I did what it took to make a living—while always trying to guard a little time for poetry. Making one’s way as a literary writer in America is hard work. Consequently, I understand only too well the importance of the NEA Literature Fellowship program. Over the past 40 years, these awards have helped new writers find their voices and established authors continue their work. The program represents one of the great successes of the Arts Endowment in enriching American culture.

Many important authors have been recognized by the NEA. Some of our early grants went to writers whose work is now a permanent part of America’s literary legacy—Gwendolyn Brooks, Isaac Bashevis Singer, John Berryman, Raymond Carver, Donald Justice, Wallace Stegner, Malcolm Cowley, Denise Levertov, Robert Penn Warren, and Eudora Welty, to name only a few immortals. The notable variety of their talents testifies to the inclusivity of the NEA’s program. You have to respect any poetry list broad enough to include both Anthony Hecht and Charles Bukowski—Allen Tate and Allen Ginsberg. More

important, the NEA Fellowships have also recognized many writers years before their talents were acknowledged by a wider audience, including Paul Auster, T. C. Boyle, Ernest J. Gaines, Tobias Wolff, Kay Ryan, Ted Kooser, Oscar Hijuelos, X. J. Kennedy, Maxine Hong Kingston, and Alice Walker.

In the fortieth year of the Arts Endowment’s existence, it seems both proper and timely to celebrate the history of the NEA Literature Fellowship program. Through this program of competitive individual grants—3,256 individual grants to date—the agency has made a direct investment in American creativity. By helping writers at every stage of their careers, the National Endowment for the Arts has supported the excellence and diversity—cultural, stylistic, and geographic—of American letters.

The NEA awards also have had an importance beyond their immediate financial impact. By recognizing many writers at critical and often early stages of their careers, the Fellowships have brought significant attention to these individuals—publication opportunities, critical reviews, job offers, academic tenure, and especially added self-confidence. Such forms of recognition bring enduring benefit to a writer’s life long after the fellowship check has been cashed and spent.

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The NEA Literature Fellowship program includes four award categories—fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction, and translation. While the creative writing awards have gathered most of the attention, the importance of the translation awards can hardly be overstated. This program has been especially significant in a period when the publication of newly translated works by American presses has become a marginal activity. By supporting translation, the Arts Endowment broadens conversations among cultures and provides opportunities for Americans to gain perspective on our own complex national identity by exploring the work of writers from around the world.

Walt Whitman once claimed that, “The United States themselves are essentially the greatest poem.” If that metaphor is true, then the Arts Endowment has helped enrich and enlarge the national poem with 40 years of bold and constant support. I cannot imagine anyone surveying the pages of names that follow without appreciating the enormous investment in American creativity represented by our program. Most of these authors are still writing at the peak of their powers. As Whitman observed, “The strongest and sweetest songs yet remain to be sung.”



Dana Gioia
Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts

Authors John Steinbeck and Ralph Ellison at one of the first National Council on the Arts meetings in Tarrytown, NY.



The NEA Literature Fellowships Turn Forty: AN INTRODUCTION

BY AMY STOLLS, NEA LITERATURE SPECIALIST

One sweltering summer day in the nation's capital, when the bureaucratic static of meetings and deadlines and clerical crises had peaked, I looked at our wall of fellowship applications and said to our hardworking intern *we need art*. After eight years at the agency, I knew the feeling of being buried in thousands of folders and files and piles of paper three-hole punched, boxed in, and taped shut. I knew, too, that when the job felt like a job, it was time to remind ourselves why we do what we do, and why we love it. We grabbed copies of a manuscript from the stacks and took a moment to read. And we were transported.

When the language sings, you can find yourself: in a civil war or a morning routine, a filthy fifth-floor walkup or a thousand acres of sagebrush and sky, staring and listening and understanding the pain of a wounded soldier, the rage of a silenced citizen, the simple joy of kicking a stone. On this particular afternoon, we were led to a crescendo of a moment, powerful in its subtlety, of an old Jewish woman who, after fifty years of sleeping through suburban afternoons and snapping insults, whispered for the first time the circumstances of her horrific capture during the Holocaust. We ended the story with our hands over our hearts, our breath quickened, and a visceral desire to say to everyone in the office *read this!* Then we wanted to know who this writer was.

Art leads us to the artists because we are curious creatures. How do they do it? we wonder. If only a few hundred literary authors in America can make a living from royalties on books alone, how do most

writers find the time and energy to write with night shifts and dirty diapers and a continual stream of rejection letters? They struggle, might be one answer. Or they stop, might be another. "If man needs bread and justice," wrote Albert Camus, "he also needs pure beauty, which is the bread of his heart." If it's a struggle to find this bread of the heart because it is not being created and not reaching audiences, then the logical next question for us as Americans should be: how can we best help?

For 40 years, the National Endowment for the Arts has been asking that very question. The answers haven't always come easy, but if you look through the following list of 2,756 writers and translators

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who have received NEA Literature Fellowships, you'll see a varied landscape of the best contemporary literature America has to offer. And if you take into consideration that the majority of these writers received their fellowships early in their careers, when they most needed financial support and acknowledgment to keep them writing, you'll understand why we at the Endowment feel we have something to celebrate. In its noble and unprecedented service to American letters, the Literature Fellowship program has made an invaluable contribution to the manifold expression of American culture.

Writers who meet the Endowment's eligibility requirements may apply by filling out a form (available on the NEA Web site: www.arts.gov) and sending in a sample of their best work. In a year when prose is reviewed, applicants submit 30 pages of fiction or creative nonfiction; in the alternate year for poetry, they submit 10 pages of poems (translation is a separate category with different requirements). To facilitate the process of blind judging, our staff assigns a tracking number to each anonymous manuscript, copies of which are then sent to a panel of distinguished American writers who spend five months evaluating them.

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To ease the workload (and entice panelists to serve), we split the panel into teams, each of which receives a portion of the total number of manuscripts (which came in just under 1,600 in FY 2005). Each team picks its favorites, thus creating a pool of manuscripts to be discussed at a meeting all panelists will attend in Washington, DC. Every chosen manuscript is read, discussed, and scored by a subset of judges (panelists include a layperson, who acts as a representative of the public and is not in the business of writing books but is an avid reader and knowledgeable on the genre of the manuscripts being reviewed). At this point, any panelist who is in conflict with a manuscript is removed from the subset of reviewers.

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Manuscripts are ultimately rank-ordered according to their combined scores. The full panel looks at the ranked list and makes its final recommendations, which then go through two more levels of review: the presidentially appointed and Senate-confirmed National Council on the Arts and the NEA Chairman. Fellows are announced to the public at the end of each year. They may use their grant as they wish, as long as it relates to their writing. They will send us a progress report during the grant period and a final report at the end, usually outlining publishing achievements and speaking engagements.

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In this ever-changing world, there are always timely issues that demand attention. What exactly is creative nonfiction? Should certain self-published work be eligible? Should we accept manuscripts in other languages? How do graphic novels or blogs or performance poems fit into the picture? At the end of every panel meeting, the Endowment holds a public policy session in which panelists (who are sometimes former NEA Fellows themselves) raise these sorts of questions and offer suggestions. This, in fact, is how the Endowment arrived at a system that works: by listening to the advice of those over the years who sailed, stumbled, or slogged through it all.

A Unique System

The NEA Literature Fellowship program is arguably the most egalitarian grant program in its field. The \$20,000 fellowships for general writing-related costs are highly competitive, but unlike most other literary awards, they are selected through an anonymous process in which the sole criterion for review is artistic excellence.

How, then, is it possible to ensure the diversity of the group of writers to whom we give grants? We assemble a different panel of judges every year, each diverse with regard to geography, ethnicity, gender, age, aesthetics, and life experience. This system helps, but it's no guarantee; a Latina poet, for example, can speak out for poetry by and about Latinas or be its harshest critic. And yet, the NEA's commitment to artistic excellence leads consistently to diversity. Take the 42 prose Fellows from FY (fiscal year) 2004: they hailed from 22 states; 43 percent of them were women; and they ranged in age from 27 to 58. Also demonstrating the openness and inclusiveness of the program is the fact that 93 percent of them were first-time NEA grant recipients. The two things the 2004 Fellows *all* have in common? They are American, and their writing made a panel of distinguished authors sit up and take notice.

The fundamental emphasis of the program has always been on artistic excellence. Despite an anonymous process, the Endowment has had an outstanding track record of finding and supporting talent. For example, 46 of the 70 recipients of the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry and Fiction since 1990 were previous NEA Fellows. All but three received NEA Literature Fellowships before any major national award, usually at least a decade earlier.

In the Beginning

In May 1966, eight months after the NEA and its advisory board—the National Council on the Arts—were established, Council members Ralph Ellison, Paul Engle, Harper Lee, and John Steinbeck proposed the development of a program to provide grants to creative writers.

While the Endowment awarded individual grants to all types of artists in 1966—Donald Justice, X. J. Kennedy, Léonie Adams, and W. D. Snodgrass among them—a formal program to support creative writers began in 1967 with 23 individual grants to

INITIAL GOAL OF THE PROGRAM IN 1967

To help all writers, but in particular those writers who were—to use a modern term—underserved, such as:

- Non-teaching writers;
- Women with domestic responsibilities and dependent children;
- Talented writers from disadvantaged backgrounds, including urban ghettos;
- Young writers who do not yet have the kind of established reputations to appeal to private foundations; and
- Older writers whose reputations have faded, but who have made distinguished contributions to the cultural fabric of this country, and whose productive years may be extended and enriched by aid and recognition.

such writers as William Gaddis, Tillie Olsen, Grace Paley, May Sarton, Richard Yates, and Isaac Bashevis Singer. With his grant money, Singer was able to focus on completing his novel *The Manor*; 11 years later, he received the Nobel Prize for Literature. Similarly, numerous poets well known today—Hayden Carruth, Maxine Kumin, Robert Duncan—were awarded NEA grants that year at a time when their national literary reputations were still developing.

To facilitate the new program, the Endowment appointed poet Carolyn Kizer in 1968 as the first NEA Literature Director. From that time to today, the NEA Literature Program has been committed to the support of the individual writer.

For the first six years of the program, there were several variations of such support. While most of the NEA's grants were not controversial, the agency learned early on that it would be criticized for decisions, including ones it did not make directly. For example, in 1970, the NEA gave a grant in support of *The American Literary Anthology*, edited by George Plimpton. Under the guidelines then in place, editors of leading literary magazines were asked to submit works of authors presented in their magazines that year. These authors were paid a cash award and included in the anthology. The program ended in part due to delays in publication of the first volume, concerns of self-sustainability, and what became the

NEA Literature Program's first controversy. Aram Saroyan's seven-letter poem—*light*—for which a federally funded effort indirectly paid \$750—was among those selected for the anthology. Though the poem was picked by Plimpton rather than an NEA panel, it caused a flurry of agency criticism. Michael Straight, then deputy chairman of the Endowment, was personally called to the offices of 46 members of Congress to explain the matter.

Other individual grants in Literature made an immediate impact on developing writers. The Endowment gave grants to writers to visit predominantly black colleges in the South. It gave grants to help writers and other artists teaching in institutions of higher learning to take one-year leaves to pursue their creative work. And it gave grants for travel or research or finishing a work-in-progress. Most of these grantees were hand-selected by a Literature advisory panel.

The issue of whether to fund established writers for their accomplishments or help younger writers find time and resources to write was at the forefront of the debates in the early days of the program. For a time, the Endowment gave lifetime achievement awards designed to attract national attention to writers of significant accomplishment, writers such as John Berryman, Denise Levertov, Wallace Stegner, and Gwendolyn Brooks. These fellowships never garnered enthusiastic support from Congress, and even in the arts community one could hear rumblings about "aesthetic partisanship."

Discovery Grants

The Endowment initially decided it could make a greater contribution through Discovery Awards to emerging writers. The Endowment hired "talent scouts" to find these gifted, financially needy,

NEA'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

In the late 1960s, there were Distinguished Service Awards, worth **\$10,000**; in the 1980s, they were called Senior Fellowships, worth **\$15,000** at the start, climbing to **\$25,000** in 1984 and **\$40,000** in 1986. They were finally cut in 1992 due to shifting priorities.

unknown writers. The response from the scouts was “overwhelming,” claims a 1967 report to the Council, citing “a young Negro poet who supports her three children by running a general store in Alabama,” and another “young Southern writer, blind since birth and seriously crippled in infancy, who has managed to struggle through her teacher’s certificate, and is now teaching young children in Tennessee, and writing poems and stories for three hours each evening.” Grants were then awarded according to need: \$1,000 to the single writer without dependents; \$1,500 to the writer with one dependent; and \$2,000 to the writer with two or more dependents. Among these recipients one can find the 25-year-old Alexander Theroux and the 26-year-old Nikki Giovanni.

The Discovery Awards didn’t last long. The first advisory panel on literature, consisting mostly of editors and publishers, held its first meeting in September 1970 and recommended these awards be terminated. Members voted almost unanimously in opposition

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to the addition of economic need as a determining factor in making grant selections. In 1972, therefore, the Endowment began what can be called the precursor to the current system—a competitive fellowship program based on artistic merit.

Creating the Process

To receive a fellowship in the early 1970s, a writer had to be nominated by an established writer. An oversight committee composed of a broad spectrum of publishers, editors, agents, critics, and other experts in the field from around the country selected the nominators—among them James Dickey, Eudora Welty, George P. Elliott, Kenneth Koch, Adrienne Rich, and William Stafford. (The Endowment publicized the names of committee members and nominators to avoid the perception that decisions were being made in secret.) The nominators were to recommend potential writers who had published a book or at least two short stories or poems or essays in magazines, or had a play staged. From their recommendations, the NEA Literature Fellowship program was launched with 27 awards.

When the system of nominations was replaced with an open application policy in 1974, the Endowment received a whopping 1,500-plus proposals, of

which 120 were awarded grants at \$5,000 each (the number of applications escalated to nearly 2,500 the next year). Reflective of the time, most of them were from men, and more than half were from poets. Four years later, the number of successful fiction applicants would substantially exceed the number of poets. And by the mid-1980s, applicants would come to represent American writers living in all 50 states and Washington, DC, and women would make up a significant portion of each year’s grantees. What hasn’t changed significantly over the decades is the percentage of applicants who are chosen to receive grants; on average it has been only five percent, with recent years showing two or three percent.

The Endowment periodically tweaked the fellowship process to meet the demands of the times and the ever-increasing workload. To adjust for cost-of-living, the amount of the grant was incrementally increased over the years. Film and television scriptwriters were transferred to the Endowment’s Media Arts Program; playwrights were sent to the Theater Program. Guidelines were amended to accept manuscripts in languages other than English if they came with an English translation. Eligibility requirements became more stringent to address the growing number of applications. “Belles lettres” was added as a genre eligible for funding and then changed to “creative nonfiction.” And when Congress significantly reduced the budget in FY 1996, the Endowment moved to judging genres in alternate years (prose one year, poetry another).

Translation Awards

Perhaps the most successful outgrowth of the 1980s was the development of a process to review fellowships in translation, which began in 1981 and flourished under the leadership of then Literature Director Frank Conroy. Translation Fellowships in poetry and prose are currently offered to published literary translators for specific translation projects from other languages into English. Unlike the other fellowships, the Translation Fellowships are not reviewed anonymously, and they can be for either \$10,000 or \$20,000, depending on the scope and merit of the project. To date, the Endowment has awarded 246 Translation Fellowships, bringing to the American public more than 200 foreign works in 46 languages from 60 countries. Among them one can find Khaled Mattawa’s (FY 1999) translation of *Without an Alphabet, Without a*

Translation Fellows: Languages and Countries

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LANGUAGES	COUNTRIES	LANGUAGES	COUNTRIES
Albanian	Albania	Japanese	Japan
Arabic	Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya	Korean	Korea
Armenian	Armenia	Latin	Italy
Aztec	Mexico	Lithuanian	Lithuania
Bengali	Bangladesh, India	Malagasy	Madagascar
Burmese	Burma	Malay	Malaysia
Carib	Venezuela	Nepali	Nepal
Catalan	Spain	Norwegian	Norway
Chinese	China	Polish	Poland
Tamil	India	Portuguese	Brazil, Portugal
Cree/ Swampy Cree	Canada	Rajasthani	India
Czech	Czech Republic	Romanian	Romania
Danish	Denmark, Sweden	Russian	Russia
Dutch	Holland	Serbo-Croatian	Bosnia, former Yugoslavia
Finnish	Finland	Sinhala	Sri Lanka
French	Czech Republic, France, Martinique, Romania, Switzerland, Uruguay, Vietnam, West Indies, Zaire	Spanish	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, Uruguay
German	Germany, Romania	Swedish	Finland, Sweden
Greek	Cyprus, Greece	Turkish	Turkey
Hebrew	Germany, Israel, Spain	Ukrainian	Ukraine
Hindi	India	Urdu	Pakistan
Hungarian	Hungary	Vietnamese	Vietnam
Indonesian	Indonesia	Welsh	Wales
Italian	Italy	Yiddish	Poland, Russia

Face by Saadi Youssef, one of the Arab world's foremost contemporary poets who deftly shows us a glimpse into modern Iraqi culture; and Howard Goldblatt's (FY 1992) translation of *Red Sorghum* by Chinese author Mo Yan, which received publicity through the critically acclaimed 1987 film by the same name.

Transition: The 1990s

Throughout the life of the fellowship program, critics have questioned its worth or, in some cases,

lobbied for its demise. Some criticism has come from writers. Lawrence Ferlinghetti, for example, told the *Washington Post* in 1992 that he "objected to a welfare system that would turn wild artists into tame lapdogs." Many vocal critics came from the halls of Congress, which exercises legal oversight and budget control of the NEA, as it does with all federal agencies. "Aid to individuals is nothing more than a subsidy for hippies, beatniks, junkies, and Vietniks," stated one member of Congress during the Vietnam

War. Congressmen with concurring views, if not concurring quotes, were successful in moving the House to curtail the Endowment's ability to award individual grants. The agency, however, made a strong case for the restoration of this power. A Congressional compromise allowed grants to continue, as long as the words "of exceptional talent" were inserted to describe persons who would be eligible.

A larger threat to the program, and to the agency as a whole, came in 1995 when measures emerged in the House to phase out the Endowment or, at the very least, slash the budget and abolish all grants to individual artists. The literature field, in pure grassroots fashion, rose up in protest to the cuts. Hundreds of writers published opinion pieces and wrote letters. Representatives from literary organizations held meetings every month and brought writers to Capitol Hill to meet with Congressmen, writers such as E. L. Doctorow, Wendy Wasserstein, Bobbie Ann Mason, and Walter Mosley.

"People all across America came together to prioritize the fellowships," said Gigi Bradford, NEA Literature Director from 1992 to 1997. "The individual fellowships made up 50 percent of our budget in literature, so we had a lot to lose." Ultimately, Congress voted to eliminate individual grants awarded by application in all disciplines, except for Literature Fellowships in poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, and translation. (Congress also voted to continue two popular lifetime achievement fellowships awarded through public nominations—the NEA National Heritage Fellowships and the NEA Jazz Masters Fellowships.)

The Congressional decision to continue the Literature Fellowships affirmed the integrity of the anonymous panel review process and the undeniable excellence of Literature Fellowship recipients. "The committee recognizes that a great many of the grants to individuals have been for projects of superior merit and worth," states a 1995 majority report on the Arts, Humanities, and Museums Amendments from the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee. "It was a victory not to have to change policy," said Bradford. "After the cuts, there was intense Congressional scrutiny of the process, but it was always affirmed by both the agency and by erstwhile Congressional critics."

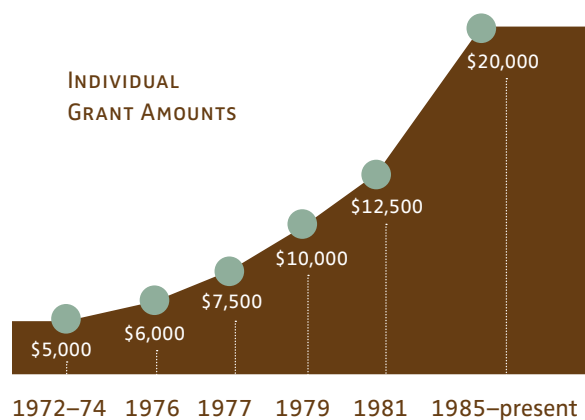
The Program Today

Celebrating the discipline from which he emerged, Chairman Dana Gioia has increased the allocation for support to writers, thus raising the number of NEA Literature Fellowships from 42 in FY 2004 to 50 in FY 2006. In addition, he has tightened the conflict of interest requirements for panelists both to ensure the integrity of the process and to prevent even the appearance of any conflicts. "The fellowship process for a public agency needs to be fair, open, democratic, and inclusive," stated Gioia.

Gioia also supported a policy shift in FY 2005, initiated by Literature Director Cliff Becker, to separate the review process for fellowships in translation from the review process in creative writing to highlight the importance of translation as its own art form. "The American arts are most vibrant when they include the best works of art from other nations," said Gioia. "Through our commitment to funding translation, the NEA has been an essential catalyst for bringing the world's literature to our country."

Since 1996, the number of Literature Fellowships has increased overall and the review process continues to impress its participants. "Scrupulousness was the watchword of those overseeing our discussions and our voting, and scrupulousness was our guide," wrote Elinor Lipman, a judge for the FY 2006 Creative Writing Fellowships. "My experience on the panel, listening and discussing, arguing or defending, restored my faith in level playing fields and art for art's sake."

The present-day NEA Literature Division administers several other programs in addition to



NEA LITERATURE DIRECTORS

Carolyn Kizer	1968–69
Len Randolph	1970–78
David Wilk	1979–81
Frank Conroy	1982–87
Stephen Goodwin	1988–90
Joe David Bellamy	1990–92
Gigi Bradford	1992–97
Cliff Becker	1998–2005
David Kipen	2005–present

the Literature Fellowships, all designed to build an infrastructure that can support American writers and connect them with communities nationwide. “Through its grants to literary journals and presses, literary centers, reading series, festivals, writers-in-the-schools programs, libraries, and other literary organizations, the Endowment ensures that the writing of our Fellows is published and preserved,” Gioia stated. “We should remember the words of Whitman who said, ‘To have great poets, there must be great audiences, too.’” These grants to organizations connect Fellows with audiences across the country—from soccer moms to soldiers, radio listeners to subway riders, secondary-school students to senior citizens.

To further cultivate an audience for literature, Chairman Gioia announced in December 2005 the launch of The Big Read, headed by Literature Director David Kipen. Modeled after successful “city reads” programs, The Big Read is a national initiative to encourage literary reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss one book. In partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA will provide organizer’s guides, reader’s guides, teacher’s guides, CDs of readings, a Web site, and additional funding to selected communities to initiate activities and partnerships with schools, arts organizations, and local government. “The NEA’s landmark 2004 study, *Reading At Risk*, showed that literary reading in the U.S. is in steep decline,” said Gioia. “No single program can entirely reverse this trend. But if cities nationally unite to adopt The Big Read, together we can restore reading to its essential place in American culture.”

The Fellows

Fellows are freelance writers and university lecturers. But they are also registered nurses and gardeners, diplomats and farmers. One Fellow I called about winning a grant said she was a mother of 12. Another said he had been volunteering as a subject for medical experiments to make money and he was glad not to have to do that anymore.

Most Fellows will tell you the money they received provided an essential boost to their career. But they also will tell you the benefits of an NEA grant extend far beyond the cash. They’ll tell you it allowed family, friends, and colleagues to accept them as serious writers, that it brought them into first or further contact with editors, publishers, and other writers at the national level. It got them invitations to conduct workshops, give readings, or teach. It allowed them to undertake longer or different kinds of work, to take risks, to write with confidence. And it gave them a desire to give back to their country.

In his final report at the completion of his FY 1999 grant, poet Dainis Hazners from Wyoming recounted the following anecdote:

At the feed store, buying grain for my goats and chickens, I was introduced to the new owner as Our Local Poet. “He’s the one got that big award. Quite the honor.”

“I was ... shocked,” I offered.

“You mean that NBA outfit back East?” the new guy asked.

“National Endowment for the Arts,” I said, meekly. “Washington.”

“*That’s it.* I’m proud to know you!” he grinned.

“It’s amazing to me,” wrote Hazners, that “even after a year, people remember. I belong to them, in a funny kind of way—like the mountains and the bad weather, I’m out there somewhere.”

May the bread of the heart be plenty, may the bakers be always out there. Happy 40th anniversary, NEA.

Creative Writing Fellows





JULIA ALVAREZ (87), born in New York City to Dominican parents, has written 14 books of essays, poetry, short stories, novels, children's books, and young adult novels, including *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents* (1991) and *In the Time of the Butterflies* (1994). Alvarez has also translated the poetry of Pablo Neruda.

I had been writing for over two decades and thinking I would never be considered a true American writer because I was an immigrant girl with English as my second language. But I kept working at the craft, writing, revising, trying to keep faith with the dream inside me. Every year I'd send off my application for an NEA grant, hoping that this would be the year my work was recognized. When I got my NEA grant, I felt as if I was now included among the storytellers and poets of my new country!

The fiscal year(s) NEA Literature Fellows received the award is in parentheses following the name. Residence listed is that of the Fellow at the time of award (for multiple awards, residence of most recent award is used).

