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American Poet, Howard Nemerov Slated for Tuesday Reading

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DAYTON, Ohio, March 12, 1975 --- The distinguished American poet Howard Nemerov will appear at the University of Dayton Tuesday, March 18 at 8:15 p.m. for a reading in the Kennedy Union Ballroom.

Mr. Nemerov, a graduate of Harvard University in 1941, has taught at a number of colleges and universities and is now a professor of English at Washington University in St. Louis. He has served as associate editor of Furioso magazine from 1946 to 1951 and was consultant in poetry to the Library of Congress from 1963 to 1964. Mr. Nemerov has written eight books of verse, five books of fiction, including novels and short stories, and three books of criticism. He has won many distinguished literary awards, the most recent being the Frank O'Hara Memorial Prize from Poetry magazine, and the Fellowship of the Academy of American Poets in 1971.

Critics who have written about Nemerov's poetry include Peter Davison, who in commenting in the Atlantic Monthly on Nemerov's collection "The Blue Swallows," wrote: "These poems have a calm surface, whether they be witty glosses on the Great Society or somber riddles about man and nature and history . . . (they) explore the bewilderment of a mature and civilized man surveying the world without animus."

Kenneth Burke also writes in the American Scholar: "In a neat combination of the formal and the conversational, the poet picks his way appreciatively among the incipient ruins of our times. To his grave misgivings he brings a mode of seasoned utterance that can even, in its rare style, be if necessary debonair."

Mr. Nemerov also will meet with students Tuesday and at a reception Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the eighth floor faculty lounge of Miriam Hall.