

Fusing Images & Words

Wisconsin Poet Laureate Kimberly Blaeser

Kimberly Blaeser, Wisconsin's 2015-16 Poet Laureate, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee professor, and photographer, combines her passions for the visual and verbal arts and culture through poetry, essays, and picto-poems. Taking inspiration from nature and Native American literature, Blaeser blends her wildlife photography and writings to create visual metaphors that invite viewers to look carefully and see beyond what the eye beholds. Blaeser's visit to Wausau begins at the University of Wisconsin-Marathon County on Wednesday, March 2, with a 7 pm recitation event and a Thursday reading, 12:15-1:15 pm, followed by Woodson Art Museum programs on Friday.

March 4 Friday 10 am – 4 pm

Picto-Poetry Workshop

Join Blaeser to explore and create picto-poems. Beginning with inspiration from artwork in the galleries, participants will articulate their connections to an image through vivid written descriptions called ekphrastic prose. Next, participants will create a visual interpretation of their prose using relief printmaking, letterpress, and mixed-media collage techniques. Participants are encouraged to bring reference images for inspiration. Fee: \$20 members, \$35 non-members; lunch and materials provided. 



Kimberly Blaeser, *Ancient Light*, 2014, photograph



March 4 Friday 5 – 6 pm

Picto-Poetry Reading

Blaeser presents her photographs, ekphrastic poetry, and picto-poems and shares how her intersecting layers of text and images reference Native American pictographs, the natural world, and a reimagining of indigenous culture and voice. Taken from Blaeser's "Ancient Light" collection, these images invite viewers to reconsider the lines between place and spirit, anger and humor, and image and voice.

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