

Eastern European poet to speak

Lithuanian poet and essayist Tomas Venclova will speak on "Two Poets of St. Petersburg: Anna Akhmatova and Joseph Brodsky, A Personal View," at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at the Miami University Art Museum.

Venclova, a professor of Slavic languages and literature at Yale University, is known in this country as a scholar and a critic. A leading poet in Eastern Europe, he was personal friends with Russian poets Anna Akhmatova, considered one of the four great Modern Russian lyric poets, and Joseph Brodsky, a Nobel laureate. Brodsky once called Venclova "the son

of three literatures," who "preserved for himself 'three mother tongues:'

Lithuanian, Russian and Polish."

The lecture is part of the Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies Humanities Lecture Series. Free and open to the public.



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