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Nelson Bentley, co-editor of Poetry Northwest and director of the Poetry Workshop at the University of Washington, will teach poetry at the Montana State University Writers Conference, May 25 through 28, Conference Director Jack Barsness announced.

Bentley's poetry has appeared in New World Writing, Prairie Schooner, Poetry, and numerous other publications, Barsness said. In the three and a half years that Bentley has been guiding the U of W Poetry Workshop, students have placed 230 poems in nearly all the top American quarterlies, Barsness noted.

The poet is host and director for the Northwest Poets telecasts on channel 9, Seattle, the Northwest Poets readings on KISW-FM, Seattle, and the Pacific Northwest Poets readings at Hartman's University Bookstore, Seattle.

Bentley was born in Michigan and educated at the University of Michigan. In 1952 he joined the faculty of the U of W, where he teaches contemporary poetry, verse writing, American literature, and other courses.

Applications for the MSU conference have already begun to come in, Barsness reported. He urged interested persons to apply early to avoid disappointment as there is a limit to the number of registrants that can be accommodated. Registration information may be had by writing to Barsness at Montana State University, Missoula.