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Literary Activist and Poet E. Ethelbert Miller to Read from his Work as Part of VOICES Reading Series at SMCM

Reading is at 8:15 p.m. Oct. 15 in Daugherty-Palmer Commons



E. Ethelbert Miller

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(St. Mary's City, MD) October 5, 2009 — Poet, author, and literary activist, E. Ethelbert Miller will read from his work at the next St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) annual VOICES Reading series at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, October 15, 2009, at the Daugherty-Palmer Commons. Often heard on National Public Radio, Miller is chair for the Institute for Policy Studies, a progressive think tank in Washington, D.C. Since 1974, Miller has also been the director of the African American Resource Center at Howard University. The reading is free and open to the public.

Miller has written numerous poems and his book, *How We Sleep On the Nights We Don't Make Love* was an Independent Publisher Award finalist, as well as being on the Poetry's Foundation's bestseller list. Miller's memoir, *Fathering Words: The Making of An African American Writer*, was selected in 2003 by DC WE READ for its one book, one city program; and his second memoir, *The 5th Inning*, was released by Busboys and Poets Press last March. Miller is also founder of the Ascension Poetry Reading Series, one of the oldest literary series in the Washington area.

Miller received his B.A. from Howard University and in 2004 received a Fulbright grant to go to Israel.

St. Mary's College of Maryland, designated the Maryland state honors college in 1992, is ranked one of the best liberal arts schools in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, *Kiplinger's*, and The Princeton Review. Founded in 1840 as Maryland's "monument school" commemorating the state's first capital, SMCM is the state's only public honors college, offering "an Ivy-level College with a public-school price tag" (*Newsweek*).

Some 2,000 students attend the college, which has the highest graduation rate for all Maryland public colleges and universities, and an SAT average for student admissions of 1848. The school's waterfront campus along the St. Mary's River in Southern Maryland is home to the 2009 National Intercollegiate Sailing Association Co-ed champions.

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