

New poetry by Howard published in fall edition of New Hibernian Review

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Alfred University Professor Emeritus of English Dr. Benjamin W. Howard recently had work published in the New Hibernia Review, a quarterly journal by the University of St. Thomas Center for Irish Studies, St. Paul, MN. The autumn issue is available online. Nine new poems, both meditative and witty, are illustrated in the review. Howard's poems range from moments of mindfulness in the American Midwest to a riff on "The Little Drummer Boy," as well as appreciative pieces about bohemian Dublin in the 1950s. Howard is the author of six books, most recently "Dark Pool" (Salmon Publishing, 2004), and the verse novella "Midcentury" (Salmon, 1997). Salmon will publish his sixth collection of poems, "Leaf, Sunlight, Asphalt," in 2009. Howard is the leader of the Falling Leaf Sangha, a Zen sitting group for students and the community. He also writes a bi-weekly column, "One Time, One Meeting," for the Alfred Sun. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in English from Drake University, and a master of arts degree in English and creative writing and a Ph.D. in English literature, both from Syracuse University. Howard completed post-doctoral studies in 18th century literature with Ronald Paulson at John Hopkins University, and in contemporary poetry with John Hollander at Yale University.