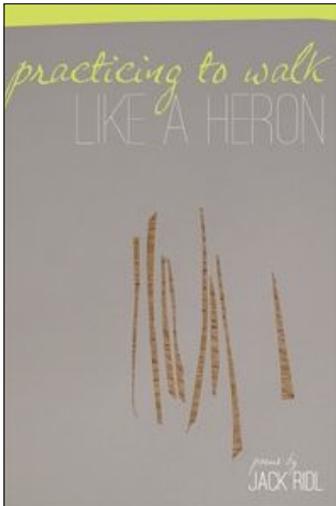
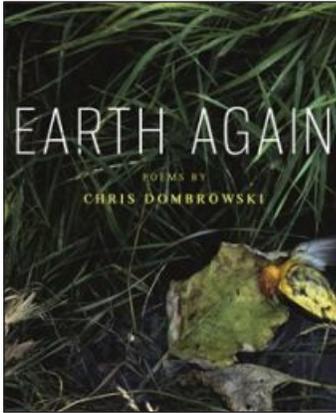




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New Poetry Collections from Award-Winning Michigan Authors, Formerly Student and Teacher

DETROIT, January 15, 2013—Wayne State University Press is pleased to announce poetry collections *Earth Again* by Chris Dombrowski and *Practicing to Walk Like a Heron* by Jack Ridl, part of the Press's Made in Michigan Writers Series. While both of these Michigan poets are award-winning in their own right—Dombrowski's first collection *By Cold Water* (Wayne State University Press, 2009) was a finalist for *Foreword Magazine's* Poetry Book of the Year and Ridl's *Broken Symmetry* (Wayne State University Press, 2006) was named best book of poetry for 2006 by The Society of Midland Authors—they are also notable for their relationship as student and teacher. Dombrowski was a member of Ridl's creative writing class at Hope College, where Ridl won many awards for his teaching.

About the books: *Earth Again*, the second full-length collection from Chris Dombrowski, transports readers to an imaginative world where identity is explored and expanded. With a mixture of long poems and shorter pieces, Dombrowski probes birth, death, sex, memory, and our blessed but treacherous engagement with the natural world. While he writes from a number of points of view and employs both male and female speakers, much of the collection's singular insight centers around masculine identity and being a husband and a father. Sarah Gridley says: "Dombrowski is a poet of conscience. A river-guide in every sense. A psalmist overcoming a cynic. We are fortunate, I think, to have this kind of poet still among us."

In *Practicing to Walk Like a Heron*, Jack Ridl shares lines of well-earned wisdom in the face of a constantly changing world. The familiar comforts of life—a warm fire in winter, a lush garden in summer—become the settings for transcendent and universal truths in these poems, as moments of grief, sadness, and melancholy trigger a deeper appreciation for small but important joys. Mary Ruefle writes: "If you don't believe you have a soul, reading this book will give you one—its soulfulness is that far-reaching, generous, persuasive, and real."

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