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CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOSTS
POETRY READING APRIL 27

Featured Reader will be poet Kate Rushin

Hartford, CT – To mark the occasion of National Poetry Month, the Humanities Division of Capital Community College will host its second annual “Celebrating the Spoken Word” on Wednesday, April 27. The event will take place at Capital Community College, 950 Main Street from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., in the college’s historical 11th floor auditorium, Centinel Hill Hall. It is free and open to the public.

Kate Rushin, well-known nationally and locally as a poet and mentor/teacher, will be the featured reader. Rushin is the author of The Black Back-Ups and “The Bridge Poem.” She is a recipient of an M.F.A. in creative writing from Brown University in Providence, R.I., and fellowships from the Cave Canem Foundation (“the center for Black poetry”) in Brooklyn, New York, and the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, MA.

A Connecticut resident, Rushin has taught at Wesleyan University in Middletown, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA. Currently, she teaches at The Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts, and is working on poems inspired by fellow Connecticut resident, legendary vocalist Marion Anderson, for the Connecticut Freedom Trail Poetry Project, through New Haven’s International Festival of Arts and Ideas and the African-American Studies Department at Yale University.

Capital faculty and staff members, including published poets Evelyn Farbman, Antoinette Brim, Ken DiMaggio and Glaisma Perez Silva, will also read their poetry. They will be joined by members of Capital’s S.O.U.L. Club (Spoken Out-loud Urban Leaders), a new student club focused on poetry and drama. S.O.U.L.’s mission includes promoting discussion of the literary arts, and student leadership on campus and in the community. In support of this mission, S.O.U.L. is co-sponsoring “Celebrating the Spoken Word” with Capital’s Humanities Department.

For more information about the April 27th poetry reading, contact Antoinette Brim, Instructor of English, at (860) 906-5117 or abrim@ccc.commnet.edu. To learn about other programs of the Humanities Department at Capital, please contact the department’s director, Dr. Jeffrey Partridge, at (860) 906-5191.

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