A

- Chester Aaron (76)**
Moraga, CA
- Jonathan Aaron (84)**
Cambridge, MA
- Lee K. Abbott (79, 85)**
Cleveland, OH
- Louise Abbott (68)**
Louisville, GA
- Raymond Abbott (79)**
Louisville, KY
- Robert Abel (78)**
Lake Pleasant, MA
- Walter Abish (79, 85)**
New York, NY
- Thomas Absher (76, 84)**
Plainfield, VT
- Diana Abu-Jaber (94)**
Eugene, OR
- Diane Ackerman (76, 86)**
St. Louis, MO
- Jennifer Ackerman (04)**
Charlottesville, VA
- Duane Ackerson (75)**
Eugene, OR
- Ralph Adamo (03)**
New Orleans, LA
- Alice Adams (76)**
San Francisco, CA
- Dock Adams (68)**
Charleston, MO
- Glenda Adams (81)**
New York, NY
- Léonie Adams (66)**
New York, NY
- Mary Adams (05)**
Cullowhee, NC
- Elizabeth Adcock (84)**
Raleigh, NC
- Kim Addonizio (90, 95)**
San Francisco, CA
- Chris Adrian (02)**
Norfolk, VA
- Joel Agee (87)**
Brooklyn, NY
- Jonis Agee (78)**
St. Paul, MN
- Thomas Ahern (79)**
Providence, RI
- Ai (79, 85)**
Lexington, KY
- Ellen Akins (88)**
Chicago, IL
- Sandra Alcosser (85, 91)**
Encinitas, CA
- Daisy Aldan (69)**
New York, NY
- Elizabeth Alexander (92)**
Washington, DC
- Margaret Walker Alexander (91)**
Jackson, MS
- Sherman Alexie (92)**
Wellpinit, WA
- Nelson Algren (76)**
Hackensack, NJ
- Jody Aliesan (77)**
Seattle, WA
- Debra Allbery (86, 93)**
Carlisle, PA
- Dick Allen (84)**
Trumbull, CT
- Mary Allen (02)**
Iowa City, IA
- Paula Gunn Allen (77)**
Cubero, NM
- Samuel Allen (79)**
Boston, MA
- John Allman (84, 90)**
Katonah, NY
- Margaret Almon (97)**
Dunmore, PA
- Juan Alonso (73)**
Somerville, MA
- S. Keith Althaus (76)**
Provincetown, MA
- Julia Alvarez (87)**
Urbana, IL
- Bay Anapol (06)**
Santa Fe, NM
- Rudolfo Anaya (79)**
Albuquerque, NM
- Barbara Anderson (86)**
Tucson, AZ
- Calvin Anderson (76, 87)**
El Paso, TX
- Daniel Anderson (03)**
Sewanee, TN
- Donald Anderson (96)**
Colorado Springs, CO
- Jack Anderson (69, 73)**
New York, NY
- James Anderson (79)**
Oxford, IA
- Jon Anderson (81, 86)**
Tucson, AZ
- K. Douglas Anderson (93)**
Florence, MA
- Margaret Anderson (84, 91)**
Kent, OH
- Rodney L. Anderson (80)**
New York, NY
- Bruce Andrews (79)**
New York, NY
- Claudia Emerson Andrews (94)**
Chatham, VA
- Jeanne Andrews (74)**
St. Paul, MN
- Thomas Andrews (93)**
Athens, OH
- Bim Angst (81)**
Starkville, PA
- A. Manette Ansary (93)**
Exeter, NH
- Carol Anshaw (95)**
Chicago, IL
- Robert Antoni (88)**
Iowa City, IA
- Donald Antrim (02)**
Brooklyn, NY
- Gloria Anzaldúa (91)**
Santa Cruz, CA
- Max Apple (76)**
Houston, TX
- Philip Appleman (75)**
New York, NY
- James Applewhite (75)**
Durham, NC
- Ricardo Aquilar (89)**
El Paso, TX
- Ray Aranha (77)**
Stamford, CT
- Anthony Ardizzone (85, 90)**
Bloomington, IN
- Linda Arking (76)**
New York, NY
- Jose Armas (83)**
Albuquerque, NM
- Carroll Arnett (75)**
Mecosta, MI
- Craig Anthony Arnold (99)**
Salt Lake City, UT
- Alfred Arteaga (95)**
Berkeley, CA
- Elizabeth Arthur (83, 89)**
Waterville, ME
- L. S. Asekoff (97)**
St. James, NY
- John Ashbery (69)**
New York, NY
- Sandra Asher (77)**
Springfield, MO

Renee Ashley (97)
Ringwood, NJ

Daphne Athas (68, 74, 79)
Chapel Hill, NC

Samuel Atlee (00)
Lancaster, PA

Alvin Aubert (73, 81)
Detroit, MI

Jessica Auerbach (85)
Ridgefield, CT

Paul Auster (79, 85)
Brooklyn, NY

B

Jimmy Santiago Baca (87)
Albuquerque, NM

Charlotte Bacon (00)
Lee, NH

William Baer (94)
Evansville, IL

Robert Bagg (74)
Northampton, MA

Thomas Bailey (94)
Binghamton, NY

Julene Bair (04)
Laramie, WY

David Baker (85, 05)
Granville, OH

Donald Baker (74)
Crawfordsville, IN

William Baker (81)
Nampa, ID

Constantine Bakopoulos (06)
Madison, WI

John Balaban (77)
State College, PA

Peter Balakian (04)
Hamilton, NY

Angela Ball (91)
Hattiesburg, MS

Toni Cade Bambara (83)
Atlanta, GA

Russell Banks (78, 83)
Concord, NH

Stanley Banks (90)
Kansas City, MO

Amiri Baraka (81)
Newark, NJ

Tom Barbash (04)
San Francisco, CA

Walter Bergen (91)
Ashland, MO

Joshua Barkan (06)
New York, NY

Wendy Barker (86)
Boerne, TX

Bradford Barkley (94)
Fayetteville, AR

Coleman Barks (79)
Athens, GA

Anna Marie Barlow (76)
New York, NY

Djuna Barnes (80)
New York, NY

Jim Barnes (78)
Macon, MO

Helen Barolini (76)
Ossining, NY

Rick Barot (01)
Oakland, CA

Elizabeth Barr (89)
Philadelphia, PA

Dorothy Barresi (97)
Northridge, CA

Andrea Barrett (92)
Rochester, NY

Carol Barrett (91)
San Antonio, TX

Lynne Barrett (91)
Miami, FL

Gregory Barron (90)
London, England

Anita Barrows (90)
Berkeley, CA

John Barry (76)
Estes Park, CO

Quan Barry (03)
Madison, WI

Frederick Barthelme (79)
Hattiesburg, MS

Emily Barton (06)
Brooklyn, NY

Rick Bass (91)
Troy, MT

Claire Bateman (91)
Clemson, SC

Randolph Bates (86)
New Orleans, LA

Wendy Battin (88)
Syracuse, NY

Douglas Bauer (90)
Boston, MA

Jonathan Baumbach (68)
Brooklyn, NY

Richard Bausch (83)
Fairfax, VA

Charles Baxter (83)
Ann Arbor, MI

Peter S. Beagle (78)
Watsonville, CA

Bruce Beasley (92)
Charlottesville, VA

Laura Beausoleil (81)
San Francisco, CA

Geoffrey Becker (95)
Iowa City, IA

Robin Becker (89)
Cambridge, MA

Barry Beckham (83)
Providence, RI

John Beecher (76)
Burnsville, NC

Ralph Beer (86)
Helena, MT

Robin Behn (92)
Tuscaloosa, AL

Ben Belitt (66)
Bennington, VT

M. Shayne Bell (91)
Salt Lake City, UT

Madison Smartt Bell (92)
Baltimore, MD

Marvin Bell (77, 84)
Iowa City, IA

Joe David Bellamy (85)
Canton, NY

Sally Bellerose (95)
Northampton, MA

Lance S. Belville (80)
St. Paul, MN

Karen E. Bender (02)
New York, NY

Dianne Benedict (86)
Scarborough, ME

Pinckney Benedict (00)
Roanoke, VA

Michael Benedikt (79)
Boston, MA

Dina Ben-Lev (94)
Seattle, WA

George Bennett (81)
New York, NY

Paul Bennett (73)
Granville, OH

Robert Benson (96)
Oneonta, NY

Stephen Benson (90)
Berkeley, CA

Beth Bentley (76)
Seattle, WA

Roy Bentley (01)
Granville, OH



T. C. BOYLE (78, 83) has written 11 novels and seven collections of short stories, including *World's End* (1987), for which he won the PEN/Faulkner Award. Boyle founded the creative writing program at the University of Southern California in 1978 and still directs it.

Both grants came early in my career and were invaluable not only for buying me time to complete two novels, but as a psychological boost too—here was a ratification that what I was doing was worthwhile.

I should say, too, that I served on the Literature Panel under Frank Conroy in 1986–87 as a way of expressing my gratitude for a program that I feel is essential to fostering the arts—particularly for beginning or out-of-the-way artists whose work is not immediately apprehended in a commercial way.



JARED CARTER (81, 91) was born in Indiana, where he still lives. He has written four books of poetry, the latest—*Cross this Bridge at a Walk*—to be published in 2006. Among the honors he has received are a Guggenheim Fellowship, the Walt Whitman Award from the Academy of American Poets, the *New Letters* Literary Award for Poetry, the Indiana Governor's Arts Award, and the Poets' Prize.

In 1985 and 1986, I was invited to serve on a variety of panels convened by the Literature Program. I witnessed firsthand the hard work on the part of the staff and the panel members that goes into making the grant-giving process as fair and equitable as possible. In retrospect, this experience was a valuable complement to the welcome financial assistance provided by the two grants I received, and by serving on the panels, I was able to give something in return.

- Sharon Ben-Tov (01)**
Perrysburg, OH
- Nancy Berg (92)**
Fairfield, IA
- Stephen Berg (76)**
Philadelphia, PA
- Carol Berge (79)**
Albuquerque, NM
- Linda-Ruth Berger (97)**
Contoocook, NH
- Lou Berger (80)**
Brooklyn, NY
- Deidre L. Bergson (73)**
New York, NY
- Judith Berke (01)**
Miami Beach, FL
- William Berkson (79)**
Southampton, NY
- Lucia Berlin (87)**
Oakland, CA
- Kenneth Bernard (78)**
West Winfield, NY
- Pamela Bernard (96)**
Duxbury, MA
- Suzanne Berne (94)**
Watertown, NY
- Alan Bernheimer, Jr. (79)**
San Francisco, CA
- Charles Bernstein (79)**
New York, NY
- Jane Bernstein (83, 00)**
Pittsburgh, PA
- Lisa Bernstein (92)**
San Francisco, CA
- Gina Berriault (86)**
Mill Valley, CA
- Ted Berrigan (79)**
New York, NY
- David Berry (77)**
Providence, RI
- John Berryman (68)**
Minneapolis, MN
- Leo Bersani (69)**
New Brunswick, NJ
- Mei-Mei Berssenbrugge (76, 81)**
El Rito, NM
- James Bertolino (75)**
Ithaca, NY
- Alvah Bessie (78)**
Terra Linda, CA
- Harvey Bialy (76)**
Ile-Ife, Nigeria
- Frank Bidart (76, 85)**
Cambridge, MA
- Wayne Biddle (79)**
Altamonte Springs, FL
- Linda Bierds (88, 96)**
Bainbridge Island, WA
- David Biespiel (97)**
Portland, OR
- George Bilgere (89)**
Santa Cruz, CA
- Laurel Bird (66)**
Knoxville, TN
- Ann Birstein (81)**
New York, NY
- Becky Birtha (88)**
Philadelphia, PA
- John Bishop (80)**
New York, NY
- Trim Bissell (68)**
Detroit, MI
- David Black (79)**
West Stockbridge, MA
- Gus Blaisdell (79)**
Albuquerque, NM
- Clark L. Blaise (81)**
Saratoga Springs, NY
- Laurie Blauner (90)**
Seattle, WA
- Richard A. Blessing (81)**
Seattle, WA
- Corinne Demas Bliss (78, 83)**
South Hadley, MA
- Chana Bloch (89)**
Berkeley, CA
- Ron Block (02)**
North Platte, NE
- Steven Bloom (98)**
Heidelberg, Germany
- Laurel Blossom (87)**
New York, NY
- Michael Blumenthal (84, 05)**
Clarksville, TN
- Judy Blunt (04)**
Missoula, MT
- Elaine F. Boatin (81, 86)**
Somerville, MA
- Alan Boatman (74)**
Saginaw, MI
- Victor Bockris (78)**
New York, NY
- Deborah L. Boe (81)**
Princeton, NJ
- Louise Bogan (68)**
New York, NY
- Donald Bogen (89)**
Cincinnati, OH
- Nina Bogin (89)**
Giromagny, France
- Michelle Boisseau (89)**
Morehead, KY
- Isabel Bolton (67)**
No city listed, NY
- Joseph Bolton (89)**
Gainesville, FL
- Bruce Bond (01)**
Denton, TX
- Harold Bond (76)**
Melrose, MA
- Philip Booth (79)**
Castine, ME
- Audrey Borenstein (76)**
New Platz, NY
- Millicent Borges (97)**
Long Beach, CA
- Ruth Borson (87)**
Los Alamos, NM
- Marianne Boruch (84, 99)**
West Lafayette, IN
- Phillip Bosakowski (80)**
San Francisco, CA
- Malcolm Bosse (76)**
New York, NY
- Robert Boswell (87, 93)**
Las Cruces, NM
- David Bosworth (79)**
Cambridge, MA
- David Bottoms (88)**
Marietta, GA
- Marilyn Boucher (79)**
Berkeley, CA
- Vance Bourjailly (66, 79)**
Iowa City, IA
- Kevin Bowen (03)**
Dorchester, MA
- Faubion Bowers (67)**
No city listed, NY
- Neal Bowers (89)**
Ames, IA
- Paul Bowles (78, 80)**
New York, NY
- Blanche McCrary Boyd (88)**
New London, CT
- Kay Boyle (80)**
San Francisco, CA
- T. C. Boyle (78, 83)**
Tujunga, CA
- Barry Boys (68)**
New York, NY

- Allen Braden (05)**
Tacoma, WA
- Scott Bradfield (92)**
Storrs, CT
- C. Jane Bradley (92)**
Toledo, OH
- David Bradley (91)**
La Jolla, CA
- George Bradley (90)**
Chester, CT
- John Bradley (88)**
Fort Collins, CO
- Joan Brady (86)**
New York, NY
- John Brandi (79)**
Guadalupita, NM
- Beth Brant (91)**
Melvindale, MI
- Giannina Braschi (95)**
Santurce, PR
- James Brasfield (01)**
State College, PA
- Samuel Brasfield (66)**
Demopolis, AL
- Richard Brautigan (69)**
San Francisco, CA
- Mark Brazaitis (00)**
Washington, DC
- Donald Brede (79)**
St. Johnsbury, VT
- Sean Brendan-Brown (97)**
Olympia, WA
- Harold Brenna (90)**
San Diego, CA
- Karen M. Brennan (96)**
Salt Lake City, UT
- Jack Brenner (68)**
Seattle, WA
- Wendy Brenner (00)**
Wilmington, NC
- Lee Breuer (80)**
New York, NY
- Richard Brickner (74)**
New York, NY
- Kim Suzanne Bridgeford (99)**
Wallingford, CT
- Besmir Brigham (70)**
Horatio, AR
- John Malcolm Brinnin (83)**
Cambridge, MA
- Geoffrey Brock (03)**
Dallas, TX
- James Brock (90)**
Nashville, TN
- Lucie Brock-Broido (84, 99)**
Cambridge, MA
- Kevin Brockmeier (02)**
Little Rock, AR
- Harold Brodkey (85)**
New York, NY
- Barbara Brody (92)**
Cambria, CA
- Leslie Brody (81)**
San Francisco, CA
- David Bromige (79)**
San Francisco, CA
- Esther Broner (79, 87)**
Detroit, MI
- Donna Brook (81)**
Brooklyn, NY
- Gwendolyn Brooks (89)**
Chicago, IL
- Chandler Brossard (78)**
La Mesa, CA
- J. Alan Broughton (76)**
Burlington, VT
- Olga Broumas (77)**
Eugene, OR
- Joel Brouwer, II (99)**
East Lansing, MI
- Brock Brower (69)**
Princeton, NJ
- Alan Brown (98)**
New York, NY
- Carrie Brown (04)**
Sweet Briar, VA
- Claude Brown (83)**
Newark, NJ
- James D. Brown (91)**
Eugene, OR
- James M. Brown (95)**
San Bernardino, CA
- James W. Brown (80, 95)**
South Dartmouth, MA
- Kenneth Brown (73)**
Brooklyn, NY
- Lennox Brown (76)**
Queens, NY
- Linda J. Brown (81)**
New York, NY
- Rita Brown (78)**
Boston, MA
- Rosellen Brown (73, 81)**
Peterborough, NH
- Stephanie Brown (01)**
San Clemente, CA
- Sterling Brown (80)**
Washington, DC
- William Brown (66)**
Graham, NC
- Michael Dennis Browne (77)**
Minneapolis, MN
- Michael Brownstein (79)**
Boulder, CO
- Jane Brox (94)**
Dracut, MA
- Joseph Bruchac (74)**
Greenfield Center, NY
- James Brummels (84)**
Winside, NE
- Thomas Brush (84)**
Issaquah, WA
- C. D. B. Bryan (80)**
Guilford, CT
- Sharon Bryan (87, 96)**
Salt Lake City, UT
- Charlie Elizabeth Buck (98)**
Virginia City, NV
- Claudia Buckholts (88)**
Ardmore, OK
- Christopher Buckley (84, 01)**
Lompoc, CA
- Julia Budenz (88)**
Cambridge, MA
- Judy Budnitz (02)**
New York, NY
- Andrea Hollander Budy (91)**
Mountain View, AR
- Frederick Buell (72)**
New York, NY
- Michael Bugeja (90)**
Athens, OH
- Charles Bukowski (73)**
Los Angeles, CA
- Ed Bullins (74)**
Bronx, NY
- Jerald Bullis (72)**
Appleton, WI
- R. Michael Bundgaard (66)**
Colorado Springs, CO
- Michael Burkard (85, 91)**
Rome, NY
- Kenneth Burke (69)**
Andover, NJ
- Cherly Burket (01)**
San Francisco, CA
- Derick Burleson (99)**
Houston, TX
- Deborah Burnham (91)**
Philadelphia, PA
- Gerald Burns (85)**
Dallas, TX



ANNIE DILLARD (81) is the author of 11 books, often about nature and spirituality, including the Pulitzer Prize-winner *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* (1974). She is currently living and teaching in Connecticut.

The grant freed me from teaching and enabled me to write two books: a book of thoughts about contemporary fiction, *Living By Fiction*, and a book of essays, *Teaching a Stone to Talk*.

I try to describe what it feels like to be alive in the United States. My books are about rural Virginia, about Pittsburgh, about the Pacific Northwest Coast . . . Literature has all my heart and mind. That the NEA supports literature in the United States enhances and confirms our cultural status. All civilized nations support artists; we know nations by their works of art.



RITA DOVE (77, 89) has written eight books of poetry, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Thomas and Beulah* (1986), as well as books of fiction and essays. Her numerous honors include the National Humanities Medal and an NAACP Great American Artist Award. From 1993 to 1995, Dove served as the U.S. Poet Laureate. In 2004, she was appointed the Poet Laureate of Virginia.

It is impossible for me to say what I would have done had I not received a fellowship; I can only say that I believe the course of my literary career would have been markedly different. Because of my gratitude, I have served on several panels for the Endowment—my way of repaying, in part, the support and encouragement provided me at a young and tentative age.

- Michael Burns (95)**
Willard, MO
- Ralph Burns (84, 93)**
Little Rock, AR
- Timothy Burns (80)**
Los Angeles, CA
- Madeleine Burnside (79)**
Great River, NY
- Franklin Burroughs, Jr. (94)**
Bowdoinham, ME
- Janet Burroway (76)**
Tallahassee, FL
- Christopher Bursk (87)**
Langhorne Manor, PA
- Frederick Busch (76)**
Poolville, NY
- Barney Bush (81)**
Herod, IL
- Mary Bush (95)**
Pasadena, CA
- Naomi Bushman (75)**
New York, NY
- Bill Butler (70)**
Missoula, MT
- Robert Olen Butler (94)**
Lake Charles, LA
- Kathryn Byer (88)**
Cullowhee, NC
- Sarah Shun-lien Bynum (06)**
Los Angeles, CA
- Robert J. Byrd (90)**
El Paso, TX
- 
- Mary Cable (78)**
Santa Fe, NM
- Alison Cadbury (95)**
Berkeley, CA
- Teresa Cader (88, 94)**
Lexington, MD
- Michael Cadnum (84)**
Albany, CA
- Jack Cady (92)**
Port Townsend, WA
- Shannon Cain (06)**
Tucson, AZ
- Anne Calcagno (89)**
Manhasset, NY
- Bo Caldwell (04)**
Cupertino, CA
- Conyus Calhoun (81)**
San Francisco, CA
- Hortense Calisher (68, 89)**
New York, NY
- Robert Callahan (77)**
Berkeley, CA
- Kathy Callaway (84, 90)**
Nome, AK
- Peter Cameron (87)**
New York, NY
- Francois Camoin (85)**
Salt Lake City, UT
- Bebe Moore Campbell (80)**
Takoma Park, MD
- Ewing Campbell (90)**
Hearne, TX
- James Campbell (77)**
Staten Island, NY
- Richard Campbell (94)**
Quincy, FL
- Ethan Canin (88, 95)**
San Francisco, CA
- Steve Cannon (81)**
New York, NY
- Alfred Cantor (88)**
Cambridge, MA
- Robert Cantwell (87)**
Gambier, OH
- Nick Carbo (97)**
San Antonio, TX
- Alvaro Cardona-Hine (78)**
St. Paul, MN
- Robin Carey (90)**
Ashland, OR
- David Carkeet (83)**
St. Louis, MO
- Henry Carlile (70, 76)**
Portland, OR
- Ron Carlson (85)**
Salt Lake City, UT
- John Carpenter (76)**
Seattle, WA
- William Carpenter (84)**
Stockton Springs, ME
- Hayden Carruth (67, 69, 75, 88)**
Munnsville, NY
- Jared Carter (81, 91)**
Indianapolis, IN
- Lonnie Carter (74)**
Lakeville, CT
- Mary Carter (86)**
Tucson, AZ
- Michelle Carter (87)**
East Palo Alto, CA
- Randolph Carter (80)**
New York, NY
- Steve Carter (80)**
Rego Park, NY
- Xam Cartier (79)**
San Francisco, CA
- Raymond Carver (70, 80)**
Tucson, AZ
- Oscar Casares (06)**
Austin, TX
- Deborah Ann Casey (88)**
Eugene, OR
- Jane Casey (76)**
Charlottesville, VA
- John Casey (83)**
Charlottesville, VA
- Cyrus Cassells (86, 05)**
Austin, TX
- Turner Cassity (79)**
Decatur, GA
- Ana Castillo (90, 95)**
Gainesville, FL
- Anne Caston (99)**
Lexington Park, MD
- Rosemary Catacalos (93)**
Palo Alto, CA
- Joann Cattonar (68)**
Kalamazoo, MI
- Ann Cavallaro (80)**
West Haven, CT
- Maura Stanton Cecil (74)**
Richmond, VA
- Joseph Ceravelo (72)**
Bloomfield, NJ
- Lorna Dee Cervantes (77, 93)**
Boulder, CO
- Cydney Marie Chadwick (02)**
Petaluma, CA
- May-Lee Chai (06)**
Laramie, WY
- Marisha Chamberlain (76)**
St. Paul, MN
- George Chambers (80)**
Peoria, IL
- Veronica Chambers (98)**
Brooklyn, NY
- Marianne Halley Chametzky (81)**
Amherst, MA
- Lan Samantha Chang (98)**
Appleton, WI
- Leslie Chapman (70)**
Laguna Pueblo Reservation, AZ
- Jerome Charyn (80, 85)**
New York, NY
- E. Hale Chatfield (74)**
Huntsburg, OH

Julie Checkoway (95)
Baltimore, MD

Alexander Chee (04)
Brooklyn, NY

Terrence Cheng (06)
New York, NY

Kim Chernin (90)
Berkeley, CA

Thalia Cheronis-Selz (81)
Columbia, MD

Kelly Cherry (80)
Madison, WI

Laura Chester (79)
Berkeley, CA

Alan Cheuse (80)
Knoxville, TN

Thomas Chiarella (93)
Greencastle, IN

Frank Chin (74, 80)
Seattle, WA

Marilyn Mei Ling Chin (85, 93)
La Mesa, CA

Yvonne Chism-Peace (74, 84)
Riverdale, NY

Susan Choi (00)
Brooklyn, NY

Paul Christensen (91)
College Station, TX

John Christgau (83)
Belmont, CA

Ann Christie (97)
Baltimore, MD

Nicholas Christopher (87)
New York, NY

Peter Christopher (91)
Brooklyn, NY

Jill Karen Ciment (95)
New York, NY

Sandra Cisneros (81, 88)
Chicago, IL

David Citino (86)
Marion, OH

Sybil Claiborne (80)
New York, NY

George Clark (02)
Lafayette, LA

Naomi Clark (87)
Los Gatos, CA

Tom Clark (69, 85)
Berkeley, CA

David Clarke (78)
New York, NY

Jan Clausen (81)
Brooklyn, NY

John Clayton (80)
Montague, MA

Michelle Cliff (83, 89)
Santa Cruz, CA

Lucille Clifton (70, 73)
Baltimore, MD

Michelle Clinton (92)
Santa Monica, CA

Joshua Clover (94)
Berkeley, CA

Lawrence Coates (00)
Cedar City, UT

William Cobb (78, 92)
Houston, TX

Amanda Cockrell (98)
Roanoke, VA

George Codegan (76)
Los Angeles, CA

Andrei Codrescu (73)
San Francisco, CA

Judith Ortiz Cofer (89)
Athens, GA

Lisa Coffman (97)
Morrisville, PA

Helen Degen Cohen (88)
Deerfield, IL

Jonathan S. Cohen (91)
Swarthmore, PA

L. Keith Cohen (78)
Madison, WI

Nan Cohen (03)
Sherman Oaks, CA

Valerie Colander (91)
Fairmont, WV

Charles T. Cole (80)
Kent, CT

Henri Cole (93)
Portland, OR

Lewis Cole (83)
New York, NY

Richard D. Cole (86)
New York, NY

James Coleman (78)
Norwichtown, CT

Wanda Coleman (81)
Los Angeles, CA

Katherine Coles (90)
Salt Lake City, UT

Michael Collier (84, 94)
Catonsville, MD

Peter Collier (80)
Oakland, CA

Phyllis Collier (88)
Kent, WA

Billy Collins (88)
Scarsdale, NY

Kathleen Collins (86)
Piermont, NY

Martha Collins (90)
Cambridge, MA

Jack Collom (79, 90)
Boulder, CO

Laurie Colwin (85)
New York, NY

Phil Condon (93)
Missoula, MT

Leo Connellan (70)
Clinton, CT

Geraldine Connolly (87, 95)
Bethesda, MD

Frank Conroy (68, 69)
Brooklyn, NY

Jack Conroy (77)
Moberly, MO

Mary Conselmann (76)
Gadsden, AL

Gerald Constanzo (74, 88)
Mount Lebanon, PA

Carolyn Cooke (98)
Point Arena, CA

Nicole Cooley (96)
Atlanta, GA

Clark Coolidge (77)
New Lebanon, NY

Bernard Cooper (04)
Los Angeles, CA

Jane Cooper (81)
Iowa City, IA

Stephen Cooper (91)
Los Angeles, CA

Robert Coover (85)
Providence, RI

William Corbett (79)
Boston, MA

Barbara Corcoran (78)
Missoula, MT

Robert Cording (91, 05)
Woodstock, CT

Raymond Coreil (76)
Ville Platte, LA

Cid Corman (75)
Boston, MA

Alfred Corn (79, 91)
New York, NY

Jennifer Cornell (98)
Corvallis, OR



ANDRE DUBUS (78, 85) was the author of nine works of fiction, including the short story collection *Dancing After Hours* (1996). In 1986, he was struck by a car, but continued to write; his 1991 collection of essays, *Broken Vessels*, deals with this accident. Dubus passed away in 1999.

