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WW FELLOW WINS POETRY PULITZER

PRINCETON, N.J.—Former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert L. Hass WF '63 was awarded a 2008 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry—one of two this year—for *Time and Materials: Poems 1997-2005*. The same collection also garnered Dr. Hass a National Book Award.

Time and Materials is Dr. Hass' first book of poetry since he concluded his tenure as Poet Laureate (1995-1997). In the intervening decade, he has also translated the works of Nobel poet Czeslaw Milosz, edited poetry collections such as *The Essential Haiku: Versions of Basho, Buson, and Issa* and *Best American Poetry*, and created *The Washington Post*'s "Poet's Choice" column.

Dr. Hass, a professor of English at the University of California-Berkeley, has won numerous awards beginning with his first book of poetry, *Field Guide* (1973), selected by Stanley Kunitz for the Yale Younger Poets Series. He has received two National Book Critics Circle Awards—the first for a book of essays, *Twentieth Century Pleasures: Prose on Poetry* (1984), and the second for his poetry collection *Sun Under Wood* (1996).

A MacArthur and Guggenheim Fellow, Dr. Hass was elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences in 2005 and recently concluded a term as a Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets. While Poet Laureate, he also co-founded River of Words (ROW), a nonprofit organization that he continues to co-chair. ROW promotes environmental and arts education and holds an annual international environmental poetry and art contest for youth.

Established in 1922, the Pulitzer Prize for poetry is awarded "for a distinguished volume of original verse by an American author." Dr. Hass is the 15th Pulitzer winner among Fellows of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.

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