



# THE POETRY CENTER AT PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

is pleased to announce the winner of...

## THE 2013 PATERSON POETRY PRIZE

**Richard Blanco**, *Looking for The Gulf Motel* (University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, PA)

*Richard Blanco writes of seemingly ordinary events, yet deeper meanings lie in his depictions of the quotidian. Although the specific details in his poems are taken from his own life, the emotions he evokes are universal. It is impossible to forget Blanco's poetry. His writing is lyrical and beautiful in its clarity.*

### Finalists

**Nathan Brown**, *Karma Crisis: New & Selected Poems* (Mezcalita Press, Norman, OK)

**Joseph Millar**, *Blue Rust* (Carnegie Mellon University Press, Pittsburgh, PA)

**Melinda Palacio**, *How Fire Is a Story, Waiting* (Tia Chucha Press, Los Angeles, CA)

**Richard Silberg**, *The Horses: New & Selected Poems* (Red Hen Press, Pasadena, CA)

**Aaron Smith**, *Appetite* (University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, PA)

**Natasha Trethewey**, *Thrall* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, New York, NY)

**David Wagoner**, *After the Point of No Return* (Copper Canyon Press, Port Townsend, WA)

### Paterson Prize for Lifetime Achievement

**Louise Glück**, *POEMS 1962—2012* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, New York, NY)

*Louise Glück's book, Poems 1962-2012, gives us a major poet whose fearless, intelligent work illuminates the hard edges of a life. Her poetry explores the failure to love or to be loved, the slow acceptance of loss, the petty cruelties that repeat themselves from generation to generation, the movement into old age. This is a poet, who forces us to pay attention to her insights, even with all their brutal honesty.*

### Paterson Award for Sustained Literary Achievement for Previous Winners of The Paterson Poetry Prize

**Alicia Suskin Ostriker**, *The Book of Life* (University of Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh, PA)

**Gerald Stern**, *In Beauty Bright* (W. W. Norton & Company, New York, NY)

**Quincy Troupe**, *Errandcies* (Coffee House Press, Minneapolis, MN)

**C.K. Williams**, *Writers Writing Dying* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, New York, NY)

### Paterson Award for Literary Excellence for Previous Finalists of The Paterson Poetry Prize

**Peter Covino**, *The Right Place to Jump* (New Issues Poetry & Prose, Kalamazoo, MI)

**Gail Fishman Gerwin**, *Dear Kinfolk*, (ChayaCairn Press, Morristown, NJ)

**Eugene Gloria**, *My Favorite Warlord* (Penguin Poets, New York, NY)

**Charles Adés Fishman**, *In the Path of Lightning: Selected Poems* (Time Being Books, St. Louis, MO)

**Bruce Weigl**, *The Abundance of Nothing: Poems* (Northwestern University Press, Evanston, IL)

The Paterson Poetry Prize of \$1,000 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 rules for 2014 awards, visit our website at [www.pccc.edu/poetry](http://www.pccc.edu/poetry) or call 973-684-6555.



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