In my career I have mostly made a living from teaching jobs, readings, grants—and have rarely made a living from sales of books, or stories to magazines. The 1985 NEA grant was bountiful for me. It was \$20,000, an amount I would have earned had I still been teaching, and that year I got a lot of work done, finishing a book of four novellas and two stories called *The Last Worthless Evening*.



ERNEST J. GAINES (68) published his first short story in 1956, and since has written eight books of fiction that examine African-American life in the American South, specifically in his home state of Louisiana. *A Lesson Before Dying* won the 1993 National Book Critics Circle Award.

The NEA grant—a thousand dollars at that time—encouraged me to keep writing. I was finally being recognized by critics and my colleagues. The young writer needs that. He needs the money, yes—but he also needs a little recognition now and then to keep pushing himself. I know many young, very talented people who gave up out of despair. I feel that I was lucky. The recognition by the NEA gave me enough push to start my next novel, *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*. I have not looked back since.

- Sam Cornish (68)**
Cambridge, MA
- James Corpora (80)**
Escondido, CA
- Mary Corrigan (78)**
Los Angeles, CA
- Jayne Cortez (79, 86)**
New York, NY
- Kathleen Coskran (91)**
Minneapolis, MN
- Gerald Costanzo (88)**
Mount Lebanon, PA
- Mark P. Costello (73, 91)**
Champaign, IL
- Sarah Cotterill (90)**
Silver Spring, MD
- Henri Coulette (77)**
Los Angeles, CA
- Nancy Couto (87, 99)**
Ithaca, NY
- Dennis Covington (96)**
Birmingham, AL
- Vicki Covington (88)**
Birmingham, AL
- Michael Covino (81)**
Berkeley, CA
- Malcolm Cowley (68)**
Milford, CT
- Louis Coxe (77)**
Brunswick, ME
- Steven Cramer (84)**
Cambridge, MA
- Max Crawford (76)**
Missoula, MT
- Stanley Crawford (73, 90)**
Dixon, NM
- Thomas Crawford (74, 85)**
Clowerdale, OR
- Bobbie Creeley (80)**
Bolinas, CA
- Robert Creeley (81)**
Buffalo, NY
- Frederick Crews (69)**
Berkeley, CA
- Harry Crews (74)**
Gainesville, FL
- Moira Crone (90)**
Baton Rouge, LA
- Justin Cronin (04)**
Houston, TX
- James Cross (74)**
Chevy Chase, MD
- Mary Crow (84)**
Ft. Collins, CO
- Douglas Crowell (83)**
Lubbock, TX
- Victor Hernández Cruz (81)**
San Francisco, CA
- Elizabeth Cullinan (74)**
New York, NY
- James Cummins (88)**
Cincinnati, OH
- James Cunningham (66)**
Waltham, MA
- Laura Cunningham (91)**
Stone Ridge, NY
- Michael Cunningham (88)**
La Cañada, CA
- George Cuomo (76)**
Amherst, MA
- Silvia Curbelo (90)**
Tampa, FL
- Richard Currey (81, 87)**
Las Lunas, NM
- David Curry (76)**
Springfield, IL
- Bruce Cutler (89)**
St. Paul, MN
- Janet Cutler (68)**
Roanoke, AL
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- Richard Dabney (75)**
Arlington, VA
- John Dacey (75, 79)**
Cottonwood, MN
- Edward Dahlberg (66, 73)**
New York, NY
- Charles D'Ambrosio (95)**
Los Angeles, CA
- Robert Dana (85, 93)**
Coralville, IA
- John Daniel (98)**
Elmira, OR
- Rosemary Daniell (74, 81)**
Savannah, GA
- James Daniels (85, 05)**
Pittsburgh, PA
- Ann Darby (04)**
New York, NY
- Oreste D'Arconte (66)**
Allentown, PA
- Alice Elliott Dark (95)**
Montclair, NJ
- Ann Darr (76)**
Chevy Chase, MD
- Tina Darragh (79)**
Mt. Rainier, MD
- Mich Daugherty (74)**
North Hollywood, CA
- Tracy Daugherty (98)**
Corvallis, OR
- Cecil Daukins (76)**
Taos, NM
- Diana Davenport (92)**
Willow Street, PA
- John Davidson (80)**
Austin, TX
- Michael Davidson (76)**
La Jolla, CA
- Peter Ho Davies (98)**
Eugene, OR
- Alfred I. Davis (73)**
Bronx, NY
- Allen Davis (77)**
New York, NY
- Christopher Davis (74)**
Philadelphia, PA
- Cortney Davis (94)**
Redding, CT
- Jon Davis (86, 05)**
Santa Fe, NM
- Kathryn Davis (81, 88)**
East Calais, VT
- Lydia Davis (89)**
Kingston, NY
- Melody Davis (95)**
Brooklyn, NY
- Sally Dawidoff (05)**
New York, NY
- Ariel Dawson (89)**
San Francisco, CA
- Jean Day (01)**
Berkeley, CA
- Richard Day (85)**
Arcata, CA
- Robert Day (83)**
Hays, KS
- Ann Deagon (81)**
Greensboro, NC
- Philip Deaver (89)**
Longwood, FL
- David Deck (70)**
San Francisco, CA
- John Deck (73)**
Santa Cruz, CA
- Lynne H. deCourcy (91)**
Oxford, OH
- Jonathan Dee (06)**
New York, NY

Bill Deemer (68)
Eugene, OR

Madeline DeFrees (81)
Amherst, MA

Tom DeHaven (80, 86)
Jersey City, NJ

Constance DeJong (80)
New York, NY

James DeJongh (78)
New York, NY

Nicholas Delbanco (73, 83)
Bennington, VT

Rick DeMarinis (76, 83)
Missoula, MT

Alison Deming (90, 95)
Tucson, AZ

James DenBoer (76)
Santa Barbara, CA

Deborah DeNicola (97)
Brookline, MA

Reuel Denney (66)
Honolulu, HI

Candace Denning (88)
Great Falls, VA

Carl Dennis (88)
Buffalo, NY

Theodore Deppe (93, 03)
Bloomington, IN

Toi Derricotte (85, 90)
Potomac, MD

Janet Desaulniers (92)
Evanston, IL

Alexis DeVeaux (81)
Brooklyn, NY

James DeVita (04)
Spring Green, WI

Pete Dexter (70)
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Ramola Dharmaraj (05)
Arlington, VA

Pietro di Donato (77)
Setauket, NY

Monica Di Emidio (70)
San Francisco, CA

W. S. Di Piero (89)
Menlo Park, CA

Diane di Prima (73, 79)
San Francisco, CA

William Dickey (77)
San Francisco, CA

John Dickson (90)
Evanston, IL

Margaret Diehl (92)
New York, NY

Deborah Digges (87)
Chevy Chase, MD

Annie Dillard (81)
Middletown, CT

Sharon Dilworth (00)
Pittsburgh, PA

Ray DiPalma (79)
New York, NY

Stuart Dischell (96)
Las Cruces, NM

Melvin Dixon (84)
New York, NY

Stephen Dixon (74, 90)
Baltimore, MD

Charles Dizenzo (72)
New York, NY

Gregory Djanikian (86)
Philadelphia, PA

Patricia Dobler (85)
Pittsburgh, PA

Stephen Dobyns (74, 81, 86)
Watertown, MA

Susan Dodd (92)
Bristol, RI

Wayne Dodd (84)
Athens, OH

Judy Doenges (02)
Fort Collins, CO

Anthony Doerr (02)
Boise, ID

Harriet Doerr (83)
Pasadena, CA

Ivan Doig (85)
Seattle, WA

J. D. Dolan (06)
Kalamazoo, MI

John Domini (77)
Cambridge, MA

Matthew Donovan (05)
Hudson, OH

D.W. Donzella (77)
Bridgeport, CT

Edward Dorn (69)
West Newbury, MA

Michael Dorris (89)
Cornish, NH

Mark Doty (87, 95)
Provincetown, MA

Rita Dove (77, 89)
Tempe, AZ

Philip Dow (79)
Pittsburgh, PA

Michael Downs (06)
Missoula, MT

Albert Drake (74, 83)
Okemos, MI

Barbara Drake (66, 86)
Portland, OR

John Dranow (92)
Plainfield, VT

Joel Dressler (68)
Detroit, MI

John Driscoll (81)
Interlochen, MI

Merle Drown (93)
Concord, NH

Anthony D'Souza (06)
Sarasota, FL

Norman Dubie (85)
Tempe, AZ

Maggie Dubris (01)
New York, NY

Andre Dubus (78, 85)
Bradford, MA

Gary Duehr (01)
Somerville, MA

Joseph Duemer (84, 92)
Potsdam, NY

Laurie Duesing (91)
Benicia, CA

Richard Duggin (92)
Omaha, NE

Denise Duhamel (01)
Woonsocket, RI

E. Norman Dukes (79)
Cambridge, MA

Margaret Dukore (83)
Honolulu, HI

Harris Dulany (74)
Brooklyn, NY

Adele Dumarán (90)
Honolulu, HI

Jeffrey Duncan (78)
Ypsilanti, MI

Robert Duncan (67, 80)
San Francisco, CA

Camille Dungy (03)
Lynchburg, VA

Stephen E. Dunn (73, 81, 89)
Port Republic, NJ

Stephen R. Dunn (76)
Anchorage, AK

Pam Durban (98)
Atlanta, GA

Flora Durham (90)
Portland, OR

David Dwyer (87)
Lemmon, SD



CRISTINA GARCIA (04) was born in Havana, Cuba, in 1958, and emigrated to the U.S. with her family in 1960. She is the author of three novels and has been a finalist for the National Book Award. Garcia's work has appeared in many anthologies, and she is the editor of *Cubanismo: Readings in Contemporary Cuban Literature*.

I had been struggling long and hard on my third novel, *Monkey Hunting*, when I got a call from the NEA telling me I had won a fiction fellowship. It lifted me from a state of desperate futility (what was I doing writing a book about a 19th-century Chinese farmer in colonial Cuba, anyway?) to one of optimistic determination. Thanks to the grant, I was able to concentrate exclusively on my writing, see my way through the book's cultural and chronological obstacles, and do what I love best: tell a good story.



KAYE GIBBONS (89) has written eight novels, two of which were chosen as Oprah Book Club selections in 1997: *Ellen Foster* (1986) and *A Virtuous Woman* (1989). Gibbons continues to live in North Carolina, the state in which she was raised.

Before I received an NEA Literature Fellowship in 1989, I did not have the money for the February rent. But that grant enabled me to pay the rent, feed my children, and work in peace. However, I never saw the grant as something to which I was entitled. I felt I could contribute something of value to the American letters and therefore to my country. Because of the book I wrote with the grant and because of subsequent books, I have paid over \$750,000 in federal income tax. The government has been more than repaid for its investment in my work, and for that, we should both be grateful.

Stuart Dybek (81, 94)
Kalamazoo, MI

E

Joan Eades (81)
Grand Forks, ND

Cornelius Eady (85)
Sweet Briar, PA

Patricia A. Eakins (81, 87)
New York, NY

Debra Earling (06)
Polson, MT

Robert Early (80)
Bowling Green, OH

George Economou (88, 99)
Norman, OK

Russell Edson (76, 81, 92)
Stamford, CT

Kim Edwards (94)
Pittsburgh, PA

Margaret Edwards (78)
Burlington, VT

William Edyvean (68)
Fort Collins, CO

Jennifer Egan (91)
New York, NY

Paul Eggers (02)
Forest Ranch, CA

Gretel Ehrlich (81)
Shell, WY

Nancy Eimers (89, 96)
Kalamazoo, MI

Jill Eisenstadt (92)
Brooklyn, NY

Sergio D. Elizondo (81)
Las Cruces, NM

Stanley Elkin (72)
Universal City, MO

Gary Eller (94)
Ames, IA

Richard Elman (72)
New York, NY

James Scott Ely (92)
Rock Hill, SC

Lynn Emanuel (84, 92)
Pittsburgh, PA

Carolyn F. Emshwiller (80)
Wantagh, NY

Susan Engberg (87)
Milwaukee, WI

John Engels (84, 92)
Burlington, VT

Mary Engh (83)
Pullman, WA

Ted Enslin (76)
Temple, ME

George Garrett Epps (78)
Richmond, VA

Phillip Anthony Eprile (83, 94)
Del Mar, CA

Daniel Epstein (74)
Baltimore, MD

Leslie D. Epstein (72, 81)
Brookline, MA

Sandra Epstein (80)
Oxford, CT

Pamela Erbe (83)
Kalamazoo, MI

Louise Erdrich (83)
Cornish, NH

Stephen C. Erhart (73)
San Jose, CA

Steve Erickson (87)
Los Angeles, CA

Clayton Eshleman (79)
Santa Barbara, CA

Martin Espada (86, 92)
Boston, MA

Jill Alexander Essbaum (03)
Austin, TX

Barbara Esstman (90)
Oakton, VA

Paul Estaver (86)
Gainesville, VA

Jeffrey Eugenides (95)
New York, NY

David Allan Evans (74)
Brookings, SD

Elizabeth Evans (98)
Tucson, AZ

George Evans (84, 89)
Plymouth, CA

Brian Evenson (95)
Provo, UT

Welch Everman (78)
Philadelphia, PA

William Everson (81)
Davenport, CA

Peter Everwine (75)
Fresno, CA

F

Kathy Fagan (91)
Delaware, OH

Larry Fagin (79)
New York, NY

Ronald Fair (74)
Chicago, IL

Bertram Fairchild, Jr. (88, 05)
Claremont, CA

Nancy Fales (80)
Brooklyn, NY

Thomas Farber (78, 83, 94)
Berkeley, CA

Nancy Farmer (92)
Arcata, CA

Robert Farnsworth (89)
Lewiston, ME

James T. Farrell (78)
New York, NY

Raymond Federman (85)
Eggertsville, NY

Cheri Fein (81)
New York, NY

Ross Feld (85)
Cincinnati, OH

Alan Feldman (86)
Framingham, MA

Iring Feldman (87)
Buffalo, NY

John Felstiner (69)
Woodside, CA

Anita Feng (92)
Champaign, IL

Beth Ann Fennelly (03)
Galesburg, IL

David Fenza (95)
Washington, DC

Margaret Ferguson (66)
Richmond, VA

Carolyn Ferrell (04)
Bronx, NY

Robert Ferrell (87)
New York, NY

Lucy Ferriss (88)
Staatsburg, NY

Andrew Fetler (76, 83)
Amherst, MA

James Fetler (80)
Mountain View, CA

Marlon Lee Fick (05)
Overland Park, KS

Julia Fields (68)
Scotland Neck, NC

James L. Files (83)
Glenwood Springs, CO

Warren Fine (72, 80)
Lincoln, NE

Donald Finkel (73)
St. Louis, MO

Caroline Finkelstein (84, 01)
Westport Point, MA

John Finlay (66)
Tuscaloosa, AL

David Fisher (81, 93)
Santa Rosa, CA

Harrison Fisher (77)
Bethesda, MD

Molly Fisk (99)
Nevada City, CA

Christina Fitzpatrick (06)
New York, NY

Thomas Fitzsimmons (89)
Rochester, MN

Robert Flanagan (74)
Delaware, OH

Jane Flanders (77)
Washington, DC

Kathleen Flenniken (05)
Seattle, WA

Daniel Fleshler (83)
Kalamazoo, MI

Roland Flint (70, 81)
Silver Spring, MD

Maria Flook (88)
Black Mountain, NC

Mary Florey (86)
Hamden, CT

Arthur Flowers (91)
Memphis, TN

Starkey Flythe, Jr. (87)
Augusta, GA

Richard Foerster (95)
York Beach, ME

Alice B. Fogel (97)
Acworth, NH

Josephine Foo (01)
Philadelphia, PA

Calvin Forbes (81)
Columbia, MD

Carolyn Forche (77, 84, 89)
Provincetown, MA

Richard Ford (80, 86)
Coahoma, MS

Maria Irene Fornes (74)
New York, NY

Phillip Foss (87, 01)
San Juan Pueblo, NM

John Foster (94)
Columbia, MO

Paul Foster (73)
New York, NY

Gene Fowler (70)
Berkeley, CA

Karen Joy Fowler (88)
Davis, CA

Paula Fox (74)
Brooklyn, NY

Sarah Elizabeth Fox (99)
Minneapolis, MN

George Foy (94)
Osterville, MA

Richard France (73, 80)
Appleton, WI

Patricia Francisco (95)
Minneapolis, MN

Joseph Frank (69)
Princeton, NJ

Sheldon Frank (74)
Chicago, IL

Edward Franklin (89)
San Anselmo, CA

J. E. Franklin (80)
Saratoga Springs, NY

Jonathan Franzen (02)
New York, NY

Gregory Fraser (05)
Carrlonton, GA

Kathleen Fraser (70, 77)
San Francisco, CA

Kenneth Frederick (93)
West Newton, MA

Lynn Freed (87)
San Francisco, CA

Stuart Friebert (79)
Oberlin, OH

Alan Friedman (74)
New York, NY

Carol Frost (81, 93)
Otego, NY

Richard Frost (92)
Otego, NY

Abby Frucht (87, 96)
Oshkosh, WI

Charles Fuller (76)
Philadelphia, PA

Alice Fulton (05)
Ithaca, NY

Allison Funk (88)
Groveland, MA

Virginia Furtwangler (78, 94)
Sackville, Canada



William Gaddis (67, 74)
Piermont, NY

Frank Gagliano (73)
Tallahassee, FL

Ernest J. Gaines (68)
San Francisco, CA

Fred Gaines (72)
Somerset, WI

Tess Gallagher (76, 81, 88)
Port Angeles, WA

Richard Gallup (79)
Boulder, CO

Brendan James Galvin (75, 77, 88)
Everett, MA

James Galvin (77, 86)
Iowa City, IA

Catherine Gammon (80)
Fredonia, NY

Forrest Gander (01)
Barrington, RI

James Gander (89)
Providence, RI

Bruce Gans (74)
Iowa City, IA

John Gantos (86)
Boston, MA

Eugene Garber (78)
Bellingham, WA

Cecilio García-Camarillo (81)
Albuquerque, NM

Cristina Garcia (04)
Santa Monica, CA

Richard Louis Garcia (91)
Santa Monica, CA

John R. Gardiner (78)
Middleburg, VA

John Gardner (72)
Carbondale, IL

Leonard Gardner (68)
San Francisco, CA

Thomas Gardner (95)
Blacksburg, VA

Rita Garitano (87)
Tucson, AZ

Max Garland (89)
Paducah, KY

Ruth-Miriam Garnett (92)
New York, NY

Christine Garren (99)
Greensboro, NC



JOHN HAINES (68) has lived and worked in the Alaska wilderness much of his life. He has written thirteen volumes of poetry, and his many prose works include a memoir, *The Stars, the Snow, the Fire* (1989). Haines currently lives in Helena, Montana.

When one has no bank account for at least ten years, and no money at all to speak of, when \$20 constituted a fortune to be spent with considerable care, the generosity of a grant like this can easily be appreciated.

I doubt that many people have had their lives changed as drastically as mine was at the time, but I don't doubt that many others have had some related experience and a period free from immediate money concerns.



A member of the Muskogee Tribe, JOY HARJO (77, 92) is the author of six books of poetry, including *In Mad Love and War* (1990), which received an American Book Award. Her poems have been included in numerous journals and anthologies. Harjo served on the NEA's National Council on the Arts from 1998 to 2003.

When I received my first NEA fellowship for poetry, I was a single parent with two children who were four and nine years old. With the time the grant bought, I was able to buy child-care, pay rent and utilities, and make my car payment while I wrote what would be most of my second book of poetry, *She Had Some Horses*, the collection that actually started my career. The grant began the momentum that has carried me through these years. I can now call myself a poet.

- George Garrett (66)**
Charlottesville, VA
- William Garrison (95)**
Kensington, MD
- Barbara Garson (77)**
New York, NY
- Frank X. Gaspar (91)**
Long Beach, CA
- Tim Gautreaux (93)**
Hammond, LA
- Thomas Gavin (80)**
Middlebury, VT
- Joseph Geha (88)**
Ames, IA
- Jack Gelber (74)**
New York, NY
- Paul Genega (90)**
New York, NY
- Ted Genoways (03)**
Minneapolis, MN
- Diana George (06)**
Seattle, WA
- Sonia Gernes (99)**
South Bend, IN
- John Gery (92)**
New Orleans, LA
- Lucia Getsi (92)**
Bloomington, IL
- Hollis Giammatteo (93)**
Lopez, WA
- Denise Giardina (88, 96)**
Charleston, WV
- Robert Alan Gibb (99)**
Homestead, PA
- Kaye Gibbons (89)**
Raleigh, NC
- Reginald Gibbons (84)**
Evanston, IL
- Margaret Gibson (85)**
Preston, CT
- Patricia Gibson (78)**
New York, NY
- Barry Gifford (81)**
Berkeley, CA
- Dagoberto Gilb (92)**
El Paso, TX
- Christopher Gilbert (86, 94)**
Providence, RI
- Jack Gilbert (74)**
San Francisco, CA
- Virginia Gilbert (76)**
Salt Lake City, UT
- Gary Gildner (71, 76)**
Des Moines, IA
- John Gilhooley (77)**
New York, NY
- Laura Gilpin (81)**
New York, NY
- Allen Ginsberg (79, 87)**
New York, NY
- Marisa Gioffre (80)**
New York, NY
- Nikki Giovanni (70)**
New York, NY
- Cecil Giscombe (86)**
Ithaca, NY
- Celia Gittelsohn (93)**
New York, NY
- Diane Glancy (90, 03)**
St. Paul, MN
- Kenneth Glantz (86, 91)**
Portland, OR
- Elton Glaser (84, 90)**
Akron, OH
- Joanna M. Glass (80)**
Guilford, CT
- Julia Glass (04)**
New York, NY
- Michele Glazer (97)**
Portland, OR
- Myra Glazer (66)**
Cambridge, MA
- Gregory Glazner (05)**
Santa Fe, NM
- Judith Gleason (83)**
New York, NY
- Carole L. Glickfeld (91)**
Seattle, WA
- Gary Glickman (91)**
Boston, MA
- Joseph Glover (78)**
Washington, DC
- Louise Glück (70, 79, 88)**
Plainfield, VT
- Tereze Glück (93)**
New York, NY
- Thomas Glynn (94)**
Brooklyn, NY
- Gail Godwin (74)**
Stone Ridge, NY
- Rebecca Godwin (94)**
Poestenkill, NY
- Patricia Goedicke (76)**
Guanajuato, Mexico
- Ivan Gold (67)**
No city listed, NY
- Lloyd Gold (76)**
Upper Montclair, NJ
- Albert Goldbarth (74, 79, 86)**
Austin, TX
- Barbara Goldberg (86, 91)**
Chevy Chase, MD
- Lester Goldberg (80)**
Cranford, NJ
- Sidney Goldfarb (70)**
New York, NY
- Martin M. Goldsmith (80)**
Sherman Oaks, CA
- Jewelle Gomez (97)**
San Francisco, CA
- Genaro González (90)**
Mission, TX
- Rigoberto González (06)**
Urbana, IL
- Ivy Goodman (81)**
Palo Alto, CA
- Joanna Goodman (03)**
New York, NY
- Stephen Goodwin (72, 83)**
Washington, DC
- Caroline Gordon (67)**
No city listed, NJ
- Jaimy Gordon (78, 83, 91)**
Kalamazoo, MI
- Charles Gordone (80)**
North Bergen, NJ
- Angeline Goreau (81)**
Princeton, NJ
- Gary Goss (76)**
Centerport, NY
- Vincent Gotera (93)**
Arcata, CA
- Janice Gould (89)**
Albuquerque, NM
- Delice Gourdine (78)**
St. Joseph, MI
- Paula Gover (96)**
Mt. Pleasant, MI
- Douglas Gower (77)**
San Francisco, CA
- Jorie Graham (84)**
Iowa City, IA
- Philip Graham (92)**
Urbana, IL
- Judith Grahn (79)**
Oakland, CA
- Stephanie Grant (98)**
Brooklyn, NY
- Marcus Grapes (84)**
Los Angeles, CA
- David Gravender (03)**
Seattle, WA

Elizabeth Graver (92)
Williamstown, MA

Ernest A. Gray (80)
Milwaukee, WI

Gayle Gray (68)
Los Angeles, CA

Spalding Gray (80)
New York, NY

Stephen Grecco (78)
Minneapolis, MN

Hannah Green (78)
New York, NY

Alvin Greenberg (72, 92)
St. Paul, MN

Paul Greenberg (06)
New York, NY

Jeffrey Greene (96)
No city listed, France

Jonathan Edward Greene (78)
Frankfort, KY

Robert Greenfield (95)
Goleta, CA

Theodore Greenwald (79)
New York, NY

T. Greenwood (04)
San Diego, CA

Andrew Sean Greer (06)
San Francisco, CA

Debora Greger (85, 91)
Gainesville, FL

Linda Gregerson (85, 92)
Ann Arbor, MI

Linda Gregg (93)
Forest Knolls, CA

Debora Gregor (77)
Richland, WA

Charles Gregory (76)
New York, NY

Robert Gregory (92)
Miami Beach, FL

Robert Grenier (79, 85)
Berkeley, CA

Eamon Grennan (91)
Poughkeepsie, NY

Susan Griffin (76)
Berkeley, CA

Michael Griffith (04)
Cincinnati, OH

Patricia Griffith (78)
Washington, DC

Lawrence Grobel (81)
Los Angeles, CA

Richard Grossinger (76)
Plainfield, VT

Allen Richard Grossman (85)
Lexington, MA

James Grove (78)
Cambridge, MA

Lee Grue (85)
New Orleans, LA

Albert Guerard (66)
Stanford, CA

Bruce Guernsey (84)
Charleston, IL

Barbara Guest (79)
New York, NY

Keith Gunderson (75)
Minneapolis, MN

Stephanie Gunn (83)
North Palm Beach, FL

Allan Gurganus (76, 85)
New York, NY

Jeffrey Gustavson (97)
Brooklyn, NY

Pedro Juan Gutiérrez (90)
Bellaire, TX

Lee Gutkind (78)
Pittsburgh, PA



Barbara Haas (87)
Ames, IA

Marilyn Hacker (74, 85, 94)
Gambier, OH

Pamela Hadas (84)
St. Louis, MO

Fred Haefele (91)
Stanford, CA

Jessica Hagedorn (95)
New York, NY

Alyson Hagy (00)
Laramie, WY

Kimiko Hahn (86, 92)
New York, NY

Robert Hahn (75)
Great Barrington, MA

John Haines (68)
Fairbanks, AK

Janet Campbell Hale (95)
Moscow, ID

Corrinne Hales (87, 93)
Fresno, CA

Daniel Hall (95)
Amherst, MA

James B. Hall (80)
Lexington, KY

Judith Hall (97)
Oxnard, CA

Oakley Hall (77)
New York, NY

Richard Hall (75)
Provincetown, MA

Walter Hall (70)
Tigard, OR

Kathleen Halme (97)
Wilmington, NC

Daniel Halpern (73, 74, 87)
New York, NY

Barbara Hamby (96)
Tallahassee, FL

Sam Hamill (81)
Port Townsend, WA

Jane Hamilton (93)
Rochester, WI

Charles Hammer (87)
Shawnee, KS

Patricia Hampl (76, 90)
St. Paul, MN

James Hannah (88)
Navasota, TX

Allen Hannay (83)
Austin, TX

Julian Hansbarger (94)
Purcellville, VA

Joseph Hansen (74)
Los Angeles, CA

Ron Hansen (80, 87)
Ithaca, NY

Julie Jordan Hanson (99)
Cedar Rapids, IA

Kenneth O. Hanson (76, 81)
Portland, OR

Pauline Hanson (72)
Saratoga Springs, NY

C. G. Hanzlicek (76)
Fresno, CA

Robert Harbison (77)
London, England

Elizabeth Hardwick (81)
New York, NY

Donald Harington (80)
Putney, VT

Joy Harjo (77, 92)
Albuquerque, NM

Joshua Harmon (04)
Portsmouth, RI

James Harms (05)
Morgantown, WV



Born in 1951 of Cuban parentage in New York City, OSCAR HIJUELOS (85) is the author of six novels. In 1990, he became the first Hispanic-American writer to win the Pulitzer Prize in fiction.

