

National Book Award Winner to Read in Guelph

Symposium Features Veterinarians, Writers, Scholars

Guelph – March 18, 2010 --- National Book Award-winning poet and writer Mark Doty will take part in an international symposium on veterinary medicine and literature this May in Guelph. Doty, whose *Fire to Fire: New and Selected Poems* won the National Book Award in 2008, will join poet Molly Peacock to read from their works at an event open to the public on Monday evening, May 10 at War Memorial Hall on the University of Guelph campus.

The Veterinary Medicine and Literature Symposium, organized by the Ontario Veterinary College, also includes Canadian poet and writer Lorna Crozier, who will read from her works Sunday evening, May 9, at the Bookshelf in downtown Guelph.

Doty, Peacock, Crozier and well-known writer Erika Ritter will deliver keynote presentations during the symposium, which runs Sunday evening, May 9, through Tuesday, May 11, in Guelph. The symposium focuses on the use of fiction, essays and poetry in veterinary medicine. It includes talks by and discussions with scholars, veterinarians, poets and writers.

“Literature can enrich the relationships among veterinarians, animal caretakers and their animals.” said OVC Dean Dr. Elizabeth A. Stone. “These authors have captured the complex interactions and the joys and the sorrows of our lives with animals and with the veterinarians who care for them. It ‘s an honour to have these exceptional authors participate in our symposium.”

Veterinary Medicine and Literature is the second in a series of four symposia that mark the 150th anniversary of the Ontario Veterinary College at the University of Guelph. Founded in 1862, OVC has more than 5,000 alumni practicing in Canada, the U.S. and around the world.

To find out more about the symposium, go to www.ovc.uoguelph.ca/conferences. Admission for the Lorna Crozier reading is free, while the general admission charge for the Monday evening reading by Mark Doty and Molly Peacock is \$10. For more information, email vetlit@uoguelph.ca