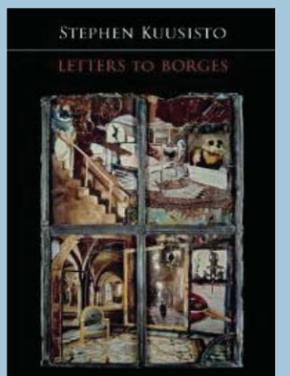


# Disabilities as Ways of Knowing

## A Series of Creative Writing Conversations: Part II



British artist Sue Austin using her underwater wheelchair



# The Disability Experience and Poetic Verse

Reading by Poets

Jim Ferris, Laurie Clements Lambeth,  
and Stephen Kuusisto

March 28, 2013

Reading 7:00 to 8:00 pm at Watson Theater

Reception and book signing from 8:00 to 9:00 pm at Light Work  
SU Campus

Jim Ferris, Laurie Clements Lambeth and Stephen Kuusisto will be reading from a selection of their poetry, followed by a reception and book signing, for all members of the S.U. community. While this event is geared specifically to raise and support awareness among undergraduates, everyone is welcomed to participate in this exciting set of opportunities.

This event will feature works from *Beauty is a Verb: The New Poetry of Disability* (Cinco Puntos Press) and launch *Letters to Borges* (Copper Canyon Press), where “best-selling memoirist Stephen Kuusisto uses the themes of travel, place, religion, music, art, and loneliness to explore the relationship between seeing, blindness, and being. In poems addressed to Jorge Luis Borges—another poet who lived with blindness—Kuusisto leverages seeing as negative capability, creating intimacy with deep imagination and uncommon perceptions” (from <http://www.stephenkuusisto.com>)

American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation will be provided during both the reading and the reception/book signing. Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) will be provided during the reading.

If you require accommodations or need information on parking for this event, please contact Radell Roberts at 443-4424 or [rrober02@syr.edu](mailto:rrober02@syr.edu).

*As aspects of variance and diversity, disability cultures and identities enrich the tapestry of life on and off the SU campus.*

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