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Black poet to read works at UM Monday

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MISSOULA--

Mike Harper, a nationally-known young black poet from California State College, Hayward, will read his poems at 4 p.m. Monday (May 4) in room 11 of the University of Montana Liberal Arts Building.

Harper attended the Writer's Workshop at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, and before going to Hayward was poet-in-residence at Reed College, Portland, Ore.

Harper is the author of a book entitled "Dear John, Dear Coltrane," published by the University of Pittsburgh Press, and was one of several black poets recently featured in a long review article in "Time" magazine.

The "Time" reviewer praised in particular Harper's use of "rhythms drawn from city sounds, African drumbeats, church responses, and the jazz of Coleman, Coltrane and Charlie ("Bird") Parker."

Presently on a reading tour of the western states, Harper will be a writer in residence next year at the University of Illinois Institute for Advanced Study.

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