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# Guide to the Yale Collection of American Literature Reading Series

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 211

**CREATOR:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Collection of American Literature

**TITLE:** Yale Collection of American Literature reading series

**DATES:** 2002-2010

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.68 linear feet (6 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Sound recordings on compact discs, audio cassettes, fliers, pamphlets and broadsides documenting the Yale Collection of American Literature Reading Series. The collection includes recordings and printed material generated by annual Yale student poetry readings; a videocassette and printed material related to the Bollingen Prize Readings at Center Church in September 2002; and recordings and publicity materials for readings by established and published contemporary American poets from 2002 to 2006. New readings are added to the collection annually, documenting the Yale Collection of American Literature's ongoing speaker series.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box  
f.        folder  
■■■■     item barcode

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, 2005-2010.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Boxes 1-3, 5-6 (audiovisual material): Restricted fragile material. Digital Reference copies available. Consult Access Services for further information.

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### Conditions Governing Use

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### Preferred Citation

Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale Collection of American Literature Reading Series. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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### Processing Information

Compact discs include original recordings and reproductions of audiocassettes.

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### Existence and Location of Copies

Digital reference copies of recordings are available and have been provided in the main box sequence.

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## Yale Collection of American Literature Reading Series

Yale Collection of American Literature Reading Series events have been recorded since the fall of 2002. The Collection generally hosts three readings an academic term; each spring the series includes the annual Yale Student Poets reading, including both graduate and undergraduate student poets. For more information contact the series curator, Nancy Kuhl, at [nancy.kuhl@yale.edu](mailto:nancy.kuhl@yale.edu).

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## Scope and Contents

The Yale Collection of American Literature Reading Series consists of recordings of poetry readings sponsored by the Yale Collection of American Literature as well as fliers, announcements, pamphlets and broadsides produced to publicize and accompany the series. The collection includes recordings of annual Yale student poetry readings, as well as readings by established and published contemporary American poets. Recordings and printed material related to the Bollingen Prize Readings in September 2002 are also present. The finding aid will be updated as new readings are recorded as part of the Yale Collection of American Literature's ongoing speaker series.

Poets represented in this collection include Elizabeth Alexander, Sherman Alexie, John Ashbery, Robert Creeley, Kwame Dawes, Rita Dove, Debra Magpie Earling, Forrest Gander, Peter Gizzi, Louise Gluck, Jorie Graham, Matthea Harvey, Terence Hayes, William Heyen, Fanny Howe, LeAnne Howe, Susan Howe, Major Jackson, Alan Jenkins, Allison Joseph, Ann Lauterbach, Marijane Meaker, Marilyn Nelson, Ron Padgett, Michael Palmer, Claudia Rankine, Adrienne Rich, Lisa Steinman, Arthur Sze, Cole Swensen, Rodrigo Toscano, Natasha Trethewey, Elizabeth Willis, and C. D. Wright.

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## Collection Contents


### Series I: Audio Recordings of YCAL Readings, 2002-2010

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Series I, *Audio Recordings of YCAL Readings*, is arranged chronologically by date of reading. Digital reference copies for each reading are available.

