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Monica Berlin & Beth Marzoni, *No Shape Bends the River So Long*

2013 New Measure Poetry Prize Winner

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No Shape Bends the River So Long meanders through the American landscape in search of site and relic, home and away-from-home. Part meditation on our tenuous position in the natural world and part interrogation of that relationship, these poems map what any place records and what it has erased. Weathered by obsolescence, chance, complacency, and awe, they carve out a new idiom for how we go on. **MONICA BERLIN** and **BETH MARZONI**'s collaborations have been published or are forthcoming in *Colorado Review*, *New Orleans Review*, *DIAGRAM*, *Better: Culture & Lit*, *Meridian*, *TYPO*, *Quarterly West*, and *Vela*.

Valerio Magrelli, *The Condominium of the Flesh*.

Translated by Clarissa Botsford

A darkly humorous exploration of the human body and its various functions in poetic prose, Valerio Magrelli's personal chronicle of clinical experience catalogues a life history of ailments without ever being pathological. Every sensation and malfunction is placed under the subjective microscope of the poet's eye and examined in excruciating and obsessive detail. This *Gray's Anatomy* of the soul leads the reader on an inside-out voyage of discovery, with many surprises on the way. One of Italy's most celebrated living poets, **VALERIO MAGRELLI** has also attracted an international following, including luminaries such as Octavio Paz and Joseph Brodsky

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Jesús Losada, *The Magnetic Brackets*

Translated by Luis Ingelmo and Michael Smith

"*The Magnetic Brackets* . . . is one of the liveliest and truest poetical testaments that a reader can tackle at these times of disbelief, of half-truths, of vacuity and passivity in thought. For this is one more gift from the book: where thought and feeling are perfectly merged." — Antonio Colinas. **JESÚS LOSADA** is the author of eleven collections of poetry, among them *Huerto cerrado del amor* (2nd prize, Premio Adonáis, 1994), *La noche del funambulista* (Premio Provincia, 1998) and *Corazón frontera* (Premio "San Juan de la Cruz", 2010).

Allison Funk, *Wonder Rooms*

Centuries before modern museums, European wonder rooms housed artifacts and curiosities that mirrored the worlds of their collectors. In them, the New World met Old; superstition tangled with natural science; the monstrous roomed with the commonplace. In Allison Funk's fifth collection of poems, *Wonder Rooms*, she is similarly in between: at once in the shelter of her childhood home and the chaos of a madhouse. Like Renaissance collectors before her, she invents a nomenclature to make sense of her world. **ALLISON FUNK** is the author of four previous books of poems and the recipient of a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

L. S. Klatt, *Sunshine Wound*

The poems in *Sunshine Wound* leave behind, if not a "beauty mark," an impasto. The lines are thick with grief but also phantasms that ambush us with a "manufactured light." It is this dream power that exposes the vulnerable, whether it be the "forgotten" head of George Washington that "looks like it wants to speak" or a "cardboard fawn" on the verge of an "elegant collapse." Relying on a protean poetic line, the poet improvises a likeness of America that is both genuine and synthetic, reminiscent and alien. **L. S. KLATT**'s second volume (*Cloud of Ink*) received the Iowa Poetry Prize.

Sarah Sousa, *Split the Crow*

Using a supple but precise idiom, *Split the Crow* chronicles the history of European settlers and the Indigenous Americans they sought to convert, assimilate and eradicate. A range of stories and voices are woven throughout the collection: those of Europeans such as Mary Rowlandson and Roger Williams; a native-owned African slave during the Civil War; and indigenous voices, some clear and attributable, others literal marginalia in European bibles. **SARAH SOUSA**'s poems have appeared or are forthcoming in *Apalachee Review*, *Barn Owl Review*, and *Spoon River Poetry Review*, among others. Her first collection won the Red Mountain Press Prize and will be published in 2014.