Needless to say, the grant made an immeasurable difference to my creative life: because of it, over the next several years, I was able to complete my Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love*. From a fiscal point of view, I am proud to say that since that book's critical and financial success, I was able to repay the government's largesse back many times over, by way of taxes.

But beyond that, I have always felt that the NEA is an invaluable asset to this country. For in expressing its faith in art, in all its diversity, the NEA provides the most vital service, which is the nurturing of this nation's artistic legacy.



JANE HIRSHFIELD'S (05) fifth collection of poetry, *After*, is forthcoming in February 2006. Hirshfield has also published a collection of essays and has edited and co-translated three anthologies of work by women poets from the past.

A fellowship from the NEA is an act of optimism, of generosity proffered—not a reward for past work, but an invitation to the new. Mid-year now in the fellowship, I can say that the support the NEA offers has brought me time for the solitude and silence in which I can ponder, write, revise, consider, range, experiment, feel, and saturate myself in the necessary freedoms out of which poems arise. There are no guarantees that a given time will produce good work, or any work at all. But it's exceedingly rare that the outside world ever says to a poet, 'Please, would you write some new poems?'

Michael S. Harper (77)
Taunton, MA

Stephen Harrigan (80)
Austin, TX

Grace Harriman (66)
Cambridge, MA

James Harris (76)
New York, NY

James W. Harris (97)
Alameda, CA

Marie Harris (76)
Center Barnstead, NH

Marina L. Harris (96)
Salt Lake City, UT

Mark Harris (66)
San Francisco, CA

Phyllis Masek Harris (69)
Berkeley, CA

Barbara Grizzuti Harrison (81)
Brooklyn, NY

James Harrison (68)
Stony Brook, NY

Jeffrey Harrison (92)
Washington, DC

Jim Harrison (69)
Stony Brook, NY

William Harrison (78)
Fayetteville, AR

Richard Harteis (76)
Washington, DC

Charles Hartman (84)
Cambridge, MA

Anne Harvey (74)
Maplewood, NJ

Sharon Hashimoto (89)
Seattle, WA

Lola Haskins (84, 03)
LaCrosse, FL

Margaret Hasse (93)
St. Paul, MN

Linda Hasselstrom (84)
Hermosa, SD

James B. Hathaway (81)
Cincinnati, OH

Stephen Hathaway (81)
Wichita, KS

James Haug (90)
Shutesbury, MA

William Hauptman (77)
New York, NY

Marianne Hauser (78)
New York, NY

Gary Hawkes (00)
Williamsport, PA

Brooks Haxton (87)
Mount Vernon, NY

Josephine Haxton (76, 85)
Charlottesville, VA

John William Hay (66)
Sewanee, TN

Julie Hayden (78)
New York, NY

Terrance Hayes (05)
Pittsburgh, PA

Robert Hazel (69)
Laurel Spring, NC

Dainis Hazners (99)
Story, WI

Gwen Head (95)
Berkeley, CA

Shelby Hearon (83)
North White Plains, NY

Ernest Hebert (80)
Keene, NH

Anthony Hecht (89)
Washington, DC

Robert Hedin (76, 85, 94)
Frontenac, MN

Michael Heffernan (78, 87, 93)
Fayetteville, AR

Ursula Hegi (90)
Spokane, WA

Marcy Heidish (80)
Arlington, VA

Jack Heifner (77)
New York, NY

Larry Heinemann (81, 87)
Chicago, IL

Lloyd Held (05)
Newtonville, MA

Robert Hellinga (89)
Galtsburg, IL

Steve Heller (80)
Stillwater, OK

Robert Hemenway (78)
South Haven, MI

Essex Hemphill (86)
Washington, DC

Paul Hendrickson (02)
Takoma Park, MD

Don Hendrie (78)
South Hadley, MA

Charles Henley (83)
Hattiesburg, MS

Carol Henrie (89, 96)
Hayward, CA

DeWitt Henry (80)
Watertown, MA

Michelle Herman (86)
Iowa, City, IA

Luz Hernandez (79)
Oakland, CA

Juan Felipe Herrera (79, 85)
San Francisco, CA

William Herrin (85)
Ithaca, NY

Robert Hershon (79, 90)
Brooklyn, NY

Alan Hewat (88)
Brandon, VT

William Heyen (74, 84)
Brockport, NY

Arlene Heyman (70)
Syracuse, NY

James Heynen (75, 85)
Port Townsend, WA

Ben L. Hiatt (70)
Sacramento, CA

Leland Hickman (69)
New York, NY

Bob Hicok (99)
Ann Arbor, MI

Joanna Higgins (89)
Little Meadows, PA

John High (96)
San Francisco, CA

Robert Hightower (80)
Philadelphia, PA

Oscar Hijuelos (85)
New York, NY

Conrad Hilberry (75, 84)
Kalamazoo, MI

Robert Hiles (93)
Baltimore, MD

Ingrid Hill (91, 02)
Iowa City, IA

Kathleen Hill (90)
New York, NY

Pati Hill (76)
Stonington, CT

Richard Hill (76)
St. Petersburg, FL

Roberta Hill (77)
Oneida, WI

Brenda Hillman (84)
Kensington, CA

Dennis Hinrichsen (84)
Brookline, MA

Edward Hirsch (81)
Detroit, MI

Jane Hirshfield (05)
Mill Valley, CA

Harvey Hix (95)
Kansas City, MO

William Hjortsberg (76)
Livingston, MT

Edward Hoagland (83)
New York, NY

Tony Hoagland (87, 94)
Waterville, ME

Geary Hobson (81)
Alexander, AR

Lonnie Hodge (94)
No city listed, China

Christie Hodgen (02)
Louisville, KY

William Hoffman (76)
New York, NY

William Hoffman (76)
Charlotte, VA

Linda Hogan (86)
Minneapolis, MN

Michael Hogan (76)
Florence, AZ

James Hoggard (80)
Wichita Falls, TX

Cynthia Hogue (90)
Tucson, AZ

Jonathan Holden (75, 85)
Manhattan, KS

Cary Holladay (06)
Memphis, TN

Noy Holland (04)
Heath, MA

Anselm Hollo (79)
Sweet Briar, VA

William Holm (87)
Minnesota, MN

James Holmstrand (74)
Albuquerque, NM

Gary Holthaus (90)
Anchorage, AK

Arthur Homer (98)
Omaha, NE

A. M. Homes (95)
New York, NY

Cathy Hong (05)
Brooklyn, NY

Garrett Hongo (81, 88)
Gardena, CA

Edwin Honig (77)
Providence, RI

Paul Hoover (79)
Chicago, IL

Israel Horovitz (74)
New York, NY

Diane Horton (95)
Manitou Springs, CO

James D. Houston (76)
Santa Cruz, CA

Benjamin Howard (93)
Alfred, NY

Maureen Howard (88)
New York, NY

Richard Howard (87)
New York, NY

Fanny Howe (70, 91)
La Jolla, CA

Marie Howe (92)
Cambridge, MA

Christopher Howell (81, 01)
Spokane, WA

Edward Hower (76)
Ithaca, NY

Bette Howland (81)
Albuquerque, NM

C. J. Hribal (86)
Minneapolis, MN

David Huddle (78, 87)
Burlington, VT

Andrew Hudgins (86, 92)
Cincinnati, OH

Marcus Hudson (84)
Nespelem, WA

Mary Hughes (78)
Evanston, IL

Lynda Hull (89)
W. Caldwell, NJ

Harry Humes (90)
Breinigsville, PA

Terry Hummer (87)
Mount Vernon, OH

John Humphreys (80)
New York, NY

Del Hunt (75)
San Antonio, TX

William Hunt (68)
Chicago, IL

Cynthia Huntington (84, 89)
Provincetown, MA

Barbara Hurd (02)
Frostburg, MD

Anne Hussey (76)
Cambridge, MA

Paula Huston (94)
Arroyo Grande, CA

Jade Ngoc Quang Huynh (98)
Boone, NC

Nhuong Huynh (90)
Columbus, MO

Lewis Hyde (76, 81, 87)
Watertown, MA

Karl Iagnemma (04)
Cambridge, MA

Momoko Iko (76)
Chicago, IL

Lawson Fusao Inada (72, 79)
Ashland, OR

Colette Inez (75, 88)
New York, NY

Lois-Ann Inferrera (94)
Honolulu, HI

Elizabeth Inness-Brown (83)
Ogdensburg, NY

Mikhail Iossel (93)
Minneapolis, MN

Thomas Ireland (95)
Santa Fe, NM

John Irving (74)
Iowa City, IA

Mark Irwin (93)
Amherst, OH

John Isles (05)
Alameda, CA

Richard Ives (86)
Seattle, WA

Marvin, Jackmon (72)
San Francisco, CA

Angela Jackson (80)
Chicago, IL

Laura Riding Jackson (80)
Wabasso, FL

Richard P. Jackson (84)
Chattanooga, TN

Sandra Jackson-Opoku (83)
Chicago, IL

Gray Jacobik (93)
Pomfret Center, CT

Harvey Jacobs (78)
New York, NY

Peter M. Jacobs (99)
Madison, WI



MARK JARMAN (77, 84, 92) is the author of seven collections of poetry, the book-length poem *Iris* (1992), and two books of essays on poetry. He teaches at Vanderbilt University.

I have been the fortunate recipient of three grants from the NEA. Each of these grants has helped me find time to complete a book of poetry, but the first was the most important. When I received the NEA Literature Fellowship for poetry in 1977, I quit my onerous teaching job and went with my wife to live in Italy for the better part of a year. There I completed my second book of poetry. We were in our mid-twenties and able, at that time, to pick up and go. It was a crucial decision and year and would not have been possible without the NEA's assistance.



EDWARD P. JONES (86) was born and raised in Washington, DC. He has written one book of short stories and one novel, *The Known World* (2003), which subsequently won the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award in fiction.

I can't say I really had a career before receiving the NEA Literature Fellowship. I published a few stories, but had a day job summarizing newspaper and magazine articles on taxes, working 10 hours a day four days a week. When I got the grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, I stopped going in every day and worked at home. This freed up my time, and I could work the way I wanted: get up in the morning and write stories, and then do the summaries in the afternoons. I began in earnest writing the collection of stories that eventually came out in 1992, *Lost in the City*.

- Lowell Jaeger (86)**
Bigfork, MT
- Harold Jaffe (83, 88)**
San Diego, CA
- Joyce James (93)**
Houston, TX
- Kelvin Christopher James (96)**
New York, NY
- Stewart James (92)**
Houston, TX
- Eugenia Janis (93)**
Santa Fe, NM
- Phyllis Janowitz (74, 88)**
Ithaca, NY
- Tama Janowitz (81, 86)**
New York, NY
- Jean Janzen (95)**
Fresno, CA
- Mark Jarman (77, 84, 92)**
Nashville, TN
- David Jauss (93)**
Little Rock, AR
- Roderick Jellema (79)**
Bethesda, MD
- Gish Jen (88)**
Cambridge, MA
- Len Jenkin (80)**
New York, NY
- Laura Jensen (79)**
Tacoma, WA
- Tyehimba Jess (05)**
Brooklyn, NY
- Carlos Johnson (90)**
Astoria, NY
- Charles Johnson (80)**
Seattle, WA
- Curtis L. Johnson (73, 81)**
Chicago, IL
- Denis Johnson (75, 81)**
Phoenix, AZ
- Dennis Loy Johnson (93)**
Saratoga Springs, NY
- Fenton Johnson (89, 95)**
San Francisco, CA
- Halvard Johnson (90)**
Baltimore, MD
- Kimberly Johnson (05)**
West Jordan, UT
- Peter Johnson (99)**
Providence, RI
- Ronald Johnson (70, 75)**
San Francisco, CA
- Thomas Johnson (76)**
Ithaca, NY
- Willis Johnson (88)**
Gardiner, ME
- Bret Anthony Johnston (06)**
San Bernardino, CA
- Alice Jones (94)**
Oakland, CA
- Catherine Jones (77)**
Columbia, SC
- Daryl Jones (85)**
Lubbock, TX
- Edward P. Jones (86)**
Arlington, VA
- Gayl Jones (76)**
Providence, RI
- Louis Jones (98)**
Nevada City, CA
- Nettie Jones (89)**
Houghton, MI
- Patricia Spears Jones (94)**
Brooklyn, NY
- Paula L. Jones (85)**
Seattle, WA
- Rodney Jones (84)**
Bristol, VA
- Stephen Jones (02)**
Lubbock, TX
- William Jones (80)**
Lawndale, CA
- Erica Jong (73)**
New York, NY
- Barbara Jordan (92)**
Rochester, NY
- June Jordan (81)**
Brooklyn, NY
- Teresa Jordan (94)**
Elko, NV
- Ernest A. Joselovitz (80)**
Washington, DC
- Lawrence Joseph (84, 95)**
New York, NY
- Allen Josephs (80)**
Pensacola, FL
- Donald Junkins (69, 74, 79)**
Deerfield, MA
- Donald Justice (66, 79, 89)**
Gainesville, FL
- Paul Kahn (79)**
Arlington, MA
- George Kalamaras (93)**
Warsaw, IN
- Roberta Kalechofsky (81)**
Marblehead, MA
- Rodger Kamenetz (92)**
Baton Rouge, LA
- Jerry Kamstra (78)**
Aptos, CA
- Lonny Kaneko (81)**
Seattle, WA
- David Kaplan (87)**
Iowa City, IA
- Johanna Kaplan (73)**
New York, NY
- Karen Karbo (92)**
Portland, OR
- Wayne Karlin (93, 04)**
St. Mary's City, MD
- Kathy Karlson (98)**
University Park, MD
- Pamela Karol (94)**
Hollywood, CA
- Vickie Karp (94)**
Northport, NY
- Mary Karr (84)**
Groves, TX
- Laura Kasischke (94, 05)**
Chelsea, MI
- James Kates (84)**
Fitzwilliam, NH
- Judith Katz (91)**
Minneapolis, MN
- Steven Katz (76, 81)**
Boulder, CO
- Janet Kauffman (84)**
Hudson, MI
- Andrew Kaufman (94)**
New York, NY
- Bob Kaufman (81)**
San Francisco, CA
- Shirley Kaufman (79)**
Jerusalem, Israel
- Rebecca Kavalier (80, 85)**
New York, NY
- Timothy Keane (00)**
Mt. Vernon, NY
- Lawrence Kearney (81)**
Stonybrook, NY
- William Keckler (97)**
Harrisburg, PA
- Edmund Keeley (81)**
Princeton, NJ

K

Rachel Kadish (00)
Cambridge, MA

Cynthia Kadohata (91)
Los Angeles, CA

Deborah Keenan (87)
St. Paul, MN

Anna Maria Keeseey (98)
Portland, OR

Barbara Keiler (77)
Chico, CA

Kirk Keller (88)
Moran, WY

Nora Okja Keller (00)
Waipahā, HI

Lewen Kellman (93)
Augusta, GA

Brigit Pegeen Kelly (85, 95)
Urbana, IL

David M. Kelly (70, 76, 92)
Geneseo, NY

Robert Kelly (76)
Annandale-on-Hudson, NY

Tim Kelly (76)
Los Angeles, CA

Charles Kemnitz (04)
Williamsport, PA

Dolores Kendrick (88)
Exeter, NH

Paul Kennebeck (75)
Denver, CO

Adrienne Kennedy (72)
New Haven, CT

Pamela Kennedy (93)
Allston, MA

Richard S. Kennedy (73)
Merion, PA

Sarah Kennedy (05)
Fairfield, VA

William Kennedy (81)
Averill Park, NY

X. J. Kennedy (66)
Medford, MA

Tamara Kennelly (78, 83)
Chicago, IL

Susan Kenney (83)
China, ME

Natalie Kenvin (95)
Chicago, IL

Jane Kenyon (81)
Danbury, NH

Beth Kephart (00)
Devon, PA

David Keplinger (03)
Harleysville, PA

Jesse Lee Kercheval (89)
Madison, WI

Baine Kerr (83)
Boulder, CO

Anthony Kerrigan (88)
South Bend, IN

John Kessel (80)
Overland Park, KS

Wendy Kesselman (80)
New York, NY

Brad Kessler (06)
Sandgate, VT

Jascha Kessler (75)
Santa Monica, CA

Keorapetse Kgositsile (70)
New York, NY

Faizul Khan (80)
Bronx, NY

Faye Kicknosway (85)
Bloomfield, MI

Tracy Kidder (74)
Iowa City, IA

John O. Killens (80)
Brooklyn, NY

Richard Kim (78)
Shutesbury, MA

Yong Ik Kim (76, 85)
Pittsburgh, PA

Suji Kwock Kim (01)
Milton, NY

James Kimbrell (05)
Tallahassee, FL

Jamaica Kincaid (86)
New York, NY

Nanci Kincaid (92)
Tuscaloosa, AL

Chuck Kinder (80)
Beckley, WV

Molly King (88)
Woodacre, CA

Douglas King (95)
Grass Valley, CA

Maxine Hong Kingston (80)
Honolulu, HI

Galway Kinnell (77, 84)
New York, NY

David Kirby (85)
Tallahassee, FL

Karl Kirchwey (96)
New York, NY

Irina Kirk (81)
Mansfield Center, CT

Smith Kirkpatrick (73)
Gainesville, FL

Patricia Kirkpatrick (92)
St. Paul, MN

Gary Kissick (81)
Port Richey, FL

Vera Kistler (80)
Darlington, SC

Judith Kitchen (91)
Brockport, NY

Brian Kiteley (91)
Northampton, MA

William Kittredge (74, 81)
Missoula, MT

Matthew Klam (02)
Washington, DC

Peter Klappert (73, 79)
Alexandria, VA

Edward Kleinschmidt (97)
San Francisco, CA

Irena Klepfisz (88)
Cherry Plain, NY

Marshall Klimasewiski (02)
St. Louis, MO

Verlyn Klinkenborg (88)
Bronx, NY

Milton Klonsky (77)
New York, NY

Stephen Knauth (84, 96)
Charlotte, NC

Etheridge Knight (72, 81)
Memphis, TN

Hillery Knight (68)
Chicago, IL

John I. Knoepfle (81)
Auburn, IL

William Knott (69, 79, 85)
Iowa City, IA

Caroline Knox (86)
Westerly, RI

Noelle Kocot (01)
Brooklyn, NY

Ronald Koertge (91)
South Pasadena, CA

Phyllis Koestenbaum (86)
San Jose, CA

John Koethe (96)
Milwaukee, WI

James Koller (73)
Wayne, ME

Yusef Komunyakaa (81, 88)
Bogalusa, LA

Hans Koning (78, 85)
Fairfield, CT

Ted Kooser (76, 84)
Lincoln, NE

Arthur Kopit (74)
Peru, VT



SUJI KWOCK KIM (01) has had work published in *Poetry*, *Paris Review*, *The Nation*, *The New Republic*, *Threepenny Review*, and other journals. Her first book, *Notes from the Divided Country*, was the winner of the 2002 Walt Whitman Award from the Academy of American Poets.

I used the fellowship to do research in Asia, necessary to the completion of my first book, *Notes from the Divided Country*. Among other things, it explores my family's life in North and South Korea during the last century, particularly the War (1950-1953) and the Japanese occupation (1910-1945)... I hope to honor my family's memory the only way I know how: by imagining and giving voice, however subjectively, to what they lived through and witnessed.



TED KOOSER (76, 84) is the author of ten collections of poetry, and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 2005 for his collection *Delights and Shadows*. In 2004, he was appointed U.S. Poet Laureate. He is currently a visiting professor in the English department of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

I received my first NEA Fellowship in 1976 and was thrilled to have the recognition and, of course, the money. I considered the fellowship to be an encouragement, and I was encouraged indeed. I remember suddenly feeling like a real writer, and it was both a heady and productive time. During the next few years I published lots of poems in the journals and two collections of poems. Eight years later I received my second fellowship and that one helped me to finish the manuscript of a book published in the following year.

