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**Peter Norman named Writer-in-Residence at MacEwan University**

Edmonton—The English Department at MacEwan University is pleased to announce that author Peter Norman has been named the 2015 Writer-in-Residence.

Norman is the author of three poetry collections, most recently *The Gun That Starts the Race*, and a novel *Emberton*, which was long-listed for this year’s Sunburst Award. His poetry and fiction have appeared in *The Walrus, Joyland, The New Quarterly, Literary Review of Canada*, two editions of *Best Canadian Poetry*, and many other magazines and anthologies.

“We are thrilled that acclaimed poet and novelist Peter Norman has accepted the role as Writer-in-Residence,” said Jillian Skeffington, Chair, English Department. “Our Writer-in-Residence program provides additional depth to our creative writing courses by connecting student writers with a professional mentor. Additionally, the program fosters connections with the greater Edmonton community as consultations are not limited to students and faculty,” added Skeffington.

The Writer-in-Residence has hosted poets, novelists, essayists and screenwriters, which include Pierrette Requier, Lynn Coady, E.D. Blodgett, Curtis Gillispe and Thomas Wharton. The Writer-in-Residence occupies an office on campus where they work on their own project while also being available for support and to share professional insights and experiences with people interested in writing, whether as a hobby or as a career.

Norman was a finalist for the 2011 Trillium Poetry Book Award and winner of the 2013 International Festival of Authors Battle of the Bards. Born in Vancouver, he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1998 from the University of British Columbia. Norman and his wife Melanie Little currently reside in Toronto.

MacEwan's 24th Writer in Residence, poet and novelist Peter Norman, will give a reading in the Library, second floor nook next to 7-202-C, Thursday, September 17th from 12:30-2.00 p.m. This event is open to students, faculty, staff, and the general public.

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