

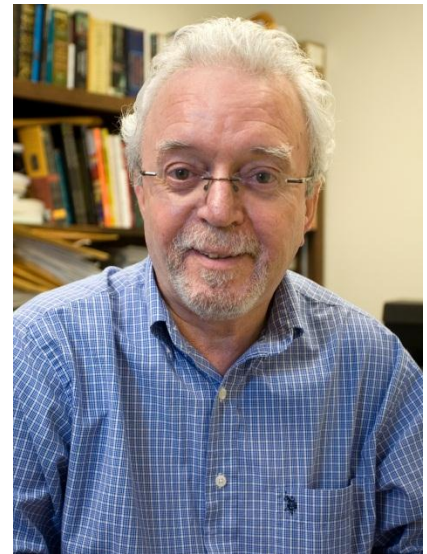
Palm Beach State professor to hold poetry reading April 11

The event is part of National Poetry Month

(Belle Glade, Fla. – March 27, 2012) Stephen Gibson, a longtime professor at Palm Beach State College in Belle Glade who has published four poetry collections, will hold a poetry reading April 11 as part of the College's celebration of National Poetry Month.

The event, sponsored by the College's Library Learning Resource Center, will be held at 3 p.m. in room 127/128 in the Technical Education Center, 1977 College Drive. The poetry reading is free and open to the public.

Gibson, associate professor of English and literature, began working at Palm Beach State in 1983. He published his first poem, "The Anthropologist," in 1976 in the journal *Gravida*. Since then, he has had more than 150 poems published in various literary and poetry journals, including *Five Points*, *Georgia Review*, *MARGIE: The American Journal of Poetry*, *Michigan Quarterly Review*, the *Paris Review*, *Poetry and The Southern Review*. He also published four books of poetry, including three published as a reward for winning national book competitions. They include "Paradise," which was published by the University of Arkansas Press last year after Gibson was named a finalist for the Miller Williams Arkansas Poetry Prize. His other books are *Frescoes* (2009 poetry book prize from Lost Horse Press), *Masaccio's Expulsion* (2006 poetry book prize from MARGIE/IntuiT House), and *Rorschach Art* (Red Hen Press). He also is a past Individual Artist Fellowship recipient from the state of Florida in both poetry and fiction.



National Poetry Month, inaugurated in 1996 by the [Academy of American Poets](http://www.AmericanPoets.org), is a time when publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, libraries, schools and poets around the country band together to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture.

For more information about the poetry reading, contact Angela Camack, assistant library director, at 561-993-1151 or camacka@palmbeachstate.edu.

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