

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014

The Department of English, University of Cyprus, in collaboration with the European University of Cyprus & the University of Nicosia

cordially invite you to the third annual poetry lecture & undergraduate poetry competition awards

to be held at The Classic Hotel

Evening Programme

18:00 Lecture by **Lynn Keller**, Martha Meier Renk-Bascom Professor of Poetry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (<http://www.english.wisc.edu/rlkeller/>) :

‘Contemporary American Ecopoetics and the Scalar Challenges of the Anthropocene’

19:00 Poetry competition award ceremony and reading of winning poems

19:30 Reception

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‘Contemporary American Ecopoetics and the Scalar Challenges of the Anthropocene’

Scientists are now proposing that we have entered a new geological era, the Anthropocene, in which the human species is the primary force determining planetary conditions. Thinking in terms of the Anthropocene poses significant challenges for the human imagination, prompting us to rethink nature and the human place in it, along with fundamental aspects of geological, ecological, and human history. Humans occupy such a tiny fraction of the earth’s history, yet now our impact on the planet has become monstrously large. This talk will consider ways in which some experimental poets in North America are responding to the challenges of reimagining temporal and spacial scale in the Anthropocene.