

Mountain Writers Series

READING BY OREGON POET LAUREATE
ELIZABETH WOODY



Poetry Reading & Discussion
Wednesday
October 19, 2016
12:00 Noon

Concordia University's
George R. White Library & Learning Center
GRW 108, 2900 NE Liberty, Portland, OR

Free & Open to the Public

Elizabeth Woody was named to a two-year appointment as Oregon's eighth poet laureate by Governor Kate Brown on April 26, 2016. An enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon, of Yakama Nation descent, Woody has taught at the Institute of American Indian Arts and Portland State University. She has published three books of poetry: *Hand into Stone* (1988), *Luminaries of the Humble* (1994), and *Seven Hands, Seven Hearts* (1994). She also writes short fiction, essays, and is a visual artist. Woody received the American Book Award in 1990 and the William Stafford Memorial Award for Poetry in 1995. She leads writing workshops and lectures and has served on multi-disciplinary art fellowship jury panels for several foundations and arts organizations nationally.

- "Her poems are like hands and hearts and also like lights: they grip and pulse and illuminate. Like the woman herself, the work is grand and modest and forceful. It will shake you, and move you deeply...." -The Bloomsbury Review
- "Woody follows in the tradition of peoples who have understood the power of language, and the place of a poet/singer/storyteller at the center of the world." - Joy Harjo



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