

The Department of English is delighted to introduce the 2009-10 James A. and Marjorie Spenceley / Canada Council Writer-in-Residence, Penn Kemp



**Penn Kemp is a writer with both international experience and a wide variety of connections within the local community. Celebrated by the League of Canadian Poets as "one of the foremothers of Canadian Poetry," she also has accomplishments as a playwright and essayist, as well as expertise in editing. She works across a variety of poetic practices: her work in new media forms has been documented in a 2006 dissertation by Janette Hughes, *Poets, Poetry and the New Media*. Since Coach House Press published her first book in 1972, Ms. Kemp has been pushing textual and aural boundaries, often in participatory performance work. Among her publications are more than twenty five books of poetry and drama, ten CDs of Sound Opera, eight videopoems, and Canada's first poetry CD-ROM. She has artistically collaborated with a variety of writers, artists, dancers, and musicians. For instance, a series of her eco-poems was set to music and performed at Toronto's Music Gallery as part of the Composer Now Face to Face series, in an evening of world premieres of new music. Ms. Kemp has considerable background as a writer-in-residence, having served in this role in Buffalo, NY; Labrador; Findhorn, Scotland; Flesherton, Ontario; University of Rondonia, Brazil; and in India at the University of Mumbai, SNDT in Mumbai, and the University of Baroda. She has also performed in a variety of venues at arts festivals and conferences around the world, including London's Aeolian Hall.**

**Ms. Kemp will hold weekly office hours to offer feedback to and consultation with writers from the university and the London community. She will accept works of poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction and drama. Submissions may be up to ten pages, double-spaced. Please submit one week prior to your scheduled appointment.**

**Office hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm., in UC 171 beginning Wednesday, September 16 through Thursday, November 26, 2009 and beginning again Wednesday, January 13 through Thursday, March 25, 2010.**

**Please contact Vivian Foglton in the Department of English (Tel: 661-3403; email: [vlavers@uwo.ca](mailto:vlavers@uwo.ca)) to arrange an appointment and to leave your written submission.**



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