

Adrian Matejka

Featured Author of the 2012 African American Read-In at Penn State Altoona

Will give a reading on Monday, February 13th, 5:30 p.m.

Slep Student Center Lounge, Penn State Altoona

Adrian Matejka was born in Nuremberg, Germany but grew up in California and Indiana. He is a graduate of Indiana University and the MFA program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. His first collection of poems, *The Devil's Garden*, won the 2002 Kinereth Gensler Award from Alice James Books. His second collection, *Mixology*, was a winner of the 2008 National Poetry Series and was published by Penguin Books in 2009. *Mixology* was subsequently nominated for an NAACP Image Award.

He is the recipient of two Illinois Arts Council Literary Awards and fellowships from Cave Canem and the Lannan Foundation. His work has appeared or is forthcoming in *American Poetry Review*, *The Best American Poetry 2010*, *Ploughshares*, *Poetry*, and *Prairie Schooner* among other journals and anthologies. He teaches at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville where he serves as Poetry Editor for *Sou'wester* and co-directs the *River Styx* at Duff's Reading Series.

Mr. Matejka will give a public reading of his work on Monday, February 13th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Slep Student Center on the Penn State Altoona campus. A book signing will immediately follow the presentation, where his two books will be available for purchase. This event is free and open to the public.

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