



## *A Poetry Reading*

Poetry that Goes Beyond Refugee/Citizen Binaries and Illuminates Exile as a Forced/Creative Space.

# Making Mirrors: Writing/Righting by and for Refugees

Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
at 7:00 pm  
Rockefeller Hall, 200

Mootacem Mhiri, lecturer in Arabic at Vassar, who translated two poems by expatriate Eritrean poet and novelist Abu Bakr Khaal in this border-crossing anthology, will host and participate in this poetry reading.

As the refugee crisis fades from the front page of newspapers, *Making Mirrors* comes as a plea against historical amnesia and inertia; the poems in this collection are an antidote that reaches beyond despair to renewed action. Our poetry reading, like the book, is an invitation to reflect on lessons learned from offering poetry workshops in the camps and working across languages to reach more souls, and on how poet-activists need to stay loose in the knees as state policies change.

Event is sponsored by the Africana Studies Program, the Dean of Faculty's Office, the Consortium on Forced Migration, Displacement, and Education, the Engaged Pluralism Initiative, the departments of English, Art, Film, French and Francophone Studies, German Studies, Italian, and Russian Studies.

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