Living Library:
Exploring the Raymond Danowski Poetry Library

March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 @ 6-7:15pm via Zoom

Moderator: Nick Sturm, Fox Center NEH Postdoctoral Fellow in Poetics

Acquired by Emory in 2004, the Raymond Danowski Poetry Library is composed of over 75,000 books, 50,000 periodicals, thousands of broadsides, audio recordings, photographs, and ephemera, an unprecedented scope that make it the archive of record for the literary history of the 20th century. This five-part seminar will explore the Danowski Poetry Library from the late Raymond Danowski’s initial collecting in the 1970s up to its acquisition by Emory and its ongoing growth today. Sessions will also focus on the Danowski’s holdings of mimeographed little magazines and Black small press materials. We will hear from the book dealers, librarians, artists, researchers, and students whose work intersects with the Danowski while exploring some of the most important and surprising materials in the collection. Guest speakers will include David Faulds, Curator of Rare Books and Literary Manuscripts at The Bancroft Library, Dr. Kinohi Nishikawa, Associate Professor of English and African American Studies at Princeton University; and others. Complimentary copies of “Democratic Vistas”: Exploring the Raymond Danowski Poetry Library, the inaugural catalog prepared by Kevin Young in 2008, will be made available to participants.

This seminar will be moderated by Nick Sturm, Fox Center NEH Postdoctoral Fellow in Poetics, and will meet via Zoom from 6-7:15pm on the following Mondays during the 2021 spring semester: March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Participation is limited, and reservations are required. The Zoom meeting link will be sent via email the day before each session. Everyone from the Atlanta community is welcome and invited to join us for this free seminar. For further information and to reserve a spot on a “first-come basis,” email the Fox Center at foxcenter@emory.edu.

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