

Award-Winning Poet in QC for Poetry Month

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Rivermont is thrilled to welcome award-winning Chicago poet Elise Paschen to campus Friday, April 19th in celebration of Poetry Month.

Elise joins us for an entire day devoted to poetry, including:

- 2 presentations by Elise Paschen for Rivermont students
- Rebecca Wee, published poet and English Professor at Augustana, along with upper-level Augustana students, will lead activities including:
 - Interpreting famous authors through a pop-culture persona
 - Incorporating science terminology into poetry
 - Composing poetry in response to sounds – kazoos, ukulele, banjo
 - Exercises in renga, the paired exchange of Japanese tanka or haiku
- Rivermont faculty-led poetry recitations and workshops
- On-campus book sale hosted by Barnes & Noble
- Book signing and reception on the South Patio of the Historic Bettendorf Mansion

Elise Paschen is the co-founder of Poetry in Motion, a nation-wide program which places poetry in subways and buses, putting “poetry at the crossroads of American life.” She is the author of *Bestiary*, *Infidelities* (Winner of the Nicholas Roerich Poetry Prize), and *Houses: Coasts*, as well as editor of The New York Times best-selling anthologies *Poetry Speaks to Children* and *Poetry Speaks Who I Am*.

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