

UHV announces American Book Review lineup

Advocate staff report

Thirsty for words? Expand your minds by spending time with nationally recognized writers.

The American Book Review lined up a literary critic, journalist, poet and short-story author for its Fall Reading Series. The past two seasons' high-caliber speakers created a "buzz," putting Victoria on the literary map, managing editor Charles Alcorn said.

The Review, a nonprofit literary journal, publishes reviews of neglected and independent works of writing. It started in 1977 and moved to the University of Houston-Victoria in 2006.

The writers in the reading series can be found in the Review's pages.

■ Aug. 28: "Donald Barthelme: Finding a Place Where Everything is Different,"

Kim Herzinger, a Pushcart-prize winning critic and literary executor of the late Donald Barthelme, will talk about Barthelme's influence on post-modern American letters. The talk will include Barthelme's decision to return and start the University of Houston Creative Writing Program after 20 years at The New Yorker.

■ Sept. 11: Ruben Martinez,

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Noon, Alcorn Auditorium in University West Building at 3007 N. Ben Wilson St.

an Emmy award-winning journalist, published "Crossing Over: A Mexican Family on the Migrant Trail" in 2001.

The book follows a Mexican migrant clan into and across the United States. Martinez also serves as a political commentator, appearing on "Nightline," "Frontline" and "All Things Considered."

■ Oct. 21: Mark Doty, author of eight books of poetry and four volumes of nonfiction prose, including "Dog Years," a "New York Times" 2007 best-seller, is the only U.S. poet to have received the T.S. Eliot Prize in the U.K.

■ Nov. 20: Antonya Nelson published five short-story collections and three novels. She was the recipient of the 2003 Rea Award for the Short Story (Lifetime Achievement) as well as National Endowment for the Arts and Guggenheim fellowships.

Her books were named "New York Times" Notable Books for five years.