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Award-Winning Author in Spotlight Oct. 24

KEUKA PARK, N.Y. – Keuka College's Spotlight Series will continue Monday, Oct. 24, with a presentation by author Peter Makuck.

Makuck will read from his works at 7 p.m. in the Gannett Room of the Lightner Library. The reading is free and open to the public.

The editor of *Tar River Poetry*, Makuck is a distinguished professor of arts and sciences at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. *Tar River Poetry* publishes interviews, reviews, and poetry by emerging writers, as well as Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winners.



Makuck is the author of six volumes of poetry, including his new collection of poems, *Off-Season in the Promised Land*. He has also written two collections of short fiction, *Breaking and Entering*, and *Costly Habits*; a collection of essays, *An Open Worlds: Essays on Leslie Norris*; and co-authored a poetry text and anthology, *Poetry: Sight and Insight*.

Makuck's work has appeared in such publications as the *Hudson Review*, the *Sewanee Review*, *Poetry*, and the *Laurel Review*. He is a regular contributor and reviewer to the *Raleigh News & Observer*, North Carolina's largest daily newspaper.

Makuck has been a participant in North Carolina's Blumenthal Writer's Reading Series, a judge for Davidson College's Lloyd Essay Competition and Brigham Young University's Eisttefod Poetry Competition, and poetry reviewer for the *Laurel Review*. He has received seven Pushcart Prize nominations, a Charity Randall Citation from the International Poetry Forum, and a Zoe Kincaid Brockman Award. Makuck is the recipient of the Brockman Award, given annually for the best collection of poetry by a North Carolinian, was nominated for three Pen/Faulkner Awards, and has received honorable mention in *Best American Short Stories*.

He has been featured in the *Yearbook of American Poetry*, and has been a lecturer and discussion leader in the "Poets in Person" series sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. In addition, he was a Fulbright Exchange Professor with the Université de Savoie, Chambéry, France. Mackuk also served as visiting writer at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

One of his stories, "Filling the Igloo," was selected for *The Best of the Southern Review*. His personal essay on guns, "The Trouble with Smitty," was listed in *The Best Essays of 2000*.