

**Kitty
Lundy** (**MEMORIAL
LECTURE**

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**GEORGE
ELLIOTT
CLARKE**



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Kitty Lundy Memorial Lecturer 2014: George Elliott Clarke

Nova-Scotian born George Elliott Clarke is a renowned Canadian literary writer and a highly respected academic specialist of African-Canadian studies. As a creative writer, he has distinguished himself in the fields of poetry, drama and fiction. Toronto's Poet Laureate since December 2012, at present Dr. Clarke is William Lyon Mackenzie King Visiting Associate Professor of Canadian Studies. His ongoing academic appointment at University of Toronto is that of E.J. Pratt Professor of Canadian Literature. Recognitions of Dr. Clarke's work include the Portia White Prize for Artistic Achievement (1988), the Governor-General's Award for Poetry (2001), a National Magazine Gold Medal for Poetry (2001), the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Award (2004), the prestigious Trudeau Fellow Prize (2005), appointment to the Order of Canada (2008), and multiple honorary doctorates.

The Kitty Lundy Memorial Lecture

The annual Kitty Lundy Memorial Lecture honours the late Kitty Lundy, an admired educator of sociology who was associated with York's former Atkinson Faculty of Liberal & Professional Studies from 1986 to 1989. Wide-ranging in her accomplishments and interests, Ms. Lundy felt particular concern for the fields of education, occupations and women's studies, and demonstrated a keen commitment to students pursuing their studies on a part-time basis. To honour her memory, the Lundy family established the Kitty Lundy Memorial Fund, which supports the annual lecture. In identifying the annual Kitty Lundy Memorial Lecturer, the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies seeks out an individual whose scholarship and creativity address principles to which Kitty Lundy exhibited commitment: engaged learning, social justice, interdisciplinary exchange, and the dissemination and exchange of ideas and knowledge with communities residing within and outside of York University.

OPENING REMARKS

READINGS OF GEORGE ELLIOTT CLARKE POEMS

From *Whydah Falls* (1990),
"Look Homeward, Exile"
"The River Pilgrim: A Letter"
"The Wisdom of Shelley"
"King Bee Blues"
"Everything is Free"

Read by Kendra Campbell, third-year History and Communications student

From *Blue* (2001),
"Haligonian Market Cry"
"Jealousy"
"III.i" of "Blue Elegies"

Read by Asha Jeffers, third-year PhD candidate in English

From *Red* (2011),
"To the Poet"
"Sestina: April"
"Taxi"
"Quemada!"

Read by Carmelita Marsden, fourth-year Humanities student

KITTY LUNDY MEMORIAL LECTURE BY GEORGE ELLIOTT CLARKE

"POLES APART? THE 'GREAT BLACK NORTH' IN CANADA & SWEDEN"

Following the lecture, please join us for a book signing by George Elliott Clarke and a light reception in the theatre lobby.