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## Kick-Off Poetry and Music Event

April 1, 2015 at 1 pm

Edwin and Mary Meader Room, Waldo Library

### *Readers:*

Hedy Habra has earned an MA and MFA in English and an MA and PhD in Spanish literature from WMU. She is the author of *Tea in Heliopolis*, which won the USA Best Book Award for Poetry. Her work appears in numerous journals and anthologies, including *Poet Lore*, *The Bitter Oleander*, *Blue Fifth Review*, *Verse Daily* and *Nimrod*.

Kimberly Kolbe is the Managing Editor of WMU's literary publisher *New Issues Poetry & Prose*. She is a graduate of the MFA program at Western Michigan University, where she was poetry editor for *Third Coast*.

Joe Reish is the Dean of University Libraries, professor of French, Chevalier des Palmes Academiques. Dean Reish reads poetry of Thomas Merton. The April release of a book on the monk's spirituality displays his cover photographic art.

Margaret von Steinen is the Communications Officer of the Haenicke Institute for Global Education. She is a graduate of WMU's MFA program in creative writing and her poetry has appeared in *Poetry International*, *Naugatuck River Review*, *Poetica Magazine*, *Cutthroat*, *Third Wednesday*, *Voices of Michigan*, *Encore magazine* and the *Poets Against War* website.

Marianne Swierenga is the Coordinator of Metadata and Digital Resources in the University Libraries. She is a graduate of WMU's MFA program in creative writing and former Managing Editor of *New Issues Poetry & Prose*.

McKenzie Tozan is an MFA candidate in poetry at WMU, where she is the Layout & Design Editor and a reader for *New Issues Poetry & Prose* and an Assistant Poetry Editor for *Third Coast*. She graduated from Indiana University South Bend where she was Managing Editor for *42 Miles Press*.

***Graduate Wind Quintet will perform:*** Carmen Ritchie, flute; Kayla Pingel, oboe; Elisabeth Waldburger, clarinet; Jennifer Kempe, horn; Laura Diaz, bassoon

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