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### Title

Presentation: Poetry Recitation by Rita Mae Reese, "On the Problems of Empathy". Introduced by Madison's Poet Laureate, Oscar Mireles

### Body

Rita Mae Reese is a recipient of a Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Award, a Stegner fellowship in fiction, a "Discovery"/The Nation award, and a Pamaunok Poetry Prize, among other awards. Her second book, *The Book of Hulga*, was selected by Denise Duhamel for the Felix Pollak Prize in 2016. She is a co-director of literary arts at the Arts & Literature Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin. Visit her at [www.ritamaereese.com](http://www.ritamaereese.com)