



How to Read a Poem

Clay Jenkinson

Monday, April 14 & 17, 2025 - 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ET

Books by Clay Jenkinson

The Language of Cottonwoods: Essays on the Future of North Dakota

Bring Out Your Dead: The Literature and History of Epidemics

*Message on the Wind: A Spiritual Odyssey
on the Northern Plains*

*The Writings of the Lewis & Clark Expedition
in North Dakota*

*Becoming Jefferson's People: Re-Inventing
The American Republic in the 21st Century*

*A Free and Hardy Life: Theodore Roosevelt's
Sojourn in the American West*

*The Character of Meriwether Lewis: Explorer
in the Wilderness*

A Few Books for Poetry Lovers:

The Norton Anthology of Poetry.

Andrew Hodgson. *The Cambridge Guide to Reading Poetry.*

Mary Oliver. *A Poetry Handbook.*

Thomas C. Foster. *How to Read Poetry Like a Professor: A Quippy and Sonorous Guide to Verse.*

Babette Deutsch. *Poetry Handbook: A Dictionary of Terms.*

To follow Clay's travels and his weekly podcast and written posts, visit LTAmerica.org. Sign up for our weekly newsletter. Follow Clay's explorations along America's greatest rivers on the Lewis and Clark Trail—as we approach the nation's 250th birthday.

Clay is the editor of *We Proceeded On*, the quarterly journal of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. You should subscribe: www.lewisandclark.org.

Clay's next cultural tour will be the fourth **John Steinbeck Retreat** on the Monterey Peninsula September 21-29, 2025. By then Clay's annotated edition of *Travels with Charley* will be ready to submit to the press. The retreat includes daily site tours at Doc's Lab, the Monterey Aquarium, Fremont Peak, and Point Lobos. The tour includes a special dinner in Steinbeck's boyhood home in Salinas. The retreat will headquarter at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas.

Clay is interviewing **Native American Elders** throughout the American West about the life and achievement of the photographer Edward S. Curtis (1868-1952). Curtis took 40,000 dry glass plate photographs of Indigenous people in seven regions of the American West. The result was one of ethnography's greatest works: *The North American Indian* (20 volumes). The video modules will be made available to galleries, tribes, museums, historical societies, and other entities interested in Curtis' stupendous achievement. For more information see LTAmerica.org.

Clay is a writer, public humanities scholar, editor, public radio personality, adventurer, leader of cultural tours. He lives in Bismarck, North Dakota, one of the last agrarian places in America. He has a particular interest in the American West.

Listening to America is Clay Jenkinson's new initiative to make a series of journeys in search of the heart of America at this perplexing time in our history. Please visit LTAmerica.org for more details.

Beginning on April 24, 2025, Clay will explore the entire Lewis & Clark Trail, from Monticello in Virginia, to Astoria, Oregon—in a 23-foot Airstream trailer.

Join me at Poplar Forest in Lynchburg, VA,
at 2 p.m. Tuesday May 6, 2025.

Lecture on Lewis & Clark
followed by potluck picnic.