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Molloy College Hosts African-American Poetry Reading

The English Department at Molloy College will be hosting its annual African-American poetry reading on February 7, 2005 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Quealy Hall on the Molloy campus. This event is open to the public.

To commemorate Black History Month, for the past twelve years the English Department at Molloy College has read the works of various African-American writers. This year's program features the poetry of James Weldon Johnson, Rashida M. Shockley, Rita Dove, Claude McKay, Clarence Major, Alice Walker and Yusuf Komunyakaa.

"This is a part of a national event," states Professor Robert Kinpoitner, the Chairperson of Molloy's English Department and event coordinator. "Colleges, schools and libraries all across the country gather on the first Sunday and Monday of the month to read the works of African-American writers in celebration of Black History Month."

Members of the Molly faculty will read pre-selected poems. After each reading a group discussion follows. "This provides attendees with the opportunity to share their thoughts about the poem in a fairly intimate setting," explains Professor Kinpoitner.

For more information on this event, please contact Professor Robert Kinpoitner, Chairperson, Department of English, at 516-678-5000 extension 6272.