

Reading and Reception

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

7:30 p.m.

The Writing Center on NDNU Campus
1500 Ralston Avenue, Belmont



D. A. Powell

D. A. Powell is the author of five collections, including *Useless Landscape, or A Guide for Boys* which received the National Book Critics Circle Award in poetry. His honors include the Kingsley Tufts Prize in Poetry and an Arts & Letters Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts & Letters, as well as fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Critic Stephen Burt, writing in the *New York Times*, said of D. A. Powell “No accessible poet of his generation is half as original, and no poet as original is this accessible.”

A former Briggs-Copeland Lecturer in Poetry at Harvard University, Powell has taught at University of San Francisco, Columbia University, University of Iowa’s Iowa Writers’ Workshop, and Davidson College. He lives in San Francisco.

In fall of 2014 Graywolf released *Repeat: Tea, Lunch & Cocktails*, a reissue of Powell’s first three collections with an introduction by novelist David Leavitt.



Jan Ellison

Jan Ellison lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband of twenty years and their four children. Jan’s first published short story won a 2007 O. Henry Prize. Her work has also been short-listed for the Best American Short Stories and the Pushcart Prize. She grew up in Tujunga, California, in a house made of river rock and timber, and is a graduate of Stanford and San Francisco State’s MFA program. Jan left Stanford for a year at nineteen to live on a shoe-string in Paris and work in an office in London. She scribbled notes on yellow legal pads, and years later those notes provided the inspiration for her debut novel, *A Small Indiscretion*, published in January by Random House. *USA Today* calls Jan Ellison “a tantalizing storyteller. . . moving her story forward with cinematic verve.” The *San Francisco Chronicle* writes that Jan’s debut is “rich with suspense...astonishing... driven by a quiet generosity.”

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