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# Cal Poly English Professor to Give Poetry Reading on Jan. 21

SAN LUIS OBISPO - English professor and Cal Poly Distinguished Teaching Award Winner Kevin Clark will give a poetry reading from his book "Self-Portrait with Expletives" on Thursday Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. in Philips Hall of the Performing Arts Center.

"Self-Portrait with Expletives" won the 2009 Lena-Miles Wever Todd Poetry Series Book Competition and can be purchased at the reading.

His first full-length collection, "In the Evening of No Warning," earned a prestigious grant from the Academy of American Poets. He also published three chapbooks (a genre of pocket-sized booklet), titled "One of Us," "Granting the Wolf" and "Widow under a New Moon."

Clark's evocative poetry has appeared widely in such distinguished journals as the "Notre Dame Review," "Crazyhorse," "Ploughshares," "Gulf Coast," "The New York Quarterly," and "The Denver Quarterly." "The Literary Review" recognized Clark's work by naming him the Angoff Award winner for best contribution in 1997.

A professor of creative writing and American literature at Cal Poly for two decades, Clark has published a poetry-writing textbook titled *The Mind's Eye*, available from Pearson Longman. He was awarded the university's Distinguished Teaching Award in 2002.

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Admission is free. The poetry reading is sponsored by the English Department. For more information, contact

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