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# UK professor headlines Gateway's annual Fall Poetry Jam

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- Gateway Community and Technical College will host its second annual Fall Poetry Jam at 6:30 p.m. today at the Carnegie Visual & Performing Arts Center on Scott Boulevard.

The event will feature University of Kentucky professor Lynnelle Edwards. Edwards, who has written two collections of poems, "The Farmer's Daughter" (2003) and "The Highwayman's Wife" (2007).

"We feel fortunate to have attracted a poet of Ms. Edwards's caliber," said Rock Neelly, the Gateway instructor organizing the event. "The Comstock Review praised Edwards as 'a talented poet indeed, one to watch for and admire.' We believe anyone who enjoys poetry and the arts will relish this eclectic evening."

Edwards said the poetry reading is not only entertaining for the students, but helps her work.

"As an emerging poet, it's important to me to be out there and to find new audiences - particularly a young audience - that can help me move forward with my work as a poet and a writer," Edwards said.

After Edwards' readings, the microphone will be turned over to students and community members.

Edwards said she enjoys the student readings.

"Poetry is one of many kinds of art forms that give any kind of students an outlet for expression and emotion. Everybody needs some kind of art in their lives," she said.

Last year's event drew a larger crowd than expected to Gateway's Park Hills campus. Neelly is hoping for similar success this year.

"Last year's event was so popular we looked for a larger venue," he said. "We think the elegant, yet intimate, ambience at the Carnegie is perfect for this event."

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