



Inaugural Poems *Wednesday, April 28th, 7:30 to 8:30 via Zoom*

To honor National Poetry Month, we look at poems from Presidential inaugurations: Robert Frost's "The Gift Outright," for President Kennedy; Maya Angelou's "On the Pulse of Morning," for Bill Clinton; and Amanda Gorman's "The Hill We Climb," for Joe Biden. In this seminar-style discussion, we consider the occasions, objectives, forms, and intentions of each poem, and how this reflects upon our democratic experiment.

Facilitated by Jim Cullen, history teacher at Greenwich Country Day School, and author of nineteen books, including *The American Dream* and the forthcoming novel *Best Class You Never Had*, and Tim Donahue, English teacher at Ethical Culture Fieldston School and Hastings Library Trustee.

Registration limited to 15. Participants are asked to read the poems and accompanying questions in advance. To sign up please email HastingsLibraryEvent@gmail.com