Henry Korn (77)
Brooklyn Heights, NY

Joyce Kornblatt (85)
Bethesda, MD

Tadeusz Korzeniewski (92)
New York, NY

Norman Kotker (85)
Northampton, MA

Zane Kotker (74)
New York, NY

Robert Kotlowitz (83)
New York, NY

William Kotzwinkle (74)
Scranton, PA

Steve Kowitz (85)
San Diego, CA

Elaine Kraf (81)
Maspeth, NY

Eric Kraft (86)
Newburyport, MA

Richard Krawiec (92)
Wareham, MA

John Krich (80, 91)
San Francisco, CA

Gary Krist (89)
Brooklyn, NY

Judith Kroll (75, 79)
New Delhi, India

Jim Krusoe (85)
Santa Monica, CA

Marilyn Krysl (00)
Boulder, CO

Jan Kubicki (89, 95)
Philadelphia, PA

Kenneth Kuhlken (83)
Chico, CA

Ellen Kullman (80)
New Orleans, LA

Maxine Kumin (67)
No city listed, MA

Stanley Kunitz (84)
New York, NY

Alex Kuo (90)
Moscow, ID

Cleveland Kurtz (76)
Providence, RI

Don Kurtz (92)
Las Cruces, NM

Natalie Kusz (95)
Jamaica Plain, MA

Greg Kuzma (81)
Lincoln, NE

Joanne Kyger (69)
San Francisco, CA



Norah Labiner (02)
Minneapolis, MN

Edward Lahey (79)
Butte, MT

Jhumpa Lahiri (06)
Brooklyn, NY

Wayne Banks Lainer (77)
Oklahoma City, OK

Michael Lally (74, 81)
New York, NY

Ivonne Lamazares (04)
Winter Park, FL

Wally Lamb (93)
Willimantic, CT

Arthur Lange (79)
Chicago, IL

Elinor Langer (76)
Chicago, IL

Joseph Langland (66)
Amherst, MA

William Lanouette (87)
Washington, DC

Marina LaPalma (84)
La Jolla, CA

Joan Larkin (87, 96)
Shelburne Falls, MA

Jeremy Lerner (67)
No city listed, NY

Michael Larson (95)
Owatonna, MN

Peter LaSalle (81)
Austin, TX

John Latta (79, 01)
Ann Arbor, MI

Lois Lautner (69)
New York, NY

Dorianne Laux (90, 01)
Eugene, OR

Norman Lavers (81, 91)
Jonesboro, AR

Douglas Lawder (68)
Richmond, IN

Patrick Lawler (91)
Liverpool, NY

Leslie Lawrence (90)
Cambridge, MA

Naomi Lazard (81)
Missoula, MT

Jane Lazarre (91)
New York, NY

Meridel Le Sueur (80)
St. Paul, MN

Peter Leach (83)
St. Louis, MO

David Leavitt (85)
New York, NY

David LeCount (66)
College, AK

Don Lee (70, 81)
Chicago, IL

Karen An-hwei Lee (05)
Santa Ana, CA

Lance Lee (76)
Pacific Palisades, CA

Li-Young Lee (87, 95)
Chicago, IL

William D. Lee (86)
Paragonah, UT

Barbara Lefcowitz (84)
Bethesda, MD

Diane Lefer (83)
New York, NY

David Lehman (87)
Lansing, NY

Lynda Leidiger (90)
Iowa City, IA

Alex Lemon (05)
St. Paul, MN

Cecile Leneman (88)
San Francisco, CA

Cornel Lengyel (76)
Georgetown, CA

Rhoda Lerman (89)
Cazenovia, NY

Martin Lesley (86)
Portland, OR

Naton Leslie (93)
Loudonville, NY

Donald Levering (84)
Santa Fe, NM

Denise Levertov (69, 90)
Seattle, WA

Dana Levin (99)
Ukiah, CA

Robert Levin (81)
Berkeley, CA

Allen Levine (73)
New York, NY

Mark Levine (97)
Brooklyn, NY

Miriam Levine (98)
Arlington, MA

Philip Levine (76, 81, 87)
Fresno, CA

Larry Levinger (78)
Missoula, MT

Larry Levis (73, 84, 89)
Columbia, MO

Ann Levy (78)
Lexington, KY

Robert Levy (88)
New York, NY

Grover Lewis (76)
Kanarraville, UT

Ira Lewis (80)
New York, NY

James Lewisohn (77)
Portland, ME

John L'Heureux (80, 85)
Stanford, CA

Morton Lichter (77)
New York, NY

Todd Lieber (87)
Indianola, IA

Laurence Lieberman (86)
Urbana, IL

Renee Lieberman (78)
Berkeley, CA

Herbert Liebman (80)
New York, NY

Kathleen Lignell (84)
Stockton Springs, ME

Harvey Lillywhite (89)
Reisterstown, MD

Lucy Lim (77)
New York, NY

Vicki Lindner (86)
New York, NY

Frances Lindsay (89)
Cambridge, MA

Kelly Link (06)
Northampton, MA

R. Zamora Linmark (01)
Honolulu, HI

Romulus Linney (74)
New York, NY

Peter Liotta (93)
Burke, VA

Lewis Lipsitz (68)
Chapel Hill, NC

Paul Lisicky (90)
Cherry Hill, NJ

Leo Litwak (69, 80)
San Francisco, CA

Stephen Liu (81)
Las Vegas, NV

Margot Livesey (86)
Cambridge, MA

Christina Llewellyn (88)
Washington, DC

Lucia Lockert (81)
East Lansing, MI

Ronald Loewinsohn (78, 86)
Berkeley, CA

John Logan (79)
Buffalo, NY

William Logan (84, 94)
Cambridge, England

Joan Logghe (91)
Española, NM

Ralph Lombreglia (87)
Morris Plains, NJ

Roy London (74)
New York, NY

Barbara Long (77)
New York, NY

David Long (93)
Kalispell, MT

Robert Hill Long (88, 05)
Eugene, OR

George Looney (92)
Bowling Green, OH

Phillip Lopate (78, 85)
Houston, TX

Ellenora Beth Lordan (93)
Carbondale, IL

Audre Lorde (81, 90)
St. Croix, VI

David Wong Louie (89)
Santa Cruz, CA

Adrian Louis (92)
Pine Ridge, SD

David Low (81)
New York, NY

Beverly Lowry (80)
Houston, TX

Susan Ludvigson (84)
Charlotte, NC

Edward Lueders (83)
Salt Lake City, UT

Darrell Lum (90)
Honolulu, HI

**Lynn Luria-Sukenick
(74, 79, 86)**
New York, NY

Glenna Luschei (77)
San Luis Obispo, CA

Gary Lutz (96)
Greensburg, PA

William Luvaas (06)
Hemet, CA

Thomas Lux (76, 81, 88)
West Newton, MA

Thomas Lynch (88)
Milford, MI

Daniel Lyons (94)
Ann Arbor, MI

Eugene Lyons (76)
Austin, TX

Jacqueline Lyons (03)
Salt Lake City, UT

Richard Lyons (82)
Eugene, OR

Andrew Lytle (66)
Sewanee, TN



Catherine MacCoun (95)
Chicago, IL

Cynthia MacDonald (73, 90)
Houston, TX

David MacDonald (83)
Palo Alto, CA

Susan MacDonald (77)
Menlo Park, CA

Jamie MacInnis (79)
New York, NY

Donna Mack (78)
Anchorage, AK

Norman MacLoed (74)
Membroke, NC

Jackson MacLow (79)
New York, NY

Ian MacMillan (92)
Kailua, HI

Ben Maddow (69)
Los Angeles, CA

Philip Magdalany (80)
New York, NY

James Magnuson (78)
New York, NY

Rosemary Mahoney (06)
Providence, RI

Joseph Maiolo (78, 83)
Duluth, MN

Nancy Mairs (91)
Tucson, AZ

George Malko (68)
New York, NY

Henry Malone (68)
Detroit, MI

Jacquelyn Malone (88)
Lowell, MA

Michael Patrick Malone (83)
Chicago, IL

Paul Malone (90)
Wimberley, TX



PHILIP LEVINE (76, 81, 87) was born in 1928 in Detroit, Michigan, where many of his poems are set. He has won numerous awards for his writing, including the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and the Pulitzer Prize. He is author of sixteen collections of poems and two books of essays.

The '87 grant gave me resources to return to Detroit in order to research the poem, 'A Walk with Tom Jefferson,' the longest and best poem I've ever written.

Had such grants existed when I was in my 30s and early 40s and teaching too much and writing too little, there's no knowing how much more I might have written, but I thank my good fortune that they arrived in time to help me become, for better or worse, the poet I have become.



BOBBIE ANN MASON (83) grew up in rural Kentucky, the setting of much of her fiction. She has written a memoir, novels, and short-story collections, including *Shiloh and Other Stories* (1982).

I wanted to do something that would be rich and lasting, but I never expected it to have such popular appeal and tangible social effect. Yet this novel [*In Country*] was a surprising commercial success, and it has affected the lives of many people.

The NEA grant helped me write the novel, which I did for my own artistic reasons. I report these unexpected benefits that *In Country* brought to the community—from the classroom to the veterans' group to the economy to the morale of my own hometown—because I think they are significant in reminding people that what may look like self-indulgence in its beginnings can turn out to have long-reaching, positive effects on the culture.

- F. S. Manalli (70)**
Santa Rosa, CA
- Marvin Mandel (74)**
West Roxbury, MA
- Frederick Manfred (76, 83)**
Luverne, MN
- Freya Manfred (77)**
Sioux Falls, SD
- Renee Manfredi (92)**
McMurray, PA
- Frank Manley (95)**
Decatur, GA
- Linda Mannheim (00)**
Miami, FL
- Carl Marcum (03)**
Chicago, IL
- Adrienne Marcus (68)**
San Rafael, CA
- Ben Marcus (00)**
Providence, RI
- Laura Marella (83)**
Reseda, CA
- Paul Mariani (84)**
Montague, MA
- Peter Marin (76)**
Santa Barbara, CA
- Stephen Daniel Marion (00)**
Dandridge, TN
- Wallace Markfield (67)**
No city listed, NY
- Corey Marks (03)**
Denton, TX
- David Markson (90)**
New York, NY
- Julia Markus (80)**
Washington, DC
- Jack Marlando (76)**
Pasadena, CA
- Stefanie Marlis (94)**
San Anselmo, CA
- Charles Marowitz (80)**
New York, NY
- Paule Marshall (68, 78)**
New York, NY
- Charles Martin (96)**
Brooklyn, NY
- James Martin (76)**
Cambridge, MA
- Lee Martin (00)**
Denton, TX
- Richard Martin (82)**
Avon, NY
- Valerie Martin (90)**
Montague, MA
- Dionisio Martinez (97)**
Tampa, FL
- Michael Martone (83, 88)**
Cambridge, MA
- Mary Marvin (78)**
San Francisco, CA
- Donna Masini (91)**
New York, NY
- Carole Maso (88)**
New York, NY
- Bobbie Ann Mason (83)**
Mayfield, KY
- Clifford Mason (80)**
New York, NY
- Nicola Faith Mason (00)**
Baton Rouge, LA
- Tim Mason (76)**
Minneapolis, MN
- Harry Mathews (82)**
Paris, France
- Louis P. Mathews (92)**
Los Angeles, CA
- Anita Mathias (98)**
Williamsburg, VA
- Cleopatra Mathis (85, 03)**
Hanover, NH
- Dennis Mathis (83)**
Petersburg, IL
- Ted Mathys (05)**
New York, NY
- Holly Matter (98)**
Seattle, WA
- David Matthew (66)**
New York, NY
- William Matthews (75, 84)**
Seattle, WA
- Jessica Maxwell (82)**
Santa Barbara, CA
- Bernadette Mayer (79)**
Lenox, MA
- Frances Mayes (88)**
San Francisco, CA
- Lee Maynard (95)**
Cochiti Lake, NM
- Wendell Mayo, Jr. (00)**
Haskins, OH
- Gail Mazur (77)**
Cambridge, MA
- Cris Mazza (00)**
Elmhurst, IL
- James McAfee (76)**
Columbia, MO
- Thomas McAfee (69)**
Columbia, MO
- Bruce McAllister (91)**
Redlands, CA
- Mary McAnally (82)**
Tulsa, OK
- Sara McAulay (85)**
Mountain Lakes, NJ
- James McAuley (72)**
Four Lakes, WA
- Mekeel McBride (78, 85)**
Princeton, NJ
- Regina McBride (93)**
New York, NY
- Jane McCafferty (94)**
Pittsburgh, PA
- Donald McCaig (80)**
Williamsville, VA
- Janet McCann (89)**
College Station, TX
- Richard McCann (95)**
Washington, DC
- Linda McCarriston (84, 89)**
Chelsea, VT
- James McCartin (76)**
Wayne, NJ
- J. D. McClatchy (87)**
New York, NY
- Michael McClure (75)**
San Francisco, CA
- Davis McCombs (03)**
Fayetteville, AR
- James McConkey (69)**
Trumansburg, NY
- Frank D. McConnell (69)**
Ithaca, NY
- Malcolm McConnell (75)**
Albany, NY
- Patricia McConnell (83, 88)**
Moab, UT
- Howard McCord (76, 83)**
Bowling Green, OH
- James McCorkle (97)**
Geneva, NY
- Mairi MacInnes McCormick (84)**
Princeton, NJ
- Elizabeth McCracken (92)**
Philadelphia, PA
- Peggy McCreary (90)**
Bellingham, WA
- Kenneth McCullough (74)**
Bozeman, MT
- Emily McCully (80)**
Brooklyn, NY

Jeffrey McDaniel (03)
Los Angeles, CA

W. A. McDonald (94)
No city listed, Chile

Walter McDonald (84, 89)
Lubbock, TX

Jill McDonough (05)
Jamaica Plain, MA

Tom McDonough (85)
New York, NY

Karen Salyer McElmurray (93)
Weaverville, NC

Colleen McElroy (77, 91)
Seattle, WA

David McElroy (66, 76)
Missoula, MT

Joseph McElroy (73, 86)
New York, NY

Lynne McFall (90, 95)
Syracuse, NY

Dennis McFarland (91)
Watertown, MA

Michael McFee (87)
Durham, NC

Jean McGarry (87)
Columbia, MD

Thomas McGrath (74, 82, 87)
Minneapolis, MN

Heather McHugh (74, 82)
Eastport, ME

Christopher McIlroy (87)
Tucson, AZ

Kevin McIlvoy (83)
Las Cruces, NM

Ralph McInerney (83)
South Bend, IN

Vestal McIntyre (06)
New York, NY

David McKain (82)
Norwich, CT

Irene McKinney (86)
Clinton, NY

Reginald McKnight (91)
Pittsburgh, PA

Paula McLain (01)
Madison, WI

James McManus (79, 85)
Winnetka, IL

Terry McMillan (88)
Laramie, WY

Wesley McNair (79, 89)
Farmington, ME

Thomas McNally (94)
Rockford, IL

Robert McNamara (87)
Seattle, WA

Duncan McNaughton (87)
Santa Cruz, CA

Tom McNeal (06)
Fallbrook, CA

Martha McPhee (98)
New York, NY

James McPherson (72)
Berkeley, CA

Sandra McPherson (74, 79, 85)
Portland, OR

Robert McQuilkin (84)
Simsbury, CT

Janet McReynolds (77)
Boulder, CO

Kat Meads (03)
Santa Cruz, CA

Mary E. Mebane (83)
Shorewood, WI

Pablo Medina (91)
Washington, DC

Ruben Medina (82)
Minneapolis, MN

Murray Mednick (69)
Brooklyn, NY

Jay Meek (73)
Manlius, NY

Emily Meier (98)
St. Paul, MN

Peter Meinke (74, 89)
St. Petersburg, FL

William Meissner (75)
St. Cloud, MN

Michael Mejia (06)
Rome, GA

David Meltzer (74)
Richmond, CA

Charlotte Mendez (87)
Wells Bridge, NY

Ifeanyi Menkiti (77)
Cambridge, MA

Mary E. Merchant (83)
Hamlin, NY

Don Meredith (83, 89)
Occidental, CA

William Meredith (72, 84)
Washington, DC

Louise M. Meriwether (73)
Bronx, NY

Anne Hamilton Merkle (66)
Pocatello, ID

James Mersmann (76)
Birmingham, AL

W. S. Merwin (69, 77)
New York, NY

Joanne Meschery (80, 85)
Truckee, CA

Sarah Messer (99)
North Marshfield, MA

Deena Metzger (78)
Studio City, CA

Michael Mewshaw (74)
Austin, TX

Thomas Meyer (79)
Highlands, NC

Kent Meyers (92)
Spearfish, SD

Lucas Meyers (68)
Sewanee, TN

Robert Mezey (85)
Claremont, CA

Peter Michelson (76)
Boulder, CO

Christopher Middleton (79)
Austin, TX

Barton Midwood (68)
Coral Gables, FL

Josephine Miles (66, 80)
Berkeley, CA

Sara Miles (82)
Brooklyn, NY

Joseph Millar (03)
Eugene, OR

Benjamin Miller (96)
Brooklyn, NY

Brown Miller (69)
Daly City, CA

Heather Ross Miller (68, 73)
Elizabethtown, NC

Jane Miller (85, 95)
Tucson, AZ

Leslie Miller (89)
Houston, TX

Susan Miller (76)
Los Angeles, CA

Steven Millhauser (86)
Mamaroneck, NY

Arthenia Millican (76)
Norfolk, VA

Pamela Millward (68)
San Francisco, CA

David Milofsky (89)
Denver, CO

John Milton (76)
Vermillion, SD

Katherine Min (92)
Campton, NM



DAVIS MCCOMBS'S (03) first book, *Ultima Thule*, was chosen by W. S. Merwin as the winner of the 1999 Yale Series of Younger Poets. Published in April 2000, the book focused on Kentucky's Mammoth Cave where he grew up. Sixteen of his recent "tobacco poems" won *The Missouri Review's* 2005 Larry Levis Editor's Prize.

The poems of my first book, *Ultima Thule*, like the eyeless fish found in Mammoth's Echo River, evolved in the silence and darkness of the cave. The poems I am writing now begin to venture out into the world of light, into the vanishing communities of tobacco farms above the cave. With the help of the NEA, I can now devote myself fully to writing them. Only in that way do I have any hope of writing half the book I want.



MARILYN NELSON (82, 90) has written six books of poetry, several of which have been finalists for the National Book Award, and two collections of poetry for children. She is Professor Emeritus at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, and was named Connecticut Poet Laureate in 2001.

In 1982 I had a teaching position in a department in which I was junior, one of few women, and the only person of color. My department weighed the value of poems toward tenure and merit pay increases by their length: a 3-page free-verse poem was worth more than a sonnet, and both were worth much less than an essay about commas in the work of Beauregard Wadsworth (1796 – 1861). With the fellowship I became not the African Americanist who hadn't published, but the award-winning poet. By freeing me from teaching responsibilities it allowed me to start the painful inner growth necessary for a new project.

- John Minczeski (84)**
St. Paul, MN
- Stephen Minot (76, 82)**
Simsbury, CT
- Gary Miranda (76)**
Cambridge, MA
- Stephanie Miskowski (90)**
Seattle, WA
- Judson Mitcham (88)**
Macon, GA
- Roger Mitchell (86, 01)**
Bloomington, IN
- Susan Mitchell (82)**
Charlottesville, VA
- James Masao Mitsui (76)**
Seattle, WA
- Wendy Mnookin (99)**
Chestnut Hill, MA
- Tony Moffeit (92)**
Pueblo, CO
- Judith Moffett (84)**
Media, PA
- Carol Moldaw (94)**
Santa Fe, NM
- Ursule Molinaro (82)**
Blacksburg, VA
- Dorothy Monet (78)**
New York, NY
- Joseph Monninger (87, 94)**
Bridgewater, NH
- Nicholas Montemarano (02)**
Warrensburg, MO
- Robert Montgomery (74)**
New York, NY
- Jose Montoya (82)**
Sacramento, CA
- Michael Moody (76)**
New York, NY
- Susan Moon (93)**
Berkeley, CA
- Michael M. Mooney (82)**
Milwaukee, WI
- Alison Moore (93)**
Tucson, AZ
- Dinty Moore (92)**
Altoona, PA
- Honor Moore (82)**
New York, NY
- Lorrie Moore (89)**
Madison, WI
- Rod Moore (80)**
Cayey, PR
- Michael Moos (75)**
Moorhead, MN
- Pat Mora (94)**
Cincinnati, OH
- Alejandro Morales (82)**
Santa Ana, CA
- Fred Morgan (78)**
Albemarle, NC
- Richard Morgan (82)**
Portland, OR
- Robert Morgan (68, 75, 82, 87)**
Freeville, NY
- Robin Morgan (79)**
New York, NY
- Speer Morgan (90)**
Columbia, MO
- Helga Morpurgo (75)**
New York, NY
- Catherine B. Morris (93)**
Kansas City, MO
- Mary Morris (78)**
New York, NY
- Wright Morris (86)**
Mill Valley, CA
- Madison Morrison (79)**
Norman, OK
- David Morse (92)**
Storrs, CT
- John Mort (92)**
Kansas City, MO
- Howard Frank Mosher (87)**
Irasburg, VT
- Barbara Klein Moss (06)**
Haverford, PA
- Howard Moss (84)**
New York, NY
- Thylas Moss (89)**
Andover, MA
- Nikki Moustaki (01)**
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Julian Moynahan (66)**
New Brunswick, NJ
- Daniel Mueller (96)**
Provincetown, MA
- Lisel Mueller (90)**
Lake Forest, IL
- Bharati Mukharjee (86)**
Long Island City, NY
- Laura Mullen (88)**
Palo Alto, CA
- Robert Mullen (76)**
New Haven, CT
- Sheila Mulligan-Webb (02)**
Gettysburg, PA
- Jacqueline Pierce Mungai (83)**
Philadelphia, PA
- Manuel Muñoz (06)**
New York, NY
- David Mura (85, 93)**
St. Paul, MN
- Stephen Murabito (91)**
Slickville, PA
- Morna Murphy (76)**
Los Angeles, CA
- Roberta Murphy (88)**
Washington, DC
- Yannick Murphy (88)**
Staten Island, NY
- Joan Murray (89)**
Rochester, NY
- Matthew Murrey (95)**
Urbana, IL
- Carol Muske-Dukes (84)**
Studio City, CA
- Bernard Myers (80)**
Washington, DC
- Jack Myers (82, 86)**
Dallas, TX
- Walter Myers (82, 89)**
Jersey City, NJ
- Peter Najarian (00)**
Berkeley, CA
- Rochelle Nameroff (92)**
Berkeley, CA
- Sena Jeter Naslund (78)**
Louisville, KY
- Lawrence Naumoff (70)**
Carrboro, NC
- Gloria Naylor (85)**
Hollis, NY
- Phyllis Naylor (87)**
Bethesda, MD
- Jessica Neely (90)**
Washington, DC
- Janet Neipris (80)**
Winchester, MA
- Antonya Nelson (89)**
Evanston, IL
- Kent Nelson (78, 91)**
Exeter, NH
- Marilyn Nelson (82, 90)**
Mansfield Center, CT
- Paul Nelson (77)**
Plainfield, VT



Richard J. Nelson (80)
Brooklyn, NY

Richard K. Nelson (91)
Sitka, AK

Jay Neugeboren (73, 89)
Northampton, MA

Michael Neville (77)
Bronx, NY

Susan Neville (78, 88)
Bowling Green, OH

Margaret Newlin (76)
Secane, PA

Charles H. Newman (73)
Evanston, IL

Leslea Newman (97)
Northampton, MA

Fae Myenne Ng (90)
Brooklyn, NY

Maris Nichols (85)
Pittsfield, MA

Joseph Nicholson (80)
Loch Haven, PA

Ann Nietzsche (87)
Los Angeles, CA

N. Michael Niflis (74)
Tillamook, OR

Nona Nimnicht (84)
Oakland, CA

John Frederick Nims (66)
Chicago, IL

Hugh Nissenson (78)
New York, NY

Cornelia Nixon (92)
Bloomington, IN

Sheryl Noethe (90)
Salmon, ND

James Nolan (78)
New Orleans, LA

Bink Noll (74)
Beloit, WI

John Ford Noonan (72, 80)
New York, NY

Howard Norman (91)
College Park, MD

Harold Norse (75)
San Francisco, CA

Charles North (79, 01)
New York, NY

Alice Notley (79, 95)
No city listed, France

Craig Nova (71, 74, 85)
West Dover, VT

Josip Novakovich (91, 02)
Blue Creek, OH

Beth Nugent (95)
Boulder, CO

Alan D. Nurkse (84, 95)
Brooklyn, NY

Joyce Carol Oates (69)
Windsor, Canada

Achy Obejas (86)
Chicago, IL

Dan O'Brien (76, 83)
Whitewood, SD

Dorene O'Brien (04)
West Bloomfield, MI

John A. O'Brien (80)
Roxbury, MA

John C. O'Brien (83)
Oswego, NY

William O'Brien (76, 88)
Boxford, MA

Edwin Ochester (84)
Shelocta, PA

Vanessa Ochs (91)
Morristown, NJ

Regina Ochsner (06)
Keizer, OR

Shaun O'Connell (76)
Sudbury, MA

Wendy O'Connor (87)
Washington, DC

Mary O'Donnell (75)
Madison, WI

Chris Offutt (93)
Iowa City, IA

Hugh Ogden (93)
Glastonbury, CT

Timothy O'Grady (92)
London, England

Diana O'Hehir (86)
Oakland, CA

Louis Ohle (78)
Austin, TX

Pamolou Oldham (87)
Cameron, NC

Sharon Olds (82)
New York, NY

Carole Oles (76)
Newton, MA

Carole Oligario (81)
Los Angeles, CA

Eve Olitsky (77)
New York, NY

Juan Oliver (86)
La Jolla, CA

Mary Oliver (72)
Provincetown, MA

Robert Olmstead (93)
Mt. Holly, PA

Lance Olsen (06)
New Meadows, ID

Tillie Olsen (67)
No city listed, CA

William Olsen (96)
Kalamazoo, MI

Charles Olson (69)
Gloucester, MA

Merle Olson (85)
Philadelphia, PA

Kevin O'Morrison (80)
New York, NY

John Omwake (66)
Chambersburg, PA

Robert Onopa (85)
Kailua, HI

George Oppen (80)
San Francisco, CA

Joel Oppenheimer (79)
New York, NY

Sally Ordway (77)
New York, NY

Steven Orlen (75, 79, 85)
Tucson, AZ

John M. Orlock (80)
St. Paul, MN

Peter Orlovsky (79)
New York, NY

William O'Rourke (82, 90)
South Bend, IN

Daniel Orozco (06)
Moscow, ID

Gregory Orr (78, 89)
Charlottesville, VA

Julie Orringer (04)
San Francisco, CA

Simon J. Ortiz (70, 82)
Pueblo of Acoma, NM

Mark Osaki (82)
Berkeley, CA

Brenda Osbey (90)
Los Angeles, CA

Jacqueline Osherow (99)
Salt Lake City, UT

Jena Osman (91)
New York, NY

Alicia Ostriker (76)
Princeton, NJ

John L. O'Toole (81)
Washington, DC



ISHMAEL REED (75) is the author of nine novels, six plays, one opera libretto, six books of poetry, and six books of essays, and he is the editor of numerous anthologies and magazines. His honors include the Chancellor's Award for Community Service from the University of California, Berkeley, where he taught creative writing for 35 years, retiring emeritus as of January 2005. He is also founder of the Before Columbus Foundation, which annually presents the American Book Awards, and the Oakland chapter of PEN.

I received a National Endowment Fellowship in 1975. This assistance and a small advance from a publisher gave me the time to conduct research and to write my fourth novel, *Flight To Canada*, which was a parody of 19th-century fugitive slave novels. This novel is still in print!



NORMAN RUSH (86) was raised in Oakland, California, and graduated from Swarthmore College in 1956. He has been an antiquarian book dealer, a college instructor, and, with his wife Elsa, he lived and worked in Africa from 1978 to 1983. They now reside in Rockland County, New York. He received the National Book Award for his novel *Mating* and has published a book of short stories and a second novel.

The NEA grant, coming closely after one from the New York State Council on the Arts, gave me confidence that I might truly be able to devise a viable literary life. We lived modestly, and the material contribution the grant made was significant. It also encouraged me to apply for other grants while I worked on my first novel, *Mating*, whose positive reception changed everything for me.

