

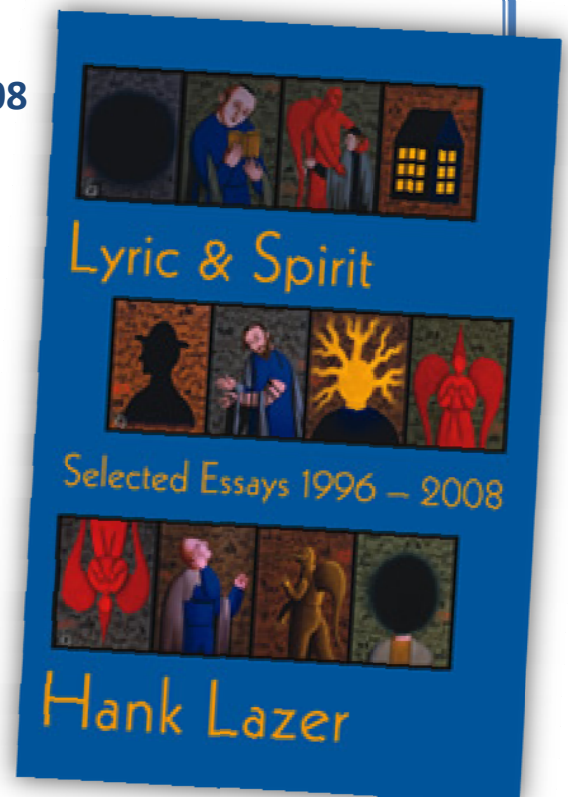
University of Alabama Libraries and the Blount Undergraduate Initiative
Present a reading with the poet and writer,

Hank Lazer

Celebrating his new book,
Lyric & Spirit: Selected Essays 1996-2008
(Omnidawn, 2008)

Hank Lazer is a professor of English and academic affairs administrator at UA and is the author of 14 books of poetry, including *Days*; *Elegies & Vacations*; *The New Spirit*; and *Opposing Poetries*.

Lyric & Spirit -- the first compilation of essays by Hank Lazer following his ground-breaking and much revered two volume *Opposing Poetries* -- offers twelve years of incisive writing at the intersection of two of the more contentiously debated topics in current letters. Drawing on poetic traditions as seemingly disparate as Language writing and Buddhist poetry, Lazer pursues a way of reading that is rich in the music and spirit of the word, attuning readers to the pleasures and range of possibilities for innovative poetry. In a very accessible writing style, and with flashes of brilliance, Lazer explores and identifies new approaches to the lyric and to the writing of spiritual experience in American poetry of the past one hundred years. In this book of essays, interviews, reflections, and more, Lazer focuses on two topics central to the poetry of our time: the changing nature of beauty in the lyric and the necessity of finding new ways of embodying spirituality. By bringing a wide range of perspectives to his readings -- from the jazz of Monk and Coltrane to the philosophy of Heidegger and Derrida -- Lazer's essays inspire readers to enter into a renewed and renewing relationship with poetry.



4:00 pm on Monday March 31, 2008
Gorgas Library room 205

A book signing and reception will follow the reading. This event is free and open to the public.

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