

Darrell Bourque, Louisiana Poet Laureate, 2008-2009. Acadian poem readings and discussion during the Acadian Memorial Festival on March 15, 2008



Darrell Bourque is Professor Emeritus in English at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where he served as director of the Creative Writing and Interdisciplinary Humanities programs. His poetry books include *Plainsongs*, *The Doors Between Us*, *Burnt Water Suite* and *The Blue Boat*, and his poems from *Plainsongs* are featured in the *Where Land Meets Sky*, a catalog of the works of artist Elemore Morgan, Jr.

He continues to work as poetry workshop leader and consultant, mostly with the Louisiana Affiliates of the National Writing Project. In November of 2007 he was appointed as Louisiana Poet Laureate, 2008-2009, by Governor Kathleen Blanco, and his personal initiative for the laureateship is to develop poetry audiences by teaching and reading in the pre-college classroom as well as in the state's libraries.