



Book Talk

with

Matthew Zapruder

Author of *Why Poetry*

Thursday, November 30, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Steinbeck Center, 5th Floor, MLK Jr. Library

“In *Why Poetry*, award-winning poet Matthew Zapruder takes on what it is that poetry—and poetry alone—can do. Zapruder argues that the way we have been taught to read poetry is the very thing that prevents us from enjoying it.”

This event is free, wheelchair accessible and open to the public.

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Matthew Zapruder is the author of four collections of poetry, most recently *Come On All You Ghosts* (2010), a New York Times Notable Book of the Year, and *Sun Bear* (2014), both from Copper Canyon Press, as well as *Why Poetry*, a book of prose, from Ecco Press/Harper Collins in August 2017. An Associate Professor in the MFA at Saint Mary's College of California, he is also editor at large at Wave Books, and from 2016-7 held the annually rotating position of Editor of the Poetry Column for the New York Times Magazine. He lives in Oakland, CA. *Photo by B.A. Van Sise*