b. 1, f. 1	The Bollingen Prize Readings at Center Church (2 discs) Readings by Bollingen Prize winners: John Ashbery, Robert Creeley, Louise Gluck, John Hollander, Donald Justice, Stanley Kunitz, W. S. Merwin, Gary Snyder, Mark Strand, and Richard Wilbur  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2002 September
b. 1, f. 2	Howe, Susan. Poetry reading	2002 November 13
b. 1, f. 3	Lauterbach, Ann. Poetry reading	2002 December 5
b. 1, f. 4	Howe, LeAnne. Reading	2003 February 20
b. 1, f. 5	Jenkins, Alan. Poetry reading	2003 March 26
b. 1, f. 6	Yale Student Poets. Poetry reading Students: rose drew, Jason Farago Brett Foster, Rebecca Givens, David Gorin, Dora Malech, and Catherine Rockwood	2003 April 23
b. 1, f. 6a	Yale Collegium Musicum. "Mina, Maxine, Marianne... and More: new settings by Yale composers of texts by women whose papers are held in the Beinecke Library: H.D., Maxine Kumin, Mina Loy, Marianne Moore, and Gertrude Stein." Performed by The Yale Collegium Musicum with special guest Maxine Kumin	2003 October 1
b. 1, f. 7	Graham, Jorie. Poetry reading	2003 October 21
b. 1, f. 8	Creeley, Robert. Poetry reading	2003 November 13
b. 1, f. 9	Gander, Forrest and C. D. Wright. Poetry reading	2004 February 3
b. 1, f. 10	Meaker, Marijane. Poetry reading	2004 March 23
b. 1, f. 11	Steinman, Lisa Malinowski. Poetry reading	2004 April 13
b. 1, f. 12	Yale Student Poets. Poetry reading Students: Jonathan Breit, Abigail Deutsch, Nicole Dixon, Annmarie Drury, David Gorin, Valerie Idehen, Emily Kopley, Alexander Nemser, Helen Phillips, Megan Pugh	2004 April 20
b. 1, f. 13	Gluck, Louise. Poetry reading	2004 April 26
b. 1, f. 14	Rich, Adrienne Cecile. Poetry reading	2004 September 30
b. 1, f. 15	Heyen, William. Poetry reading	2004 October 13

b. 3, f. 16, ■■■■ 39002099364870	Palmer, Michael. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 01:06:38 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program begins and ends abruptly. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099364870aump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2004 November 10
b. 3, f. 17, ■■■■ 39002099364888	Dove, Rita. Poetry reading, Battel Chapel <i>1 Audiocassette 00:58:53 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program is distorted at times. The program was recorded at a very high level. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099364888aump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2004 November 30
b. 3, f. 18, ■■■■ 39002099364896	Sze, Arthur. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:57:26 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program begins and ends abruptly. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099364896aump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2005 January 18
b. 1, f. 19	Toscano, Rodrigo and Elizabeth Willis. Poetry reading	2005 February 22
b. 1, f. 20	Joseph, Allison. Poetry reading	2005 April 20
b. 1, f. 21	Alexie, Sherman. Reading	2005 September 16
b. 1, f. 21a	DeGuy, Michel. Poetry reading	2005 October 3
b. 3, f. 22, ■■■■ 39002099364904	Gizzi, Peter. Poetry reading, master copy <i>1 Audiocassette 00:35:30 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program begins abruptly. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099364904ump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2005 October 26
b. 3, f. 23, ■■■■ 39002099364912	Dawes, Kwame and Goodison, Lorna and Nelson, Marilyn. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:53:25 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program begins abruptly. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099364912aump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2005 November 9
b. 3, f. 24, ■■■■ 39002099364920	Swensen, Cole. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:46:31 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program begins abruptly. The program was recorded at a very low level. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099364920ump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2005 November 10

b. 3, f. 25,  39002099364938	Rankine, Claudia. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:43:33 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099364938ump3</a> Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2005 November 16
b. 5, f. 26,  39002099364987	Earling, Debra Magpie. Reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:27:48 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program begins and ends abruptly. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099364987ump3</a> Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2006 January 25
b. 5, f. 27,  39002099364995	Alexander, Elizabeth and Matthea Harvey. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:47:08 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program ends abruptly. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099364995ump3</a> Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2006 February 22
b. 5, f. 28,  39002099364953	Yale Student Poets. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:26:11 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099364953ump3</a> Students: Austin Allen, Paula Brady, Emily Kopley, Caitlin Mitchell, Alexander Nemser, Jennifer Sorkin, Ivy Y. Wang, Ivanna Yi Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2007 April 26
b. 1, f. 36	Yale Student Poets. Poetry reading Students: Austin Allen, Diane Bilyak, Paula Brady, Gabriele Hayden, Caitlin Mitchell, Alex Nemser, Katherine Tsai, Ivy Wang, Ivanna Yi	2005 April 12
b. 5, f. 37,  39002099364946	Ashbery, John. Poetry reading, Battell <i>1 Audiocassette 00:47:39 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program begins abruptly. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099364946aump3</a> Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2006 September 20
b. 5, f. 38,  39002099364979	Howe, Fanny. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:42:34 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099364979ump3</a> Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2006 October 18
b. 5, f. 39,  39002099364961	Trethewey, Natasha. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:50:00 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program begins and ends abruptly. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099364961aump3</a> Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2006 November 8



