

Mayor names Madison's new poets laureate

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Mayor Paul Soglin named Sarah Busse and Wendy Vardaman as poets laureate for the city of Madison.

Busse and Vardaman, co-editors of Verse Wisconsin, will share the volunteer position until Jan. 18, 2016.

Madison's first poet laureate, John Tuschen, was appointed by Soglin in 1977. Former Mayor Susan Bauman appointed Tuschen's successor, Andrea Musher, in 2001. In 2007, former Mayor Dave Cieslewicz appointed Fabu Phillis Carter.

A reception and poetry reading celebrating the new poets laureate is set for 1:30 to 3 p.m. Feb. 11, at the Goodman South Madison Library, 2222 S. Park St.