Ron Overton (76)

Lake Grove, NY

Maureen Owen (79)

Guilford, CT

Louis Owens (89)

Sandia Park, NM

Rochelle Owens (74)

New York, NY

Cynthia Ozick (68)

New Rochelle, NY

P

Robert Pack (69)

Middlebury, VT

Ann Packer (93)

Eugene, OR

Nancy Packer (83)

Stanford, CA

Charlotte Painter (72)

Berkeley, CA

Pamela Painter (88)

Boston, MA

Grace Paley (67, 87)

New York, NY

Karen Palmer (00)

Boulder, CO

Michael Palmer (75, 85)

San Francisco, CA

Ann Pancake (96)

Seattle, WA

Eric Pankey (88, 05)

Fairfax, VA

Suzanne Paola (02)

Bellingham, WA

Greg Pape (77, 84)

Tuscaloosa, AL

Ronnie Paris (76)

New York, NY

Michael Parker (04)

Greensboro, NC

John Parras (04)

New Milford, NJ

Alexander Parsons (04)

Portsmouth, NH

Roy Parvin (04)

Fortuna, CA

Linda Pasten (72)

Rockville, MD

Kenneth Patchen (67)

No city listed, CA

Jeff Pate (77)

Vermillion, SD

Michael Paterniti (02)

Portland, ME

William Patrick (79)

Arlington, VA

Lindsay Patterson (68)

New York, NY

Raymond R. Patterson (70)

Merrick, NY

John Pauker (79)

Washington, DC

Molly Peacock (91)

New York, NY

Harry Pearson (67)

No city listed, NC

Janet Peery (92)

Wichita, KS

Kathleen Peirce (05)

Wimberley, TX

Ted Pejovich (90)

New York, NY

William Pelfrey (73)

Roseville, MI

Theodore Pelton (94)

Sheboygan, WI

Jonathan Penner (76, 83)

Tucson, AZ

Mindy Pennybacker (80)

Davis, CA

Victor Perera (80)

Capitola, CA

David H. Perkins (73, 83)

Kansas City, MO

Richard Perry (89)

Tenafly, NJ

Joyce Peseroff (84)

Lexington, MA

Bette Pesetsky (80)

Dobbs Ferry, NY

Robert Peters (75)

Irvine, CA

Allan Peterson (92)

Gulf Breeze, FL

Quintin Peterson (77)

Green Bay, WI

Robert Peterson (67)

No city listed, CA

Catherine Petroski (78, 83)

Durham, NC

Anthony Petrosky (85)

Pittsburgh, PA

Ann Petry (78)

Old Saybrook, CT

Michael Pettit (85)

Austin, TX

John F. Pfeil (82)

Corvallis, OR

Roger Pffingston (77)

Bloomington, IN

Arthur Pfister (70)

New Orleans, LA

Robert D. Pharr (82)

Richmond, VA

Mari E. Phemster (82)

Indianapolis, IN

Leila Philip (94)

Brooklyn, NY

Jayne Anne Phillips (78, 85)

Jamaica Plain, MA

Matthew Phillips (91)

Iowa City, IA

Constance Pierce (83, 90)

Brookville, IN

James F. Pierce (73)

Bryan, TX

Marge Piercy (78)

Wellfleet, MA

Drury Pifer (80)

Wilmington, DE

John Pijewski (84)

Brookline, MA

Bonnie L. Pike (96)

Tempe, AZ

Joyce Pinchbeck (92)

New York, NY

Wang Ping (95)

New York, NY

Robert Pinsky (84)

Berkeley, CA

Nancy K. Piore (82)

Brookline, MA

Lawrence Pitkethly (81)

New York, NY

Allen Planz (77, 92)

East Hampton, NY

Donald Platt (96)

Carrollton, GA

Richard Plattz (76)

East Haven, CT

Stanley Plumly (77, 84)

Houston, TX

Carlene Hatcher Polite (68)

Detroit, MI

Eileen Pollack (93)

Belmont, MA

Katha Pollitt (84)

New York, NY

Marie Ponsot (79)

Jamaica, NY

Robert Pope, Jr. (89)
Akron, OH

Melinda Popham (66)
Shawnee Mission, KS

Bernard H. Porter (80)
Belfast, ME

Joe Ashby Porter (80, 85)
Durham, NC

Andrew Potok (83)
Plainfield, VT

Nancy Potter (78)
West Kingston, RI

Alfred Poulin, Jr. (75)
Brockport, NY

Charles E. Poverman (80, 88)
Tucson, AZ

D. A. Powell (03)
Somerville, MA

Dannye G. Powell (93)
Charlotte, NC

J. Mark Powell (04)
Mountain Rest, SC

Minnie Bruce Pratt (90)
Washington, DC

John Price (04)
Fort Dodge, IA

Reynolds Price (66)
Durham, NC

Richard Price (82)
New York, NY

Robert Earl Price (91)
Atlanta, GA

William Price (74)
Brooklyn, NY

Robin J. Prising (80)
New York, NY

Melissa Pritchard (83)
Evanston, IL

Samuel Pritchard (91)
Ames, IA

Frederic Prokosch (78)
Cambridge, MA

Francine Prose (80, 86)
Krumville, NY

Susan Prospere (97)
Houston, TX

Annie Proulx (91)
Vershire, VT

Eric Puchner (06)
San Francisco, CA

Lia Purpura (04)
Baltimore, MD



George Quasha (75)
New York, NY

Sister M. Bernadetta Quinn (67)
No city listed, MN

Leroy Quintana (78)
El Paso, TX



Lawrence Raab (72, 84)
Williamstown, MA

Thomas Rabbitt (97)
Tuscaloosa, AL

Arnold M. Rabin (80)
Maplewood, NJ

Anna Rabinowitz (01)
New York, NY

Emily Raboteau (06)
New York, NY

Nahid Rachlin (80)
New York, NY

Louise Rafkin (95)
San Clemente, CA

Carl Rakosi (72, 79)
San Francisco, CA

Jerold Ramsey (76)
Rochester, NY

Belle Randall (05)
Seattle, WA

Dudley Randall (82, 86)
Detroit, MI

Julia V.N. Randall (82)
Glen Arm, MD

John Crowe Ransom (68)
Gambier, OH

William Ransom (76)
Port Townsend, WA

Katherine Rao (80)
New York, NY

Ron Rash (94, 06)
Cullowhee, NC

Barbara Raskin (82)
Washington, DC

Michael Rattee (84)
Tucson, AZ

David E. Ray (83)
Kansas City, MO

Shreela Ray (76)
Rochester, NY

John Rechy (76)
Los Angeles, CA

Ronald Rector (79)
Washington, DC

Victoria Redel (88)
New York, NY

Eugene Redmond (78)
Madison, WI

Spencer Reece (05)
Lantana, FL

Ishmael Reed (75)
Berkeley, CA

Arthur Reel (80)
New York, NY

Marshall Reese (79)
Baltimore, MD

Patricia Reeves (88)
St. Joseph, MO

Tova Reich (85)
Chevy Chase, MD

Jan Reid (83)
Austin, TX

Louis Reile (78)
San Antonio, TX

Nancy Reisman (98)
Providence, RI

James Alan Reiss (74)
Oxford, OH

Thomas Reiter (03)
Neptune, NJ

Paisley Rekdal (03)
Laramie, WY

Ettore Rella (68)
New York, NY

John Repp (87)
Pittsburgh, PA

Lisa Ress (84)
Ithaca, NY

Donald Revell (88, 95)
Salt Lake City, UT

Kenneth Rexroth (77)
Santa Barbara, CA

David S. Reynolds (96)
Washington, DC

Richard Reynolds (94)
Denton, TX

John Rezmerski (73)
St. Peter, MN

Jewell Parker Rhodes (82)
College Park, MD

Richard Rhodes (78)
Kansas City, MO

Joseph P. Ribar (73)
Claverack, NY



KAY RYAN (01), a lifetime Californian, was born in 1945 and grew up in small towns of the San Joaquin Valley and the Mojave Desert. Known for her compressed poems and use of rhyme, Ryan has published five books. She has received an Ingram Merrill Foundation award, and her poems have been published in *The New Yorker*, *Paris Review*, and numerous anthologies. In 2004, she received the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize from the Poetry Foundation.

My fellowship made me less intolerant. No longer could I automatically disregard anyone who had enjoyed a smidgeon of success. Here I was, with my own smidgeon. As time has passed since my award, I have found myself becoming disturbingly open-minded about the possible relationship between talent and recognition.



CHARLES SIMIC (75, 79) was born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and came to the United States as a teenager. Simic has published more than 60 books of poetry, prose, memoirs, and essays, and has twice won the PEN International Translation Award for his translations. He received the Pulitzer Prize in poetry in 1990 for *The World Doesn't End* (1989). Since 1973, he has taught at the University of New Hampshire.

Did my fellowship make a difference? You bet! It allowed me to take time off my work and write and gave me confidence that my peers value what I'm doing. I was a poor man, overworked, with a family and children to support. Where else would I find money? I don't know about the others, but we poets are grateful for the miracle of the Endowment.

- Ronald Ribman (73)**
New York, NY
- Stanley Rice (66, 72)**
San Francisco, CA
- Mark Richard (90)**
New York, NY
- Caroline A. Richards (80)**
Richmond, IN
- Susan Richards (83)**
Sadieville, KY
- Robert Riche (74)**
Wilton, CT
- Elliot Richman (93)**
Plattsburgh, NY
- Janine Richman (95)**
San Francisco, CA
- Boyer Rickel (01)**
Tucson, AZ
- Noel Rico (77)**
New York, NY
- David Rigsbee (84)**
Baton Rouge, LA
- James A. Riley (91)**
Pikeville, KY
- Sherry Rind (86)**
Redmond, WA
- Steven Rinehart (95)**
Fayetteville, GA
- Alberto Ríos (79)**
Tucson, AZ
- David Rivard (86, 91)**
Somerville, MA
- Edward Rivera (72)**
New York, NY
- Andrés Rivero (80)**
Miami, FL
- Anthony Robbins (92)**
Monroe, LA
- Richard Robbins (92)**
Mankato, MN
- John Roberts (87)**
Boulder, CO
- Leonard Roberts (84, 89)**
Bethlehem, PA
- Jill Robinson (75)**
New York, NY
- John Robinson (77)**
San Francisco, CA
- Kit Robinson (79)**
San Francisco, CA
- Ronald Robinson (93)**
Tahlequah, OK
- Roxana Robinson (87)**
Katonah, NY
- Doris Rochlin (90)**
Chevy Chase, MD
- Peter Rock (00)**
Philadelphia, PA
- Carolyn M. Rodgers (70)**
Chicago, IL
- Aleida Rodríguez (82)**
Los Angeles, CA
- William A. Roecker (73)**
Missoula, MT
- Pattiann Rogers (82, 88)**
Stafford, TX
- Thomas N.R. Rogers (82, 92)**
Iowa City, IA
- Edwin Romand (94)**
Pen Argyl, PA
- Leo Romero (82)**
Las Cruces, NM
- Orlando Romero (80)**
Santa Fe, NM
- David Romtvedt (87)**
Buffalo, NY
- John J. Ronan (99)**
Gloucester, MA
- Leon Rooke (78)**
London, England
- Bill Roorbach (02)**
Farmington, ME
- William Pitt Root (73)**
Mendocino, CA
- Robert Roper (86)**
Berkeley, CA
- Ned Rorem (77)**
New York, NY
- Daniel Asa Rose (06)**
Rehoboth, MA
- Jennifer Rose (93)**
Waltham, MA
- Joel Rose (86)**
New York, NY
- Louise B. Rose (80)**
New York, NY
- Wendy Rose (82)**
Richmond, VA
- Michael Rosen (84)**
Columbus, OH
- Jessie Rosenberg (68)**
New Orleans, LA
- Joseph Ross (97)**
Washington, DC
- Robert Ross (88)**
Long Pine, NE
- Jill Allyn Rosser (99)**
Athens, OH
- Charles Rossiter (97)**
Oak Park, IL
- Michael Rossman (76)**
Berkeley, CA
- Jerome Rothenberg (76)**
Salamanca, NY
- Michael Rothschild (74)**
Strong, ME
- David Rounds (78)**
Angwin, CA
- Jess Row (04)**
Bronx, NY
- Ann Rower (82)**
New York, NY
- Gibbons Ruark (79, 86, 93)**
Newark, DE
- Mark Rubin (95)**
Burlington, VT
- Michael Rubin (78)**
San Francisco, CA
- Rick Rubin (70)**
Portland, OR
- Mark Rudman (95)**
New York, NY
- Mary Ruefle (84)**
North Bennington, VT
- Matthew Ruff (06)**
Seattle, WA
- Eugene Ruggles (70)**
Bodega Bay, CA
- Muriel Rukeyser (66)**
New York, NY
- Jim Ruland (04)**
Playa del Rey, CA
- Norman Rush (86)**
New City, NY
- Joshua Thomas Russell (06)**
Newnan, GA
- Paul Russell (93)**
Rosendale, NY
- Thomas Russell (86)**
Memphis, TN
- Vern Rutsala (75, 79)**
Portland, OR
- Kay Ryan (01)**
Fairfax, CA
- Michael Ryan (76, 85)**
North Garden, VA
- Patrick Ryan (06)**
New York, NY



Ira Sadoff (82)
Waterville, ME

Nubia Kai Salaam (86, 92)
Washington, DC

J. R. Salamanca (78)
Potomac, MD

Floyd Salas (78)
Berkeley, CA

I. L. Salomon (67)
No city listed, NY

Mary Jo Salter (84)
Kyoto, Japan

Benjamin Saltman (69, 87)
Northridge, CA

Nicholas Samaras (97)
New Port Richey, FL

Rosaura Sánchez (82)
Leucadia, CA

Saul O. Sanchez (80)
Laredo, TX

Sonia Sanchez (77)
Philadelphia, PA

Thomas Sanchez (78)
Santa Barbara, CA

Ed Sanders (87)
Woodstock, NY

Scott Sanders (83, 04)
Bloomington, IN

Lisa Sandlin (94)
Santa Fe, NM

Stephen Sandy (88)
North Bennington, VT

Reginald Saner (76)
Boulder, CO

Annette Sanford (74, 87)
Ganado, TX

Christy S. Sanford (92)
Gainesville, FL

Bienvenido Santos (82)
Wichita, KS

Sherod Santos (87)
Columbia, MO

Yvonne Sapia (86)
Lake City, FL

Aram Saroyan (69)
New York, NY

May Sarton (67)
No city listed, NH

Catherine Sasanov (97)
Cambridge, MA

Roger Sauls (70)
Chapel Hill, NC

Cheryl Savageau (93)
Worcester, MA

Teo Savory (78)
Greensboro, NC

Julia Randall Sawyer (66)
Hollins College, VA

Valerie Sayers (92)
Brooklyn, NY

Nora Sayre (77)
New York, NY

Leslie Scalapino (76, 86)
Oakland, CA

Harris Schiff (79)
New York, NY

Richard Schmitt (02)
Sparr, FL

Dennis Schmitz (76, 85, 92)
Sacramento, CA

Gjertrud Schnackenberg (86)
Tacoma, WA

Philip Schneider (86)
Wichita, KS

Nancy Schoenberger (84)
New York, NY

Michael Scholnick (79)
New York, NY

Peter Schrag (76)
Oakland, CA

Ronald Schreiber (93)
Cambridge, MA

Philip Schultz (82)
New York, NY

Robert Schultz (98)
Decorah, IA

Michael P. Schulze (82)
Kalamazoo, MI

James Schuyler (72)
Southampton, NY

Jane Schwartz (89)
Brooklyn, NY

Leonard Schwartz (97)
New York, NY

Lloyd Schwartz (90)
Somerville, MA

Lynne Sharon Schwartz (85)
New York, NY

Ruth L. Schwartz (93)
Gladwyne, PA

Sheila M. Schwartz (93)
Cleveland Heights, OH

Steven Schwartz (93)
Fort Collins, CO

Armand Schwerner (73, 79, 87)
Staten Island, NY

Sandra Scofield (89)
Ashland, OR

Carolynne Scott (78)
Springville, AL

Herbert Scott (84)
Kalamazoo, MI

James Scully (76, 90)
Willimantic, CT

Brenda Seabrooke (94)
Hedgesville, WV

Allan Seager (67)
No city listed, MI

Jan L. Seale (82)
McAllen, TX

David Searcy (02)
Dallas, TX

Maureen Seaton (94)
Chicago, IL

Peter Seaton (79)
Portland, ME

Roberta E. Sebenthall (70)
Mount Horeb, WI

Carolyn See (74)
Topanga, CA

Lore Segal (68, 82, 87)
New York, NY

Timothy Seibles (90)
Dallas, TX

Michael Seide (67)
No city listed, NY

Fredrick Seidel (69)
New York, NY

Hugh Seidman (70, 72, 85)
New York, NY

Barbara Selfridge (91)
Oakland, CA

Heather Sellers (00)
Holland, MI

Richard Selzer (88)
New Haven, CT

Ramon Sender (83)
San Francisco, CA

Vijay Seshadri (99)
Brooklyn, NY

Robbie Clipper Sethi (95)
Skillman, NJ

Fred Setterburg (83)
Oakland, CA

Lisa Sewell (99)
Fort Worth, TX

Bob Shacochis (82)
Lone Tree, IA

Anders Shafer (66)
St. Paul, MN



JEFFREY SKINNER (87) has published five collections of verse and with his wife Sarah Gorham, he edited an anthology, *Last Call: Poems on Alcoholism, Addiction, & Deliverance*. His poems have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Nation*, and other publications. He is a professor in the creative writing program at the University of Louisville, and is co-founder of Sarabande Books.

When I received a Fellowship from the NEA, I had a wife and two small children. I had made the decision to quit my long-term job in business, and to use our limited savings to finance two years of searching for a teaching position. In our second year, as our money ran out, we were given the blessing of the NEA, which kept my family afloat for another year, until I secured a university job. I know this sounds dramatic, but what can I do—it's the truth. The NEA, for me, was life altering, if not life saving.



JANE SMILEY (78, 87) has published 11 books of fiction, including *A Thousand Acres* (1991), which won the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award. The settings of her stories follow her own migration from the rural Midwest to California. She writes regularly for magazines, including *The New Yorker*, *The Nation*, and *Vogue*.

I received my first NEA fellowship in 1978. I got \$7,500, which was a tremendous amount at the time and enabled me to write my first novel, *Barn Blind*. The pat on the back was worth as much as the money. For the first time I felt rewarded rather than just allowed to proceed.

I received my second fellowship in 1987, after I had established myself as a promising young writer. In both instances, money from the NEA smoothed my passage through difficult transitional moments in my career, and helped me move forward.

- Rosa Shand (00)**
Spartanburg, SC
- Ntozake Shange (82)**
New York, NY
- Robert Shapard (87)**
Salt Lake City, UT
- Alan Shapiro (84, 92)**
Chapel Hill, NC
- David Shapiro (79)**
New York, NY
- Gerald Shapiro (95)**
Lincoln, NE
- Loretta M. Sharp (93)**
Boulder, MT
- Paula Sharp (95)**
Mount Kisco, NY
- Angela Shaw (03)**
Arlington, MA
- Richard Shaw (78)**
Minneapolis, MN
- Robert Shaw (87)**
South Hadley, MA
- Cynthia Shearer (00)**
Oxford, MS
- Laurie Sheck (82, 96)**
Princeton, NJ
- Marc Sheehan (84)**
Grand Rapids, MI
- Evelyn Shefner (80)**
New York, NY
- Marsha Sheiness (80)**
Waterford, CT
- Richard Shelton (76, 91)**
Tucson, AZ
- Reginald Shepherd (95)**
Chicago, IL
- Michael Sheridan (84)**
Geneseo, IL
- Martin Sherman (80)**
New York, NY
- Steven Sherrill (02)**
Altoona, PA
- Judith Johnson Sherwin (82)**
New York, NY
- Frances Sherwood (90)**
South Bend, IN
- Susan Shetterly (93)**
Surry, ME
- David Shevin (94)**
Tiffin, OH
- David Shields (82, 91)**
Seattle, WA
- Peter Shippy (03)**
Jamaica Plain, MA
- Aleda Shirley (88)**
Louisville, KY
- Louise Shivers (86)**
Augusta, GA
- Lynn Shoemaker (90)**
Whitewater, WI
- Elizabeth Sholl (94)**
Portland, ME
- Enid Shomer (89, 96)**
Brooklyn, NY
- Jane Shore (77, 87)**
Cambridge, MA
- Susan Shreve (83)**
Washington, DC
- Alix Kates Shulman (83)**
New York, NY
- Peggy Shumaker (89)**
Fairbanks, AK
- Aaron Shurin (95)**
San Francisco, CA
- Bapsy Sidhwa (87)**
Houston, TX
- Robert Siegel (79)**
Whitefish, WI
- Eleni Sikelianos (95)**
San Francisco, CA
- Richard Siken (05)**
Tucson, AZ
- Joan Silber (86)**
New York, NY
- Edgar Gabriel Silex (95)**
College Park, MD
- Leslie Marmon Silko (74)**
Ketchikan, AK
- Ron Silliman (79, 03)**
Paoli, PA
- Roberta Silman (83)**
Ardsley, NY
- Jeff Silva (87)**
La Honda, CA
- Randall Silvis (83, 88)**
Rimersburg, PA
- Lazarre Seymour Simckes (66, 80)**
New Haven, CT
- Charles Simic (75, 79)**
Strafford, NH
- James Simmerman (84)**
Flagstaff, AZ
- Lydia Simmons (80)**
New York, NY
- Maurya Simon (99)**
Mt. Baldy, CA
- Mina Lewiton Simon (68)**
Stanfordville, NY
- Louis Simpson (66)**
Berkeley, CA
- Mona Simpson (86)**
New York, NY
- Patsy Sims (80)**
Washington, DC
- Isaac Bashevis Singer (67)**
New York, NY
- Margot Singer (06)**
Granville, OH
- Sean Singer (05)**
New York, NY
- Donald Singleton (81)**
Benton, AR
- Appachana Anjana Sinha (95)**
Phoenix, AZ
- Hal Sirowitz (94)**
Flushing, NY
- Joseph Skibell (02)**
Atlanta, GA
- Robert Skillings (78)**
Provincetown, MA
- Jeffrey Skinner (87)**
Easton, CT
- Knute Skinner (75)**
Bellingham, WA
- Myra Sklarew (82)**
Bethesda, MD
- John Skoyles (76, 87)**
Black Mountain, NC
- Dashka Slater (04)**
Oakland, CA
- Lauren Slater (04)**
Somerville, MA
- Robert A. Slater (73)**
Kansas City, MO
- Tom Sleigh (87, 94)**
Cambridge, MA
- Mark Slouka (00)**
New York, NY
- Kate Small (02)**
Kirkland, WA
- Jane Smiley (78, 87)**
Ames, IA
- Arthur E. Smith (84)**
Houston, TX
- Bruce Smith (84, 89)**
Andover, MA
- C. W. Smith (76, 90)**
Dallas, TX
- Charlie Smith (01)**
New York, NY

Christina Smith (90)
Bainbridge Island, WA

David Smith (76)
Nevada, MO

David J. Smith (82, 99)
Fresno, CA

Dinitia Smith (83)
New York, NY

Ebbe Smith (77)
San Francisco, CA

Gregory Smith (88)
Northfield, MN

Jordan Smith (84)
Schenectady, NY

Mark Smith (78)
Durham, NH

Mason Smith (74)
Nicholville, NY

Rodney Smith (91)
Opelika, AL

Tima Smith (89)
Pomfret Center, CT

William Jay Smith (72)
Washington, DC

Young Smith (05)
Richmond, KY

Mark Smith-Soto (05)
Greensboro, NC

Priscilla Sneff (93)
State College, PA

Susan Snively (84)
Shutesbury, MA

W. D. Snodgrass (66)
Detroit, MI

Carol Snow (97)
San Francisco, CA

Peter Snow (76)
Berkeley, CA

Anthony Sobin (74)
Salt Lake City, UT

Roland Sodowsky (89)
Alpine, TX

Rebecca Solnit (93)
San Francisco, CA

Barbara Probst Solomon (74)
New York, NY

Ted Solotaroff (80)
New York, NY

Scott R. Sommer (80)
South Orange, NJ

Cathy Song (97)
Honolulu, HI

Frank Soos, Jr. (89)
Fairbanks, AK

Helen Sorrells (73)
Pacific Palisades, CA

Robert Sorrells (78)
Clemson, SC

Gilbert Sorrentino (74, 83)
New York, NY

Gary Soto (82, 91)
Albany, CA

David Southern (68)
Chapel Hill, NC

Marcia Southwick (84)
Iowa City, IA

Debra Spark (90)
Cambridge, MA

Ronald Spatz (82)
Anchorage, AK

Roberta Spear (82, 93)
Fresno, CA

Michael Spence (90)
Seattle, WA

Elizabeth Spencer (83, 88)
Chapel Hill, NC

Peter Spielberg (80)
New York, NY

Maureen Spike (83)
El Paso, TX

Paul Spike (74)
Cambridge, MA

Richard Spilman (87)
Provincetown, MA

Elizabeth Spires (82, 92)
Baltimore, MD

Kathleen Spivack (78)
Watertown, MA

Madelon Sprengnether (87)
Oakland, CA

Philip St. Clair (94)
Ashland, KY

Sheryl St. Germain (91, 96)
Galesburg, IL

David St. John (76, 84, 94)
Los Angeles, CA

Primus St. John (70, 75, 82)
West Linn, OR

Mark St. Pierre (90)
Steamboat Springs, CO

David Stacton (68)
Walnut Creek, CA

Kim Stafford (76, 84)
Portland, OR

William Stafford (91)
Lake Oswego, OR

Les Standiford (89)
Miami, FL

Sue Standing (84)
Allston, MA

Ann Stanford (75, 82)
Northridge, CA

George Stanley (69)
San Francisco, CA

Maura Stanton (82)
Tucson, AZ

Maureen Stanton (06)
Georgetown, ME

Claude Stanush (78)
San Antonio, TX

Donald Stap (86)
Casselberry, FL

Laurence Stapleton (72)
Bryn Mawr, PA

Bradford Stark (77)
Binghamton, NY

Sharon Stark (86)
Lenhartsville, PA

Stephen Stark (93)
Houston, TX

Pat Staten (76)
New York, NY

Mark Steadman (80)
Central, SC

Arjyra J. Stedman (82)
Shreveport, LA

Jack Steele (78)
Englewood, CO

Lynn Stegner (00)
Santa Cruz, CA

Page Stegner (80)
Santa Cruz, CA

Wallace Stegner (90)
Los Altos Hills, CA

Charles Stein (79)
New Paltz, NY

Kevin Stein (91)
Dunlap, IL

Meredith Steinbach (78)
New York, NY

Hugh Steinberg (01)
San Francisco, CA

Robert Steiner (78, 83)
Boulder, CO

David Steingass (72)
Haverhill, NH

Lisa Steinman (84)
Portland, OR

Stephen Stepanchov (69)
Flushing, NY

Phillip Sterling (90)
Big Rapids, MI



CATHY SONG (97) was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and maintains a permanent home there. She is the author of four books of poetry and her work has been widely anthologized in many publications, including *The Norton Anthology of Modern Poetry* and *The Best American Poetry 2000*.