b. 6, f. 40, ■■■ 39002099365034	Hayes, Terence and Major Jackson. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 01:03:22 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program begins abruptly. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099365034aump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2007 February 1
b. 6, f. 41, ■■■ 39002099365026	Padgett, Ron. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:59:19 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099365026aump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2007 April 11
b. 6, f. 42, ■■■ 39002099365018	Yale Student Poets. Poetry reading, Tape I <i>1 Audiocassette 00:45:52 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> A warble can be heard during the program. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099365018ump3</a>  Students: Georgina Banita, Mary Daniel, Rebecca Dinerstein, Adam Eaker, David Gorin, David Griswold, Erich Matthes, Chiara Scully, Jennifer Sorkin, Samantha Tonini	2007 April 25
b. 6, f. 43, ■■■ 39002137090628	Komunyakaa, Yusef. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:48:38 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program is distorted at times. Static can be heard. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002137090628ump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2007 September 20
b. 1, f. 44	Bernstein, Charles. Poetry reading	2007 October 16
b. 6, f. 45, ■■■ 39002137090636	Bök, Christian. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:58:21 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program is distorted at times. Static and a warble in the audio can be heard. Audio is unbalanced. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002137090636aump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2007 November 1
b. 6, f. 46, ■■■ 39002137090602	Foust, Graham and Elizabeth Robinson. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:48:44 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> The program is distorted at times. Audio, at times, sounds hollow or unclear. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002137090602aump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2007 November 15
b. 6, f. 47, ■■■ 39002137090610	Bidart, Frank. Poetry reading <i>1 Audiocassette 00:52:27 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm)</i> Static is present. The program is distorted at times. Speed fluctuations are present at the start of the program. Audio, at times, sounds hollow or unclear. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002137090610aump3</a>  Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2007 November 27
b. 1, f. 48	Hall, Donald. Poetry reading	2008 February 6

b. 1, f. 49	Amad Jamal Johnson, Douglas Kearney, and Evie Shockly. Poetry reading	2008 October 28
b. 1, f. 50	Trethway, Natasha. Poetry reading	2009 November 18
b. 1, f. 51	Yale Student Poets. Poetry reading Students: Alice Baumgartner, Edgar Garcia, Amy Lee, Laura Marris, Caitlin Mitchell, Rosanna Oh, Sarah Stone, Justin Sider, Katy Waldman, Eric Ward, Jeffrey Zuckerman.	2010 April 7
b. 1, f. 52	Valentine, Jean. Poetry reading	2010 September 29
b. 1, f. 53	Yale Student Poets. Poetry reading Students: Ilan Ben-Meir, Elisa Gonzalez, Alice Hodgkins, Laurel Hunt, Casey Blue James, Kate Lund, Noah Warren, Cooper Wilhelm, Jesse Williams, Hannah Zeavin	2011 April 20

**Series II: Other Material, 2002-2006**

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Series II. *Other Material* is arranged chronologically.

