English 616-001
Advanced Workshop in Poetry: Poem Series
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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course will focus on the creation, critique, and revision of student poems written in series that explore particular subjects/themes and/or forms/approaches (for example, a sonnet cycle, lyric sequence, or series of prose or collage poems). By working in series and presenting two-three poems at a time for workshop, students may begin to form sections of a potential chapbook or longer project. To this end, we also examine and discuss published collections comprised of poem series or linked poems to analyze how the poems are juxtaposed to one another and how they might compliment, converse with, or act as counterpoint to one another. We will also consider the effects that emerge from their arrangements and combinations. With a partner, each student will present a critical response to and lead discussion on one of the required books. Students will also complete and submit a manuscript of revised poems produced during the semester with a critical introduction that explores the student’s poetics, approach and influences in creating this particular project.

PREREQUISITES:
Senior standing or greater; English 416(P); one of a second section of English 416(P), 414(P), or 415(P); or Graduate standing; or Special Students.

REQUIRED TEXTS (Note: This is a preliminary list; it may change slightly in the near future.)

*(All required textbooks will be available for purchase at UWM’s online bookstore as well as Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust St., Milwaukee, WI 53212. Ph: 414-263-5011. Hours: 11am - 8pm Tues. through Fri., and 12pm - 5pm Sat. and Sun. You may also purchase them at various online booksellers where you may find some of them at reduced prices.)*

Readings posted as PDFs on D2L (Content area) are also required. Please print them and bring them to class on their due dates or bring them on a laptop or electronic reader.