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The National Poetry Series (NPS) is pleased to announce that **Beacon Press** has joined the NPS group of participating publishers, effective immediately. This strong addition comes in time for the 37th annual NPS competition, and brings the value of a rich publishing tradition to the series.

Daniel Halpern, NPS Director adds, "I have admired Beacon Press since I first entered publishing many years ago. And under the keen eye of Helene Atwan, it has continued the tradition of remarkable literature. I could not be happier than to have Beacon join us at NPS."

The National Poetry Series has seen 175 books into print, published by prominent trade, university and independent publishing houses throughout the United States. Founded in 1978 by Halpern and James Michener, NPS continues to fulfill its mission every year by overseeing the publication of new books of poetry that might not otherwise be published by providing support in the processes of manuscript solicitation, selection, and promotion.

Founded in 1854, Beacon has published many ground-breaking classics, including James Baldwin's *Notes of a Native Son* along with a new edition of his only work of poetry, *Jimmy's Blues*, Herbert Marcuse's [*One-Dimensional Man*](#), Jean Baker Miller's [*Toward a New Psychology of Women*](#), and Mary Daly's [*Gyn/Ecology*](#). In 1971, Beacon printed the Senator Gravel Edition of *The Pentagon Papers* in five volumes. Beacon is also the publisher of Marian Wright Edelman's best-selling book, *The Measure of Our Success*, and Cornel West's acclaimed [*Race Matters*](#). Recent publications include Michael Patrick MacDonald's [*All Souls: A Family Story from Southie*](#), Rashid Khalidi's [*Resurrecting Empire*](#), and titles by Anita Hill and Lani Guinier. In poetry, Beacon published 10 books by Pulitzer-prize winning poet [*Mary Oliver*](#), along with two audios of her work; volumes of poetry translations by Robert Bly and Jane Hirshfield; prose by famed poets Donald Hall, Mark Doty and Richard Blanco; and five volumes by the acclaimed black arts movement poet Sonia Sanchez. For over a decade, Beacon published the Barnard New Women Poets Prize volume, which introduced Larissa Szporluk, Sharan Strange, Ruth Forman, Donna Masini, Frances McCue and Harriet Levin, among others.

"We are honored to be joining the distinguished roster of NPS publishers, and especially pleased to be coming on board ahead of their 40th anniversary. We all look forward to being a part of this important effort to launch new voices in the world of poetry," said Helene Atwan, the director of Beacon Press.

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