b. 2, f. 29	<i>Yale, A Place for Poetry. The Bollingen Prize for Poetry at Yale, 1949-2002</i> , printed material	[2002]
b. 2, f. 30, ■■■■ 39002099365000	<i>Yale, A Place for Poetry. The Bollingen Prize for Poetry at Yale, 1949-2002</i> , VHS recording 1 Videocassette (VHS) 01:57:08 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) Video and color levels are very low. Both were adjusted during digitization. <a href="#">[Aviary] ycalmss021139002099365000ump4</a> Audiovisual material. Restricted fragile. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	2002 September 19
b. 2	<i>Yale, A Place for Poetry. The Bollingen Prize for Poetry at Yale, 1949-2002</i> , VHS recording 2 Videocassettes (VHS) These videocassettes are duplicates and have not been digitized.	2002 September 9
b. 2, f. 31	<i>Yale College Poets</i> and <i>Yale Student Poets</i> , pamphlets and announcements	2002-2006
b. 2, f. 32	<i>Intimate Circles: American Women in the Arts</i> , announcement	2003 July
	<i>Intimate Circles: American Women in the Arts / Extravagant Crowd: Carl Van Vechten's Portraits of Women</i> , broadside Stored in: Oversize, Box 4, folder 34	2003 July
b. 2, f. 32a	<i>Mina, Maxine, Marianne... and More: new settings by Yale composers of texts by women whose papers are held in the Beinecke Library: H.D., Maxine Kumin, Mina Loy, Marianne Moore, and Gertrude Stein</i> , program	2003 October 1
b. 2, f. 33	Fliers for readings	[2003-2006], undated
	Rita Dove reading, broadside Stored in: Oversize, Box 4, folder 35	[2004] November 30
	Sherman Alexie reading, broadside Stored in: Oversize, Box 4, folder 35	2005 September 16

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b. 4, f. 34	Broadside for <i>Intimate Circles / Extravagant Crowds</i>	2003 July
b. 4, f. 35	Broadsides for YCAL readings	[2004]-2005

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b. 6, f. +      Box 1, folder 36

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## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### Subjects

American poetry -- 21st century  
Oral interpretation of poetry  
Poets, American -- 21st century

### Genres / Formats

Sound recordings

### Occupations

Poets -- 21st century

### Names

Alexander, Elizabeth, 1962-  
Alexie, Sherman, 1966-  
Allen, Austin, 1984-  
Baumgartner, Alice, 1987-  
Bernstein, Charles, 1950-  
Bidart, Frank, 1939-  
Bök, Christian, 1966-  
Brady, Paula, 1984-  
Breit, Jonathan Pollack, 1984-  
Creeley, Robert, 1926-2005  
Dawes, Kwame Senu Neville, 1962-  
Deutsch, Abigail, 1984-  
Dixon, Nicole, 1982-  
Dove, Rita, 1952-  
Drew, Rose  
Drury, Annmarie  
Earling, Debra Magpie, 1957-  
Farago, Jason  
Foster, Brett  
Foust, Graham W., 1970-  
Gander, Forrest, 1956-  
Garcia, Edgar, 1983-  
Givens, Rebecca  
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Glück, Louise, 1943-  
Gorin, David, 1982-  
Graham, Jorie, 1950-  
Harvey, Matthea, 1973-  
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Howe, LeAnne  
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Idehen, Valerie  
Jenkins, Alan, 1955-  
Joseph, Allison, 1967-  
Komunyakaa, Yusef  
Kopley, Emily, 1984-  
Lauterbach, Ann, 1942-  
Lee, Amy, 1988-  
Malech, Dora  
Marris, Laura, 1987-  
Meaker, Marijane, 1927-  
Mitchell, Caitlin, 1983-  
Nelson, Marilyn, 1946-  
Nemser, Alexander, 1983-  
Oh, Rosanna, 1988-  
Palmer, Michael, 1943-  
Phillips, Helen Coleman, 1981-  
Pugh, Megan, 1982-  
Rankine, Claudia, 1963-  
Rich, Adrienne, 1929-2012  
Robinson, Elizabeth, 1961-  
Rockwood, Catherine  
Sider, Justin, 1982-  
Sorkin, Jenni  
Sorkin, Mara  
Steinman, Lisa Malinowski, 1950-  
Stone, Sarah M. (Sarah Margaret), 1978-  
Swensen, Cole, 1955-  
Sze, Arthur  
Toscano, Rodrigo  
Waldman, Kate, 1987-  
Wang, Ivy Y., 1984-  
Ward, Eric, 1987-  
Willis, Elizabeth  
Wright, C. D., 1949-2016  
Yi, Ivanna, 1983-  
Zuckerman, Jeffrey, 1987-

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