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**Poets House Announces 10 Emerging Poets for
2013 Fellowship Program**

February 14, 2013, New York, NY — Poets House has chosen 10 New York City-based poets for its Second Annual Emerging Poets Fellowship Program (formerly the Emerging Poets Residency).

The 2013 Emerging Poets are: **Cristiana Baik; Mahogany Browne; Jessica Elsaesser; Paul Hlava; Rosamond King; Montana Ray; Andrew Seguin; Eugenia (Xena) Semjonova; Purvi Shah; and Ocean Vuong.**

The 2013 Emerging Poets Fellowship workshop is being taught by poet and teacher **Jen Bervin**. Distinguished Visiting Faculty includes poets **CAConrad, Cornelius Eady, Ben Lerner, Evie Shockley** and **Jean Valentine**.

Funded by a generous grant from the Jerome Foundation, Poets House's Emerging Poets Fellowship Program assists emerging poets by providing excellent poetry writing instruction and mentoring in the special environment of Poets House's library — with its unique archives and access to far-reaching programs and conversations with poets and poetry audiences. The program aims to deepen participants' artistic practice by offering a robust professional network of poets and literary professionals, including special visits from editors and publishers, who will assist each writer with their artistic development and career.

The program includes weekly writing workshops, mentoring sessions, meetings with guest speakers, free access to Poets House's events and archival resources and culminates in a final group reading. Transportation support is available for participants. The application process is competitive; tuition is free to those accepted into the program.

Poets House is a 50,000-volume poetry library and a national literary center that invites poets and the public to step into the living tradition of poetry. Poets House—through its poetry resources, literary events for adults and children, and exhibitions—documents the wealth and diversity of modern poetry and stimulates public dialogue on issues related to poetry in culture. Founded in 1985 by two-time Poet Laureate Stanley Kunitz and legendary arts administrator Elizabeth Kray, the library has created a home for all who read and write poetry. In 2009, Poets House moved into its permanent home, at 10 River Terrace in Battery Park City, on the banks of the Hudson River. Last year, 65,000 people visited Poets House, and over five million were introduced to Poets House via its new website and national partnerships. For more information about these events and Poets House in general, visit poetshouse.org and join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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