A Literature Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts means a great deal to me. It means I live in a country that refuses to be shut down, numbed, silenced, and party-lined by the ranting and raving of the truly timid—those who in their fear of life and living seek to make it their mission to obstruct the voices of its artists. It means I live in a country that chooses to hear the vital singing—the pulsations, the life blood, the pathways that connect us profoundly to each other, profoundly to the intelligent compassionate cosmos.



VIRGIL SUÁREZ (01) was born in 1962 in Havana, Cuba, and emigrated to the U.S. in 1974. Suárez is the author of seven poetry collections, four novels, a collection of short stories, and two memoirs. He teaches at Florida State University.

The NEA grant reaffirmed the value of my work in my own life and mind. The money of course always helps, and it too came at an important time in my life. It allowed me to take a little time off and continue to work on my poetry. The important thing is also that my work was being judged by a committee of my peers, other professional writers and poets. The NEA grant not only saved me literally from the gutter, but from anonymity as well. I will forever be grateful.

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LARISSA SZPORLUK (03) is an Associate Professor of Creative Writing and English Literature at Bowling Green State University in northwest Ohio. She is the author of three award-winning volumes of poetry, and her fourth book will be published in 2006.

The National Endowment for the Arts grant was crucial for the development of my fourth manuscript, *Embryos and Idiots*. The collection was conceived as a novel-in-verse and relied on close examination of an “enchanted” mountain in Sabaudia, Italy. As the story developed, it also changed: the narrative impulse exploded into a series of lyric rants, many of which were informed by the extensive travel the grant enabled me to do. Had I not been awarded the grant (and the dynamic experience abroad), it is most likely that the poems would have stayed faithful to their stagnant narrative program. I owe the NEA whatever vitality resides in those poems.



NANCY WILLARD (76, 87) is the author of 12 books of poetry, two novels, numerous children's books, and a collection of essays on writing. Her collection, *A Visit to William Blake's Inn: Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travelers*, was the first poetry book to win the Newbery Medal. She teaches in the English Department at Vassar College.

What the NEA fellowship gave me, twice, was what every writer longs for: a period of uninterrupted time, which allowed me to work on a novel, *Sister Water*, and a collection of poems, *Household Tales of Moon and Water*. Those of us who both teach and write know the art of carrying ideas around in your head and hoping they'll still be there when you're ready to write them down. The fellowship allowed me to take time off from teaching (which I love) and dwell in the work itself, and to focus on shaping it and revising it without the usual intrusions and interruptions.

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JOY WILLIAMS (73, 88) is the author of four novels, two collections of short stories, and a collection of essays, often depicting life in Florida. Many of Williams' short stories and essays have appeared in the *Best American* collections and anthologies, and a short story published in *Antaeus* won a National Magazine Award. She lives in Key West, Florida, and Tucson, Arizona.

It's a remarkable thing to be rewarded by one's own government for being an artist, for pursuing a unique vision. The recognition and money were enormously helpful to me at the time, and since then I've been a judge for the NEA and know that the criterion is excellence, always only excellence and promise. It's a great fellowship to receive, a sustaining and emboldening award.



TOBIAS WOLFF (78, 85) is the author of two memoirs, *This Boy's Life* (1989), about his childhood, and *In Pharaoh's Army* (1994), about his service during the Vietnam War, as well as three volumes of short stories, a novella, and a novel. Wolff received the PEN/Faulkner Award for his novella *The Barracks Thief*.

During the period of my first fellowship I completed a collection of short stories, *In the Garden of the North American Martyrs*, and during the second I made a substantial beginning on a memoir, *This Boy's Life*. The grant allowed me to write without one eye on the wallet and the other on the clock, and to experiment and develop in ways that would otherwise have been very difficult. I will always be profoundly grateful to the NEA for the difference it has made in my life and work.

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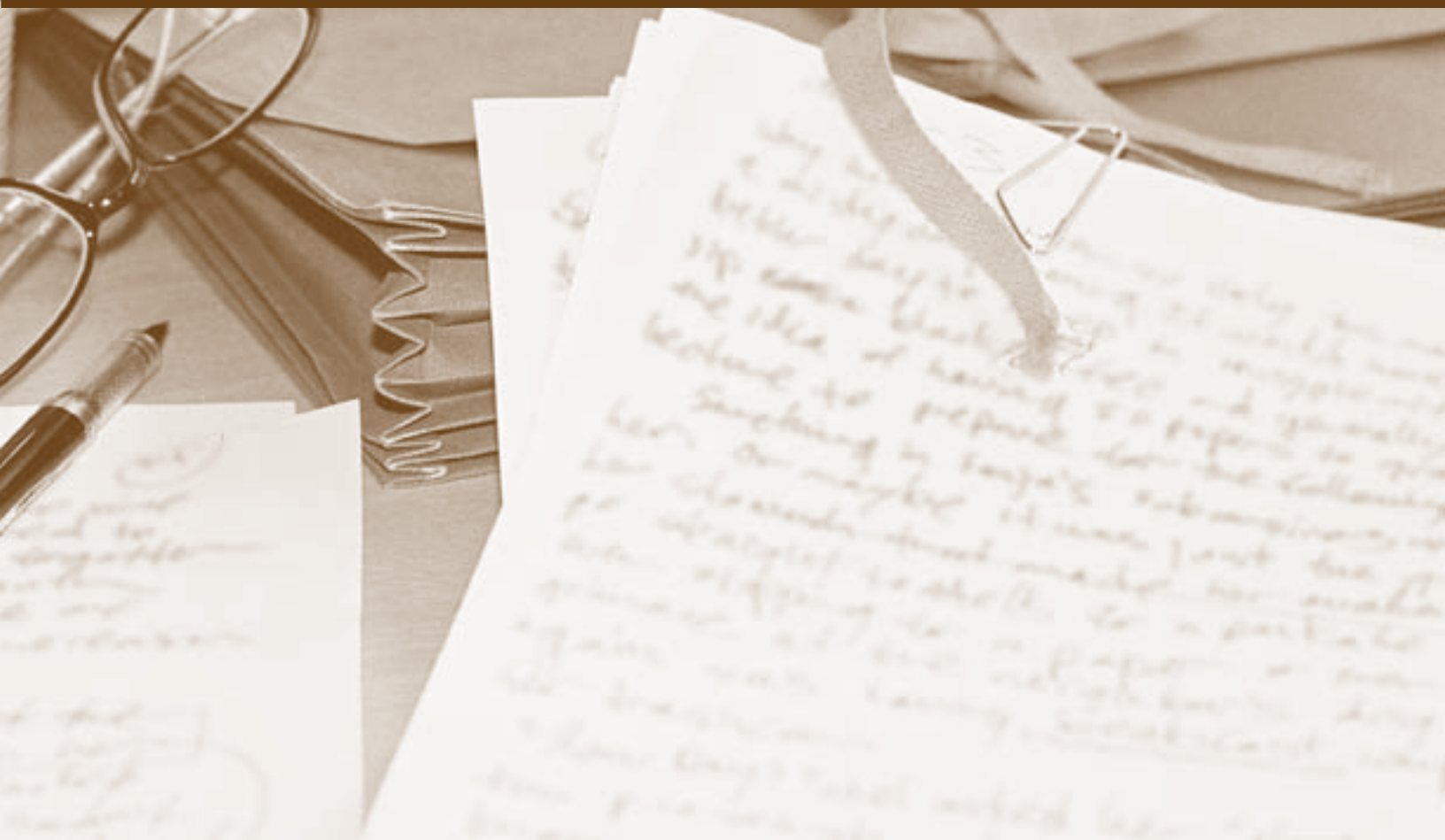
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Translation Fellows





ERDAG GÖKNAR (04) is Assistant Professor of Turkish Studies at Duke University. He is the award-winning translator of Orhan Pamuk's historical novel *My Name is Red*. Currently, he is completing the translation of Ahmet Hamdi Tanpinar's modernist classic, *A Mind at Peace*.

The NEA translation grant allowed me to overcome significant challenges to the Tanpinar project. It was a factor in finalizing copyright and a publishing contract, in researching aspects of the novel during translation, and in giving me the time and space to do the work. In addition to recognizing the importance of literatures that are under-represented in English (such as that of Turkey), the NEA grant enabled me to focus on the intricacies of literary translation away from the demands of university teaching.

The fiscal year(s) NEA Literature Fellows received the award is in parentheses following the name. Residence listed is that of the Fellow at the time of award (for multiple awards, residence of most recent award is used). In cases where the country of translation is not obvious, the country is listed in parentheses next to the language.

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David Frye (02)

Ann Arbor, MI
Spanish (Mexico)

Bruce Fulton (95)

Seattle, WA
Korean

G**Jamey Gambrell (94)**

New York, NY
Russian

Geoffrey Gardner (86)

Cambridge, MA
French (Uruguay/France)

Donald Gecewicz (01)

Evanston, IL
Italian

Estelle Gilson (95)

Bronx, NY
Italian

Erdag Gökнар (04)

Durham, NC
Turkish

Howard Goldblatt (92, 04)

South Bend, IN
Chinese

Sanford Goldstein (83)

West Lafayette, IN
Japanese

Roger Greenwald (88, 03)

Toronto, Canada
Swedish, Danish

Jerzy Gregorek (03)

Santa Monica, CA
Polish

Regina Grol-Prokopczyk (93)

Buffalo, NY
Polish

Agnes Mancy Gullon (86)

Merion, PA
Spanish

Prasenjit Gupta (04)

Iowa City, IA
Bengali (India)

David M. Guss (82)

Venice, CA
Carib (Venezuela)

H**Kathryn Hansen (84)**

Albany, CA
Hindi (India)

Paul Hansen (91)

LaConner, WA
Chinese

Larry Hartsell (95)

Seattle, WA
Nepali

Paula Haydar (96)

Fayetteville, AR
Arabic (Lebanon)

Lyn Hejinian (89)

Berkeley, CA
Russian

Kathryn Hellerstein (85)

Watertown, MA
Yiddish (Poland)

John High (91)

San Rafael, CA
Russian

David Hinton (91, 01)

East Calais, VT
Chinese

George Hochfield (06)

Berkeley, CA
Italian

Thomas Hoeksema (85)

Las Cruces, NM
Spanish (Mexico)

Thomas Hoisington (95)

River Forest, IL
Russian

J. Martin Holman (90)

Orem, UT
Japanese

Marion P. Holt (81)

New York, NY
Spanish

Edwin Honig (82)

Middletown, RI
Portuguese

William Hutchins (06)

Todd, NC
Arabic (Libya)

I**Henry Israeli (03)**

New York, NY
Albanian



DAVID HINTON (91, 01) has translated 18 books, which have earned him numerous honors and awards, including the Landon Translation Award from the Academy of American Poets. His translations of ancient Chinese poetry and philosophy have earned wide acclaim for creating compelling contemporary English texts that convey the actual texture and density of the originals. Hinton lives in East Calais, Vermont.

I am an independent scholar devoting my time solely to translation and writing, so NEA support has been extremely important in making my work possible. Without it, the books simply would not have happened. My first NEA grant came early in my career, allowing me to translate my second book: *The Selected Poems of T'ao Ch'ien*. My second grant came much later, allowing me to translate a large anthology: *Mountain Home: The Wilderness Poetry of Ancient China*.



LYNNE SHARON SCHWARTZ (85,02) has written numerous novels and short story, essay, and poetry collections in addition to translations from Italian by noted writers Natalia Ginzburg and Liana Millu. Her novel *Leaving Brooklyn* (1989) was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award.

It's not unusual for fiction writers to feel, in low moments, that their work is of no tangible use. Despite all we tell ourselves about the necessity of art as a chronicle of private and public life, or art as a means of nourishing the living language, we do occasionally imagine our time might be better spent, say, building furniture or bridges, work that fills a clear need. The NEA fellowship assured me what I did was indeed useful, enough so to warrant its encouragement. I was able to complete a collection of short stories, and some years later, a translation that took seven years to find a publisher.

J

Lois Baker Janzer (99)
Portland, OR
Chinese

Katherine D. Jason (85)
New York, NY
Italian

Kent Johnson (05)
Freeport, IL
Spanish (Bolivia)

Bill Johnston (99)
St. Paul, MN
Polish

Margaret E. W. Jones (00)
Lexington, KY
Spanish

Pierre Joris (99)
Albany, NY
German (Romania)

K

James Kates (06)
Fitzwilliam, NH
Russian

Shirley Kaufman (03)
Jerusalem, Israel
Hebrew (Israel)

Edmund Keeley (88)
Princeton, NJ
Greek

Tsipi Keller (97)
New York, NY
Hebrew (Israel)

Anthony Kerrigan (82)
Notre Dame, IN
Spanish

Stephen Kessler (01)
Gualala, CA
Spanish

Kerry Keys (05)
Boiling Springs, PA
Lithuanian

Nina Kossman (99)
Long Island City, NY
Russian

Chana Kronfeld (06)
Berkeley, CA
Hebrew (Israel)

William Kulik (94)
Philadelphia, PA
French

L

Wayne P. Lammers (98)
Tigard, OR
Japanese

Clifford E. Landers (04)
Naples, FL
Portuguese (Brazil)

Linda Lappin (88, 96)
Kingsport, TN
Italian

Jeanne Larsen (95)
Roanoke, VA
Chinese

Naomi Lazard (86)
Geenwich, CT
Urdu (Pakistan)

Janet Lembke (05)
Staunton, VA
Latin (Italy)

Rika Lesser (01)
Brooklyn, NY
Swedish

Curt Leviant (84)
Edison, NJ
Yiddish (Russia)

Suzanne Jill Levine (81, 85, 93)
Santa Barbara, CA
Spanish (Spain, Argentina)

Alexis Levitin (93, 03)
Morrisville, NY
Portuguese

Cecilia Liang (83)
Woodland Hills, CA
Chinese

Frances M. Lopez-Morillas (85)
Austin, TX
Spanish

Leza Lowitz (97)
Oakland, CA
Japanese

Josef Lustig (86)
Washington, DC
Czech

Sverre Lyngstad (83)
New York, NY
Norwegian

M

Sandy MacDonald (89)
Cambridge, MA
Italian

Carol Maier (89, 95)
Atwater, OH
Spanish (Spain, Cuba)

Michael H. March (90)
London, England
Serbo-Croatian (Yugoslavia)

Maria M. Markof-Belaeff (82)
San Francisco, CA
Russian

Henry A. Martin, Jr. (89)
Bolzano, Italy
Italian

Khaled Mattawa (99)
Chapel Hill, NC
Arabic (Iraq)

Margaret Mauldon (89)
Amherst, MA
French (Vietnam)

Ralph McCarthy (94)
Fallbrook, CA
Japanese

Christi Ann Merrill (02)
Charlottesville, VA
Hindi, Rajasthani (India)

Philip Metres, III (01)
Bloomington, IN
Russian

Mona Mikhail (81)
New York, NY
Arabic

Breon Mitchell (89)
Ellettsville, IN
German

Stephen Mitchell (88)
Berkeley, CA
German, Hebrew (Germany)

Steven Murray (90)
Seattle, WA
Danish (Sweden)

N

Joachim Neugroschel (94)
Belle Harbor, NY
German

Mary Ann Newman (90)
New York, NY
Catalan (Spain)

Howard Norman (81, 85)
Cambridge, MA
Cree, Swampy Cree (Canada)

Tiina Nunnally (04)
Albuquerque, NM
Norwegian

O

Ranjini Obeyesekere (82)
Princeton, NJ
Sinhala (Sri Lanka)

Mike O'Connor (03)
Port Townsend, WA
Chinese

William O'Daly (06)
Auburn, CA
Spanish (Chile)

Brian Thomas Oles (98)
Seattle, WA
Russian

P

Ron Padgett (83)
New York, NY
French

Gregory Pardlo, Jr. (06)
Brooklyn, NY
Danish

Margaret Sayers Peden (81, 89)
Columbia, MO
Spanish (Chile, Argentina)

Richard Pevear (81)
New York, NY
Italian

Richard Philcox (00)
New York, NY
French (West Indies)

Mark Polizzotti (95)
Newton, MA
French

Ritva Poom (90)
New York, NY
Finnish

Bill (Red Pine) Porter (86, 05)
Port Townsend, WA
Chinese

Alfred Poulain, Jr. (82)
Brockport, NY
French (Czech Republic)

Caterina F. Provost (84)
Pittsburgh, PA
Italian

R

Ralph R. Read (81)
Austin, TX
German

Moss Roberts (83)
New York, NY
Chinese

David Rosenthal (91)
New York, NY
Catalan (Spain)

Carol Rubenstein (84)
Taos, NM
Malay

David Rubin (83, 90, 96)
New York, NY
Hindi (India)

Robert Rudder (04)
Claremont, CA
Spanish

S

Ivan Sanders (84, 93)
Stony Brook, NY
Hungarian

Stephen Sartarelli (90, 96)
Hudson, NY
Italian

Teo Savory (82)
Greensboro, NC
French

Christopher Sawyer-Laucanno (92)
Somerville, MA
Spanish

Mark Schafer (94, 06)
Cambridge, MA
Spanish (Mexico)

Paul Schmidt (86, 96)
New York, NY
Russian

Karine Schomer (83)
Berkeley, CA
Rajasthani (India)

Lynne Sharon Schwartz (02)
New York, NY
Italian

Marion Schwartz (88)
New York, NY
Russian

Martha Ann Selby (05)
Austin, TX
Tamil (India)

Sagaree Sengupta (02)
Madison, WI
Hindi (India)

Timothy Sergay (06)
Worthington, OH
Russian

Frankie Shackelford (91)
Verona, WI
Norwegian

Daniel Shapiro (03)
New York, NY
Spanish (Chile)

Andrew Shields (05)
Basel, Switzerland
French

Katherine Silver (90)
Oakland, CA
Spanish (Peru)

John Oliver Simon (01)
Berkeley, CA
Spanish (Chile)

David Slavitt (88)
Philadelphia, PA
Latin (Italy)

William Jay Smith (95)
Cummington, MA
French

Adam Sorkin (05)
Haverstown, PA
Romanian

Laima Sruoginis (04)
Peaks Island, ME
Lithuanian

Steven Stewart (05)
Reno, NV
Spanish

T

Alexander Taylor (82)
Willimantic, CT
Danish

Peter Theroux (91, 96)
Long Beach, CA
Arabic (Jordan)

Virlana Tkacz (05)
New York, NY
Ukrainian

Anne Twitty (06)
Brooklyn, NY
Spanish (Argentina)

William J. Tyler (92)
Philadelphia, PA
Japanese

U

Carol Ueland (03)
New York, NY
Russian



WILLIAM JAY SMITH (72, 95) was Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress (Poet Laureate) from 1968 to 1970, and in that capacity traveled widely in Russia, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East. His books include *Army Brat*, a memoir, *The World below the Window: Poems 1937-1997*, and *Laughing Time*, a children's classic. His translations have won awards from the French Academy, the Swedish Academy, and the Hungarian government.

As a young poet and translator, I followed Eliot and Pound in their admiration of the French poet Jules Laforgue, and after years of work produced the first comprehensive English selection of his writing. The NEA grant enabled me to undertake new versions of the fairytales of Madame d'Aulnoy, who had long been an inspiration in my work for children. With that grant I joined the host of translators indebted to the NEA for allowing us to seek treasures beyond our borders and to present them with a new transparency to American readers.



DONALD A. YATES (00) has translated numerous works from Spanish into English. Outside of his translations of Jorge Luis Borges, Adolfo Bioy Casares, Marco Denevi, Manuel Peyrou, and many other short story writers and novelists, Yates is a creative writer in his own right as well as a noted critic and anthologist.

I did my first translations from Spanish nearly 50 years ago. In 1962, with James E. Irby, I co-edited and co-translated *Labyrinths*, the first collection of the writings of Jorge Luis Borges to appear in English. The NEA translation grant is allowing me to bring into English the complete writings of the Argentine author Edgar Brau, who to date has published two novels and thirteen short stories. I see Brau as a truly gifted writer, who draws inspiration not only from Borges, but also from his compatriot, Marco Denevi, whose literary and ethical standards he clearly admires.

V

Russell Valentino (02)
Iowa City, IA
Serbo-Croatian (Bosnia)

Victor Valle (81)
Evanston, IL
Spanish (Brazil/Peru)

Karen Van Dyck (96)
New York, NY
Greek

Jan van Huerck (81)
East Haven, CT
German

Paul Vangelisti (81)
Los Angeles, CA
Italian

Lawrence Venuti (82, 99)
New York, NY
Italian

Mai Vo-Dinh (83)
Burkittsville, MD
Vietnamese

W

Sergio Gabriel Waisman (00)
San Francisco, CA
Spanish (Argentina)

Bernard Waldrop (91, 03)
Providence, RI
French

Rosmarie Waldrop (94)
Providence, RI
German

Katherine Washburn (88)
Brooklyn, NY
German (Romania)

Alyson Waters (04)
Brooklyn, NY
French

Ellen Watson (84)
Conway, MA
Portuguese (Brazil)

Daniel Weissbort (81)
Iowa City, IA
Russian

Mary White (85)
Decorah, IA
Russian

Steven White (88)
Eugene, OR
Spanish (Nicaragua)

Elizabeth Wing (93)
Baton Rouge, LA
French (Martinique)

Willard Wood (00)
Norfolk, CT
French

Carolyn Wright (96)
Arlington, MA
Bengali (Bangladesh)

Elizabeth Oehlkers Wright (03)
Waltham, MA
German

Harold Wright (85)
Yellow Springs, OH
Japanese

Y

Donald A. Yates (00)
St. Helena, CA
Spanish (Argentina)

Shiao-ling Yu (94)
Lawrence, KS
Chinese

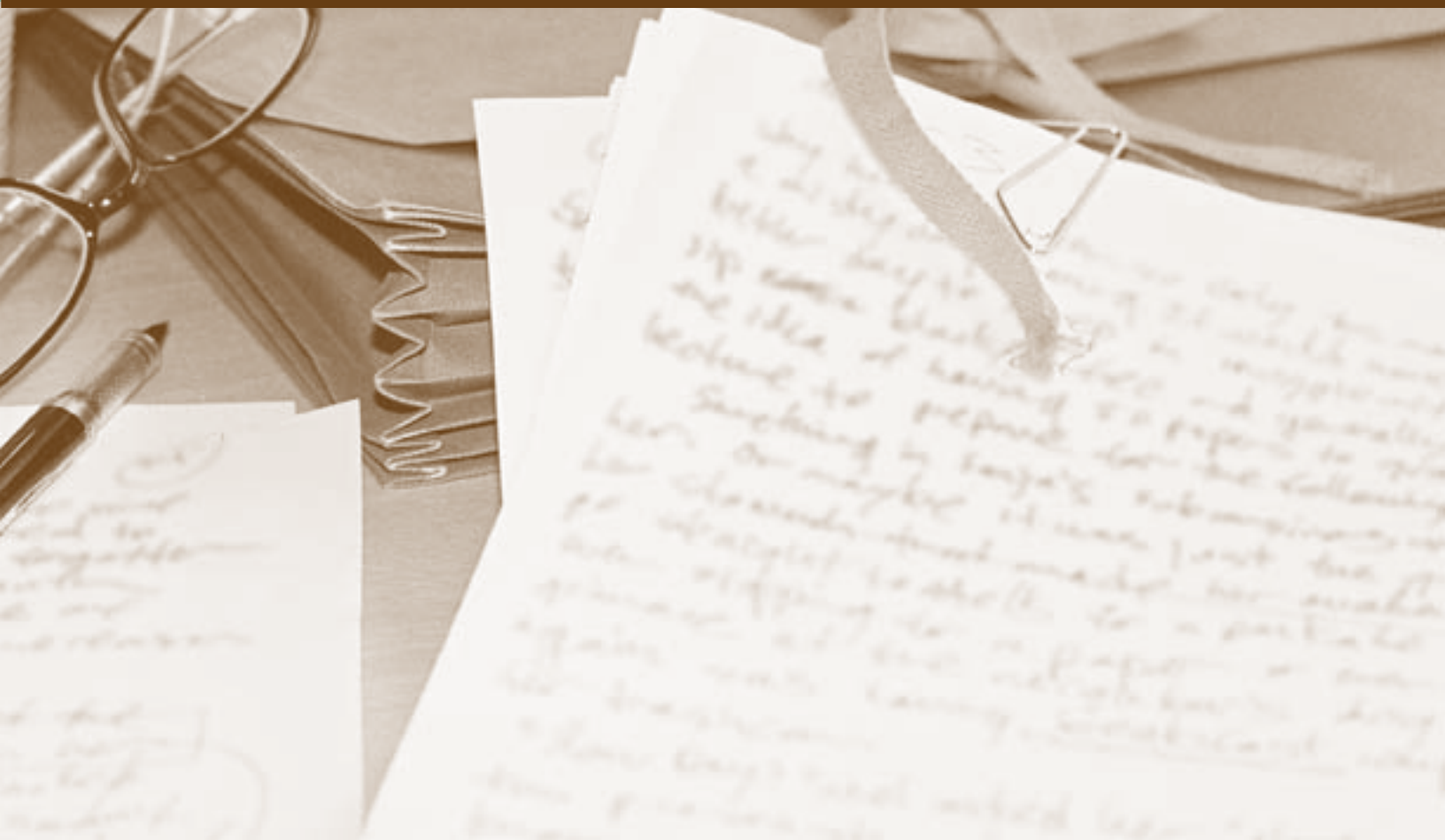
Z

Ilinca Zarifopol-Johnson (94)
Bloomington, IN
Romanian

Richard Zenith (89)
Alexandria, VA
Portuguese

Linda Zisquit (96)
Jerusalem, Israel
Hebrew (Israel)

National Awards and Honors Won by NEA Literature Fellows



Poets Laureate of the United States

Eight of the last 10 Poets Laureate have been NEA Literature Fellows.



