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POET RICHARD HUGO TO LEAD OFF 'FACULTY SHOWCASE' LECTURES

Poet Richard Hugo, professor of English at the University of Montana, will be the first speaker this quarter in a weekly series titled "Faculty Showcase."

Sponsored by the Faculty Development Committee, the series aims to present to the Missoula community outstanding UM faculty. The free lectures will be held each Wednesday at noon in Room 307 of the Botany Building.

Hugo, who was recently awarded a \$10,000 fellowship for distinguished poetic achievement by the Academy of American Poets, will present a reading from his poetry. A spokesman for the Academy said Hugo is "...a strong, gifted, original American voice..."

Some of the books Hugo has authored include "A Run of Jacks," "The Lady in Kicking Horse Reservoir," and "White Center." His poetry has appeared in such magazines as "The New Yorker," "The Atlantic Monthly," "Esquire," and others.

The following Wednesday, UM Psychology Professor Philip Bornstein will give a lecture titled "The Art and Science of Increasing Marital Happiness."

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