



New Letters



Greetings to our community of readers, listeners, and writers.

We write to wish you well amidst this strange time, and to update you on our operations here at *New Letters* magazine, *New Letters on the Air* and BkMk Press. Though our offices at the University of Missouri-Kansas City are currently closed, we are all working from home and still, as of this writing, on schedule with our publications and audio programs.

You can listen to *New Letters on the Air* on the radio, aired in Kansas City on KCUR 89.3 FM, Sundays at 6:30 a.m., or check with your local public radio station's program director for broadcast times in your area. You can also subscribe to the *New Letters on the Air* free weekly [podcast](#) via [Apple Podcasts](#) and [Stitcher](#) or stream our current show, as well as hundreds of archive programs, on our [website](#). (What better way to spend a few quarantine hours than listening to our host, Angela Elam, in conversation with Ben Lerner, Terrance Hayes, Sandra Cisneros, and so many more?)

Our [current issue of *New Letters* magazine](#) is available now, and we are still able to fill [subscription orders](#). Our summer and fall issues are, as of this moment, still on schedule to round our eighty-sixth year of publication.

BkMk Press looks forward to the publication of its newest book of poetry, *Can You Smell the Rain?*, by Patricia Cleary Miller, and an ambitious fall list that includes Scott Nadelson's *One of Us*, winner of the G. S. Sharat Chandra Prize for Fiction selected by Amina Gautier, Dara Yen Elerath's *Dark Braid*, winner of the John Ciardi Prize for Poetry selected by Doug Ramspeck, and other notable books.

Writers, please note *New Letters* is accepting [regular submissions](#), as well as entries to our [Robert Day Award for Fiction](#), [Patricia Cleary Miller Award for Poetry](#), and [Conger Beasley Award for Nonfiction](#). Prizes for our awards total \$7,500. BkMk Press will begin accepting entrants for its John Ciardi Prize for Poetry and G. S. Sharat Chandra Prize for Short Fiction in June. The deadline is January 15, 2021.

Thank you for your continued [support](#) of *New Letters*, *New Letters on the Air*, and BkMk Press. You can keep up with us on our social media pages: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#). Should you have any questions or comments, the best way to reach us is currently through email: newletters@umkc.edu, ontheair@newletters.org, bkmk@umkc.edu. Now more than ever, we value our community of readers, listeners, and writers, and look forward to hearing from you.

With very best wishes,

The Staff of *New Letters*, *New Letters on the Air*, and BkMk Press