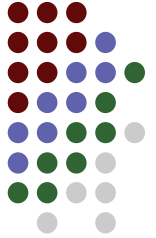


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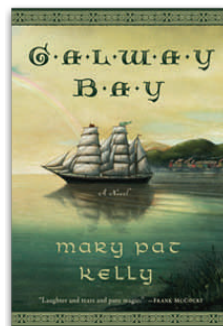
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Monday, October 26
Reading by Poet
Paula Meehan
4:30 pm
St. Augustine Center
Room 300



Paula Meehan's new collection *Painting Rain* explores an Ireland where uncontrolled development is tearing apart a sustaining ecology. Reflecting on the small virtues and large defeats that shape a world, hers is an ambitious meditation, from the point where private memory, mythology and ecology meet. Born and raised in Dublin, Meehan has published five previous collections of award-winning poetry.

Tuesday, November 3
Novelist **Mary Pat Kelly**
Reading from Galway Bay
4:30 pm
St. Augustine Center
Room 300



“After reading her novel *Galway Bay*, you might wonder if Mary Pat Kelly knows everything about 19th century Ireland, the Great Famine, and the emigrant experience in America. But it’s her exploration of the human heart that moves you. Against landscapes beautiful and bleak she brings her characters to unforgettable life. As they say in Ireland, ‘Take your ease with this book.’ You’ll need time for laughter and tears and pure magic.”

—Frank McCourt, Pulitzer-Prize-winning author of *ANGELA'S ASHES*

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