Mark Strand



Mona Van Duyn



Rita Dove



Robert Pinsky



Stanley Kunitz



Billy Collins



Louise Glück



Ted Kooser

The Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress serves to raise the national consciousness about the reading and writing of poetry. The Poet Laureate is appointed annually by the Librarian of Congress.

The position has existed under two separate titles: from 1937 to 1986 as “Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress” and from 1986 forward as “Poet Laureate.”

The following NEA Literature Fellows were named U.S. Poet Laureate (the fiscal year they received the fellowship is in parentheses).

POETS LAUREATE

- 2004–05 Ted Kooser (76, 84)
- 2003–04 Louise Glück (70, 79, 88)
- 2001–03 Billy Collins (88)
- 2000–01 Stanley Kunitz (84)
- 1997–00 Robert Pinsky (84)
- 1993–95 Rita Dove (77, 89)
- 1992–93 Mona Van Duyn (67, 85)
- 1990–91 Mark Strand (68, 78, 86)
- 1986–87 Robert Penn Warren (69)

CONSULTANTS IN POETRY

- 1985–86 Gwendolyn Brooks (89)
- 1984–85 Reed Whittemore (69)
- 1982–84 Anthony Hecht (89)
- 1981–82 Maxine Kumin (67)
- 1978–80 William Meredith (72, 84)
- 1974–76 Stanley Kunitz (84)
- 1970–71 William Stafford (91)
- 1968–70 William Jay Smith (72, 95)
- 1964–65 Reed Whittemore (69)
- 1948–49 Léonie Adams (66)
- 1945–46 Louise Bogan (68)
- 1944–45 Robert Penn Warren (69)

The Bollingen Prize for Poetry

The Bollingen Prize for Poetry, established in 1949, is awarded biennially by the Yale University Library to an American poet for the best book published during the previous two years and for lifetime achievement in poetry. The prize includes an award of \$75,000.

The following NEA Literature Fellows received the award (the fiscal year they received the fellowship is in parentheses).

- 2005 Jay Wright (68)
- 2001 Louise Glück (70, 79, 88)
- 1999 Robert Creeley (80)
- 1993 Mark Strand (68, 78, 86)
- 1991 Laura Riding Jackson (80)
Donald Justice (66, 79, 89)
- 1987 Stanley Kunitz (84)
- 1985 John Ashbery (69)
- 1983 Anthony Hecht (89)
- 1981 May Swenson (74)
- 1979 W. S. Merwin (69, 77)
- 1971 Mona Van Duyn (67, 85)
- 1969 John Berryman (68)
- 1967 Robert Penn Warren (69)

National Medal of Arts

The National Medal of Arts, established in 1985, is the highest award given to artists and arts patrons by the United States government. It is awarded annually by the President of the United States to individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support, and availability of the arts in the United States.

The following NEA Literature Fellows received the award (the fiscal year they received the fellowship is in parentheses).

- 2004 Anthony Hecht (89)
- 2001 Rudolfo Anaya (79)
- 1995 Gwendolyn Brooks (89)
- 1993 Stanley Kunitz (84)
- 1987 Robert Penn Warren (69)
- 1986 Eudora Welty (89)

National Humanities Medal

The National Humanities Medal, established in 1988 originally as the Charles Frankel Prize, honors individuals or groups whose work has deepened the nation's understanding of the humanities, broadened our citizens' engagement with the humanities, or helped preserve and expand Americans' access to important resources in the humanities.

The following NEA Literature Fellows received the award (the fiscal year they received the fellowship is in parentheses).

- 2000 Ernest J. Gaines (68)
- 1997 Maxine Hong Kingston (80)
- 1996 Rita Dove (77, 89)
- 1994 William Kittredge (74, 81)
- 1992 Eudora Welty (89)

PEN/Faulkner Award

Named for William Faulkner, who used his Nobel Prize funds to create an award for young writers, and affiliated with PEN, the international writers' organization, the PEN/Faulkner Award was founded by writers in 1980 to honor their peers. The award winner receives \$15,000; each of the other four finalists receives \$5,000, making PEN/Faulkner the largest juried award for fiction in the United States.

The following NEA Literature Fellows received the award (the fiscal year they received the fellowship is in parentheses).

2005 **Jerome Charyn (80, 85)**
The Green Lantern (finalist)

2004 **Frederick Busch (76)**
Elroy Nights (finalist)
Tobias Wolff (78, 85)
Old School (finalist)

2003 **Peter Cameron (87)**
The City of Your Final Destination (finalist)
William Kennedy (81)
Roscoe (finalist)
Gilbert Sorrentino (74, 83)
Little Casino (finalist)

2002 **Karen Joy Fowler (88)**
Sister Noon (finalist)
Jonathan Franzen (02)
The Corrections (finalist)

2001 **Denis Johnson (75, 81)**
The Name of the World (finalist)
Mona Simpson (86)
Off Keck Road (finalist)

2000 **Frederick Busch (76)**
The Night Inspector (finalist)

1999 **Michael Cunningham (88)**
The Hours (winner)
Russell Banks (78, 83)
Cloudsplitter (finalist)
Richard Selzer (88)
The Doctor Stories (finalist)

1998 **Donald Antrim (02)**
The Hundred Brothers (finalist)

1997 **Gina Berriault (86)**
Women in their Beds (winner)
Ron Hansen (80, 87)
Atticus (finalist)
Jamaica Kincaid (86)
The Autobiography of My Mother (finalist)

1996 **Richard Ford (80, 86)**
Independence Day (winner)
Madison Smartt Bell (92)
All Souls' Rising (finalist)

1995 **Frederick Busch (76)**
The Children in the Woods (finalist)
Ursula Hegi (90)
Stones from the River (finalist)
Joyce Carol Oates (69)
What I Lived For (finalist)

1994 **Stanley Elkin (72)**
Van Gogh's Room at Arles (finalist)
Dagoberto Gilb (92)
The Magic of Blood (finalist)
Fae Myenne Ng (90)
Bone (finalist)

1993 **Annie Proulx (91)**
Postcards (winner)
Robert Olen Butler (94)
A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain (finalist)
Maureen Howard (88)
Natural History (finalist)
Sylvia Watanabe (89)
Talking to the Dead (finalist)

1992 **Stephen Dixon (74, 90)**
Frog (finalist)
Allan Gurganus (76, 85)
White People (finalist)

1991 **Paul Auster (79, 85)**
The Music of Chance (finalist)
Joanne Meschery (80, 85)
A Gentleman's Guide to the Frontier (finalist)
Steven Millhauser (86)
The Barnum Museum (finalist)

1990 **Russell Banks (78, 83)**
Affliction (finalist)
Lynne Sharon Schwartz (85, 02)
Leaving Brooklyn (finalist)

1989 **Isaac Bashevis Singer (67)**
The Death of Methuselah and Other Stories (finalist)

1988 **T. C. Boyle (78, 83)**
World's End (winner)
Richard Bausch (83)
Spirits (finalist)
Cynthia Ozick (68)
The Messiah of Stockholm (finalist)
Lawrence Thornton (87)
Imagining Argentina (finalist)

1987 **Richard Ford (80, 86)**
The Sportswriter (finalist)
Maureen Howard (88)
Expensive Habits (finalist)
Charles Johnson (80)
The Sorcerer's Apprentice (finalist)
Janet Kauffman (84)
Collaborators (finalist)

1986 **Peter Taylor (84)**
The Old Forest (winner)
William Gaddis (67, 74)
Carpenter's Gothic (finalist)
Hugh Nissenson (78)
The Tree of Life (finalist)
Grace Paley (67, 87)
Later the Same Day (finalist)

1985 **Tobias Wolff (78, 85)**
The Barracks Thief (winner)
Harriet Doerr (83)
Stones for Ibarra (finalist)
David Leavitt (88)
Family Dancing (finalist)

1984 **Ron Hansen (80,87)**
The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford (finalist)
William Kennedy (81)
Ironweed (finalist)
Jamaica Kincaid (86)
At the Bottom of the River (finalist)
Cynthia Ozick (68)
The Cannibal Galaxy (finalist)

1983 **Maureen Howard (88)**
Grace Abounding (finalist)
Bobbie Ann Mason (83)
Shiloh and Other Stories (finalist)

1982 **David Bradley (91)**
The Chaneysville Incident (winner)
Richard Bausch (83)
Take Me Back (finalist)
Robert Stone (68, 83)
A Flag for Sunrise (finalist)

1981 **Walter Abish (79, 85)**
How German Is It (winner)
Gilbert Sorrentino (74, 83)
Aberration of Starlight (finalist)

American Book Award

The American Book Awards, established in 1978 by the Before Columbus Foundation, recognize outstanding literary achievement by contemporary American authors, without restriction to race, sex, ethnic background, or genre.

The following NEA Literature Fellows received the award (the fiscal year they received the fellowship is in parentheses).

-
- 2004 **Diana Abu-Jaber (94)**
Crescent
-
- 2003 **Jewell Parker Rhodes (82)**
Douglass' Women
-
- 2002 **Alex Kuo (90)**
Lipstick and Other Stories
Al Young (75)
The Sound of Dreams
Remembered: Poems 1990–2000
-
- 2001 **Tillie Olsen (67)**
Lifetime Achievement Award
-
- 2000 **Michael Lally (78, 81)**
It's Not Nostalgia: Poetry and Prose
Frank Chin (74, 80)
Lifetime Achievement Award
Robert Creeley (81)
Lifetime Achievement Award
-
- 1999 **James D. Houston (76)**
The Last Paradise
Spear Morgan (78)
The Freshour Cylinders
Gloria Naylor (85)
The Men of Brewster Place
Josip Novakovich (91, 02)
Salvation and Other Disasters
-
- 1998 **Jim Barnes (78)**
On Native Ground: Memoirs and Impressions
Nora Okja Keller (00)
Comfort Woman
Thomas Lynch (88)
The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade
Brenda Osbey (90)
All Saints
John A. Williams (78)
Safari West
-
- 1997 **Dorothy Barresi (97)**
The Post-Rapture Diner
Tom DeHaven (80, 86)
Derby Dugan's Depression Funnies
Martin Espada (86, 92)
Imagine the Angels of Bread
Louis Owens (89)
Nightland
-
- 1996 **Sherman Alexie (92)**
Reservation Blues
Kimiko Hahn (86, 92)
The Unbearable Heart
Arthur Sze (82, 93)
Archipelago
-
- 1995 **Li-Young Lee (87, 95)**
The Winged Seed: A Remembrance
-
- 1994 **Janet Campbell Hale (95)**
Bloodlines: Odyssey of a Native Daughter
Lawson Fusao Inada (72, 79)
Legends from Camp
-
- 1993 **Denise Giardina (88, 96)**
The Unquiet Earth
Diane Glancy (90, 03)
Claiming Breath
Leroy Quintana (78)
The History of Home
Eugene Redmond (78)
The Eye in the Ceiling: Selected Poems
-
- 1992 **Verlyn Klinkenborg (88)**
The Last Fine Time
Sandra Scofield (89)
Beyond Deserving
-
- 1991 **Lucia Berlin (87)**
Homesick: New and Selected Stories
Jessica Hagedorn (95)
Dogeaters
Joy Harjo (77, 92)
In Mad Love and War
Meridel Le Sueur (80)
Harvest Song
-
- 1990 **Paula Gunn Allen (77)**
Contemporary Writing by Native American Women
Barbara Grizzuti Harrison (81)
Italian Days
Adrienne Kennedy (72)
People Who Led to My Plays
-
- 1989 **Isabel Allende, translated by Margaret Sayers Peden (81, 89)**
Eva Luna
Frank Chin (74, 80)
Chinaman Pacific & Frisco R.R. Co.
Audre Lorde (81, 90)
A Burst of Light
Leslie Scalapino (76, 86)
Way
-
- 1988 **Jimmy Santiago Baca (87)**
Martin and Meditations on the South Valley
Charles Olson (69)
The Collected Poems of Charles Olson
Ed Sanders (87)
Poems 1961-1985
Ronald Sukenick (80, 89)
Down and In
-
- 1987 **Ai (79, 85)**
Sin
Ana Castillo (90, 95)
The Mixquiahuala Letters
Juan Felipe Herrera (79, 85)
Face Games
Etheridge Knight (72, 81)
The Essential Etheridge Knight
Terry McMillan (88)
Mama
James Welch (70)
Fools Crow
John Wieners (69, 86)
Selected Poems, 1958–1984

1986 **Raymond Federman (85)**
Smiles on Washington Square
Linda Hogan (86)
Seeing Through the Sun
Terence Winch (92)
Irish Musicians/American Friends

1985 **Sandra Cisneros (81, 88)**
The House on Mango Street
Robert Duncan (67, 80)
Ground Work: Before the War
Louise Erdrich (83)
Love Medicine
Angela Jackson (80)
Solo in the Box Car, Third Floor E
Colleen McElroy (77, 91)
Queen of the Ebony Aisles
Maureen Owen (79)
Amelia Earhart (AE)
Sonia Sanchez (77)
Homegirls and Handgrenades
May Sarton (67)
At Seventy: A Journal
Gary Soto (82, 91)
Living Up the Street

1984 **Mei-Mei Berssenbrugge (76, 81)**
The Heat Bird
William Kennedy (81)
O Albany!
Paule Marshall (68, 78)
Praisesong for the Widow
Thomas McGrath (74, 82, 87)
Echoes Inside the Labyrinth

1983 **Judy Grahn (79)**
Queen of Wands
Jessica Hagedorn (95)
Pet Food & Tropical Apparitions
James D. Houston (76)
Californians
Cecilia Liang (83) trans.
Chinese Folk Poetry
John A. Williams (78)
!Click Song
Evangelina Vigil (79)
Thirty An' Seen a Lot

1982 **Russell Banks (78, 83)**
The Book of Jamaica
Lorna Dee Cervantes (77, 93)
Emplumada
Frank Chin (74, 80)
The Chickencoop Chinaman and The Year of the Dragon
Leroy Quintana (78)
Sangre
Jerome Rothenberg (76)
Pre-Faces & Other Writings
Al Young (75)
Bodies & Soul

1981 **Toni Cade Bambara (83)**
The Salt Eaters
Robert Kelly (76)
In Time
Ben Santos (82)
A Scent of Apples

1980 **Rudolfo Anaya (79)**
Tortuga
Mei-Mei Berssenbrugge (76, 81)
Random Possession
Jayne Cortez (79, 86)
Mouth on Paper
Ed Dorn (69)
Hello, La Jolla
Leslie Marmon Silko (74)
Ceremony

National Book Award

Since 1950, the National Book Awards have been given to recognize achievements in four genres: fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and young people's literature. The winners, selected by five-member, independent judging panels for each genre, receive a \$10,000 award.

The following NEA Literature Fellows received the award (the fiscal year they received the fellowship is in parentheses).

2005 W. S. Merwin (69, 77) <i>Migration: New and Selected Poems</i> (Poetry)	1993 Annie Proulx (91) <i>The Shipping News</i> (Fiction)	1980 John Irving (74) <i>The World According to Garp</i> (Fiction)
2004 Jean Valentine (72) <i>Door in the Mountain: New and Collected Poems</i> (Poetry)	1992 Mary Oliver (72) <i>New & Selected Poems</i> (Poetry)	Philip Levine (76, 81, 87) <i>Ashes</i> (Poetry)
2003 C. K. Williams (85, 93) <i>The Singing</i> (Poetry)	1991 Norman Rush (86) <i>Mating</i> (Fiction)	1977 Wallace Stegner (90) <i>The Spectator Bird</i> (Fiction)
2002 Julia Glass (04) <i>Three Junes</i> (Fiction)	Philip Levine (76, 81, 87) <i>What Work Is</i> (Poetry)	1976 William Gaddis (67, 74) <i>JR</i> (Fiction)
2001 Jonathan Franzen (02) <i>The Corrections</i> (Fiction)	1990 Charles Johnson (80) <i>Middle Passage</i> (Fiction)	John Ashbery (69) <i>Self-Portrait in a Convex Mirror</i> (Poetry)
2000 Lucille Clifton (70, 73) <i>Blessing the Boats</i> (Poetry)	1988 Pete Dexter (70) <i>Paris Trout</i> (Fiction)	1975 Robert Stone (68, 83) <i>Dog Soldiers</i> (Fiction)
1999 Ai (79) <i>Vice: New & Selected Poems</i> (Poetry)	1987 Larry Heinemann (81, 87) <i>Paco's Story</i> (Fiction)	Marilyn Hacker (74, 85) <i>Presentation Piece</i> (Poetry)
1998 Gerald Stern (76, 82, 87) <i>This Time: New & Selected Poems</i> (Poetry)	1984 Harriet Doerr (83) <i>Stones for Ibarra</i> (Fiction)	1974 Isaac Bashevis Singer (67) <i>A Crown of Feathers</i> (Fiction)
1997 William Meredith (72, 84) <i>Effort at Speech: New & Selected Poems</i> (Poetry)	1983 Gloria Naylor (85) <i>The Women of Brewster Place</i> (First Novel)	Allen Ginsberg (79, 87) <i>The Fall of America</i> (Poetry)
1996 Andrea Barrett (92) <i>Ship Fever</i> (Fiction)	Alice Walker (78) <i>The Color Purple</i> (Fiction, hardcover)	1972 Howard Moss (84) <i>Selected Poems</i> (Poetry)
Hayden Carruth (67, 75, 88) <i>Scrambled Eggs and Whiskey</i> (Poetry)	Eudora Welty (89) <i>Collected Stories of Eudora Welty</i> (Fiction, paperback)	1971 Mona Van Duyn (67) <i>To See, To Take</i> (Poetry)
1995 Stanley Kunitz (84) <i>Passing Through: The Later Poems</i> (Poetry)	Galway Kinnell (77, 84) <i>Selected Poems</i> (Poetry)	1970 Isaac Bashevis Singer (67) <i>A Day of Pleasure</i> (Children's)
1994 William Gaddis (67, 74) <i>A Frolic of His Own</i> (Fiction)	Charles Wright (75, 84) <i>Country Music: Selected Early Poems</i> (Poetry)	Joyce Carol Oates (69) <i>Them</i> (Fiction)
James Tate (79) <i>Worshipful Company of Fletchers</i> (Poetry)	1982 Tracy Kidder (74) <i>The Soul of a New Machine</i> (Nonfiction)	1969 John Berryman (68) <i>His Toy, His Dream, His Rest</i> (Poetry)
	1981 Wright Morris (86) <i>Plains Song</i> (Fiction)	
	Maxine Hong Kingston (80) <i>China Men</i> (General Fiction)	
	Lisel Mueller (90) <i>The Need to Hold Still</i> (Poetry)	

National Book Critics Circle Award

The National Book Critics Circle, founded in 1974, consists of nearly 700 active book reviewers devoted to honoring quality writing and communicating with one another about common concerns. Every year, the NBCC presents awards for the best book in five categories: fiction, general nonfiction, biography/autobiography, poetry, criticism.

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2003 Edward P. Jones (86) <i>The Known World</i> (Fiction)	1989 Rodney Jones (84) <i>Transparent Gestures</i> (Poetry)
Susan Stewart (82, 89) <i>Columbarium</i> (Poetry)	1988 Bharati Mukherjee (86) <i>The Middleman and Other Stories</i> (Fiction)
2002 B. H. Fairchild (88) <i>Early Occult Memory Systems of the Lower Midwest</i> (Poetry)	1987 C. K. Williams (85, 93) <i>Flesh and Blood</i> (Poetry)
2001 Albert Goldbarth (74, 79, 86) <i>Saving Lives: Poems</i> (Poetry)	1986 Reynolds Price (66) <i>Kate Vaiden</i> (Fiction)
1998 Marie Ponsot (79) <i>The Bird Catcher</i> (Poetry)	Edward Hirsch (81) <i>Wild Gratitude</i> (Poetry)
1997 Charles Wright (75, 84) <i>Black Zodiac</i> (Poetry)	1985 Louise Glück (70, 79, 88) <i>The Triumph of Achilles</i> (Poetry)
1996 Gina Berriault (86) <i>Women in Their Beds</i> (Fiction)	1984 Louise Erdrich (83) <i>Love Medicine</i> (Fiction)
1995 Stanley Elkin (72) <i>Mrs. Ted Bliss</i> (Fiction)	Sharon Olds (82) <i>The Dead and the Living</i> (Poetry)
William Matthews (75, 84) <i>Time and Money</i> (Poetry)	1983 William Kennedy (81) <i>Ironweed</i> (Fiction)
1994 Mark Rudman (95) <i>Rider</i> (Poetry)	1982 Stanley Elkin (72) <i>George Mills</i> (Fiction)
1993 Ernest J. Gaines (68) <i>A Lesson Before Dying</i> (Fiction)	Katha Pollitt (84) <i>Antarctic Traveler</i> (Poetry)
Mark Doty (87) <i>My Alexandria</i> (Poetry)	1980 Frederick Seidel (69) <i>Sunrise</i> (Poetry)
1992 Hayden Carruth (67, 75, 88) <i>Collected Shorter Poems</i> (Poetry)	1979 Philip Levine (76, 81, 87) <i>Ashes and Seven Years from Nowhere</i> (Poetry)
1991 Jane Smiley (78, 87) <i>A Thousand Acres</i> (Fiction)	1976 John Gardner (72) <i>October Light</i> (Fiction)
Albert Goldbarth (74, 79, 86) <i>Heaven and Earth: A Cosmology</i> (Poetry)	1975 John Ashbery (69) <i>Self-Portrait in a Convex Mirror</i> (Poetry)

Pulitzer Prize

The Pulitzer Prizes have been awarded annually since 1917 in print journalism, literary achievements, and musical compositions. Recipients of the award are chosen by an independent board officially administered by the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. The prize was established by Joseph Pulitzer, a Hungarian-American newspaper publisher in the late 19th century.

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2005 Ted Kooser (76, 84) <i>Delights and Shadows</i> (Poetry)	1994 Annie Proulx (91) <i>The Shipping News</i> (Fiction) Yusef Komunyakaa (81, 88) <i>Neon Vernacular</i> (Poetry)	1978 James Alan McPherson (72) <i>Elbow Room</i> (Fiction)
2004 Edward P. Jones (86) <i>The Known World</i> (Fiction) Franz Wright (85, 92) <i>Walking to Martha's Vineyard</i> (Poetry)	1993 Robert Olen Butler (94) <i>A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain</i> (Fiction) Louise Glück (70, 79, 88) <i>The Wild Iris</i> (Poetry)	1976 John Ashbery (69) <i>Self-Portrait in a Convex Mirror</i> (Poetry)
2003 Jeffrey Eugenides (95) <i>Middlesex</i> (Fiction)	1992 Jane Smiley (78, 87) <i>A Thousand Acres</i> (Fiction) James Tate (79) <i>Selected Poems</i> (Poetry)	1973 Eudora Welty (89) <i>The Optimist's Daughter</i> (Fiction) Maxine Kumin (67) <i>Up Country</i> (Poetry)
2002 Carl Dennis (88) <i>Practical Gods</i> (Poetry)	1991 Mona Van Duyn (67) <i>Near Changes</i> (Poetry)	1972 Wallace Stegner (90) <i>Angle of Repose</i> (Fiction)
2001 Stephen Dunn (73, 81, 89) <i>Different Hours</i> (Poetry)	1990 Oscar Hijuelos (85) <i>The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love</i> (Fiction) Charles Simic (75, 79) <i>The World Doesn't End</i> (Poetry)	1971 W. S. Merwin (69, 77) <i>The Carrier of Ladders</i> (Poetry)
2000 C. K. Williams (85, 93) <i>Repair</i> (Poetry)	1987 Peter Taylor (84) <i>A Summons to Memphis</i> (Fiction) Rita Dove (77, 89) <i>Thomas and Beulah</i> (Poetry)	1970 Richard Howard (87) <i>Untitled Subjects</i> (Poetry)
1999 Michael Cunningham (88) <i>The Hours</i> (Fiction) Mark Strand (68, 78, 86) <i>Blizzard of One</i> (Poetry)	1986 Henry Taylor (77, 86) <i>The Flying Change</i> (Poetry)	1969 George Oppen (80) <i>Of Being Numerous</i> (Poetry)
1998 Charles Wright (75, 84) <i>Black Zodiac</i> (Poetry)	1984 William Kennedy (81) <i>Ironweed</i> (Fiction) Mary Oliver (84) <i>American Primitive</i> (Poetry)	1968 Anthony Hecht (89) <i>The Hard Hours</i> (Poetry)
1997 Steven Millhauser (86) <i>Martin Dressler: The Tale of an American Dreamer</i> (Fiction) Lisel Mueller (90) <i>Alive Together: New & Selected Poems</i> (Poetry)	1983 Alice Walker (78) <i>The Color Purple</i> (Fiction)	
1996 Richard Ford (80, 86) <i>Independence Day</i> (Fiction) Jorie Graham (84) <i>The Dream of the Unified Field</i> (Poetry)	1981 James Schuyler (72) <i>The Morning of the Poem</i> (Poetry)	
1995 Philip Levine (76, 81, 87) <i>The Simple Truth</i> (Poetry)	1980 Donald Justice (79, 89) <i>Selected Poems</i> (Poetry)	



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