

POET, AUTHOR, AND PUBLISHER
CRAIG CZURY

TOPIC OF PRESENTATION
A POETRY OF WITNESS:
CONVERSATION FROM COAL TO GAS—VOICES AND THEIR ECHOS

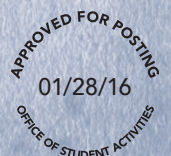
**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 10, 2016
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Craig Czury, poet and folklorist, is a native of Dallas, Pennsylvania, and graduate of Dallas High School in 1969. Author of over 20 collections of poetry, Craig hitchhiked North America, working odd jobs and studying with well-known poets. Many of his books, including *God's Shiny Glass Eye*, of poems from this region's anthracite coal towns, have been translated into several languages, and he has been a featured poet at literary festivals around the world. In 2011, Craig was awarded Laureate of the Ditët e Naimit International Albanian Poetry Festival in Macedonia. Craig has conducted writing workshops through various arts foundations in schools, community centers, prisons, juvenile detention centers, homeless shelters, and mental hospitals and was awarded the Key to the City of Scranton for his inter-generational Scranton Poem Opera, and the 2010-12 Laureateship of Berks County when he was living in Reading. In 2008, he received a Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing from Wilkes University.

Currently, he is a part-time lecturer at Albright College, and teaches a life-writing, memoir and poetry, class at the Springville Schoolhouse Art Studios. Craig's most recent book, *THUMB NOTES ALMANAC: Hitchhiking The Marcellus Shale*, is a collection of poems from interviews he conducted while hitchhiking around Susquehanna County's "fracking" region. Craig lives north of Tunkhannock in Springville, in an old schoolhouse. He is the son of the late John and Nelda Churry. craigczury.com

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