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## Carl Phillips Named as New Judge For Yale Series of Younger Poets

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New Haven — Yale University Press is delighted to announce that Carl Phillips will serve as the new judge for the Yale Series of Younger Poets. Outgoing judge Louise Glück finished her tenure this year with her selection of Katherine Larson's *Radial Symmetry*, which will be published next April. Phillips will assume his duties this year and will select next year's winner, to be announced in spring 2011.

Carl Phillips has won many awards and honors, including the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award, the Theodore Roethke Memorial Foundation Award in Poetry, the Thom Gunn Award for Gay Men's Poetry, the Lambda Literary Award, and fellowships from the American Academy of Arts & Letters, the Guggenheim Foundation and the Academy of American Poets (to which he was named a Chancellor in 2007). His most recent book of poetry is *Speak Low*, published by FSG. Phillips teaches at Washington University in St. Louis.

"We are thrilled that Carl Phillips has agreed to shepherd the series into its next era," says Jennifer Banks, editor of the Yale Series of Younger Poets. "He will bring with him his own enormous talent, exquisite tastes, personal generosity, and commitment to the work of emerging writers."

Asked over email about the appointment, Phillips responded, "I've been reading the Yale Series of Younger Poets since before I myself was writing poems. To be asked to serve as a judge for so distinguished a series is an honor, indeed; it's also a responsibility whose challenges I take very seriously and look forward, with excitement, to meeting."

The Yale Series of Younger Poets champions the most promising new American poets under the age of forty. Awarded since 1919, the prize is the oldest annual literary award in the United States and is widely considered to be one of the most prestigious poetry competitions. Former judges include W.S. Merwin, W.H. Auden, Stanley Kunitz, James Merrill, and James Dickey. The series has published the first books of such talents as Muriel Rukeyser, Adrienne Rich, John Ashbery, John Hollander, James Tate and Robert Hass.