The Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College is pleased to announce the winners of...

**THE 2015 PATERSON POETRY PRIZE**


In The Blue Buick: New and Selected Poems, B.H. Fairchild displays a candidness and spontaneity that is rare. There is an excitement that ripples through his work. His voice is unflinchingly direct but tender, and he is fearless in his willingness to engage in even the most controversial subjects.

**Ted Kooser, Splitting an Order** (Copper Canyon Press, Port Townsend, WA)

Ted Kooser’s Splitting an Order is a seamless ribbon of consummate poems: flawless and crafted with images that shine and are as fresh as crocuses the first day they pop up in spring. Kooser’s voice is meditative, wise and compassionate though nothing escapes his notice.

**Finalists**

**Ellen Bass, Like a Beggar** (Copper Canyon Press, Port Townsend, WA)

**Teresa Carson, My Crooked House** (CavanKerry Press, Fort Lee, NJ)

**Linda Hogan, Dark. Sweet. New & Selected Poems** (Coffee House Press, Minneapolis, MN)

**Teresa Leo, Bloom in Reverse** (University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, PA)

**Alison Luterman, Desire Zoo** (Tia Chucha Press, San Fernando, CA)

**Paterson Award for Sustained Literary Achievement for Previous Winners of the Paterson Poetry Prize**

**Sherman Alexie, What I’ve Stolen, What I’ve Earned** (Hanging Loose Press, Brooklyn, NY)

**Stephen Dunn, Lines of Defense** (W. W. Norton & Company, New York, NY)

**Louise Glück, Faithful and Virtuous Night** (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, New York, NY)

**Maxine Kumin, And Short the Season** (W. W. Norton & Company, New York, NY)

**Alicia Suskin Ostriker, The Old Woman, the Tulip, and the Dog** (University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, PA)

**Luis J. Rodriguez, Poems across the pavement** (Tia Chucha Press, San Fernando, CA)

**Gerald Stern, Divine Nothingness** (W. W. Norton & Company, New York, NY)

**Paterson Award for Literary Excellence for Previous Finalists of the Paterson Poetry Prize**

**Eavan Boland, A Woman Without a Country** (W. W. Norton & Company, New York, NY)

**Jericho Brown, The New Testament** (Copper Canyon Press, Port Townsend, WA)

**Grace Cavalieri, The Mandate of Heaven** (Bordighera Press, New York, NY)


**January Gill O’Neil, Misery Islands** (CavanKerry Press, Fort Lee, NJ)

**Afaa Michael Weaver, City of Eternal Spring** (University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, PA)

The Paterson Poetry Prize of $1000 is given annually by the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College to a book of poetry (48 pages or more) published in the previous year, with a minimum press run of 500 copies. For rule for 2016 awards, visit our website at www.pccc.edu/poetry or call 973-684-6555.

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