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## Poetry Institute Offered for Teachers

ORONO, Maine - A new summer offering from the Maine Writing Project at the University of Maine will focus on the teaching of poetry in K-12 classrooms. The advanced institute will be led by Maine's Poet Laureate, Baron Wormser of Hallowell.

The July 23-27 institute, Teaching the Reading and Writing of Poetry, will cover various poetic forms and is designed to help teachers improve their creative and instructional skills and to more actively engage students in the genre.

Wormser is the author or co-author of five books of poetry, the latest being "Teaching the Art of Poetry" (Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc., 2000) and "Mulroney & Others" (Sarabande Books, 1999).

The poetry institute will follow the Maine Writing Project's annual summer professional development program for teachers, which will be held June 25-July 20 in Cumberland. An affiliate of the National Writing Project dedicated to the improvement of student writing and the teaching of writing across the curriculum in all grade levels, the Maine Writing Project is a competitive program for educators who want to be instructional leaders. Teachers completing the program are distinguished as fellows of both the Maine Writing Project and the National Writing Project, qualified to provide professional development workshops in schools in Maine and around the country. Both programs carry graduate credit. Application deadlines for both the poetry institute and the Maine Writing Project summer program is March 23. For information and applications, contact the UMaine College of Education and Human Development, (207) 581-2438; e-mail: [theresa.mcmannus@umit.maine.edu](mailto:theresa.mcmannus@umit.maine.edu).

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