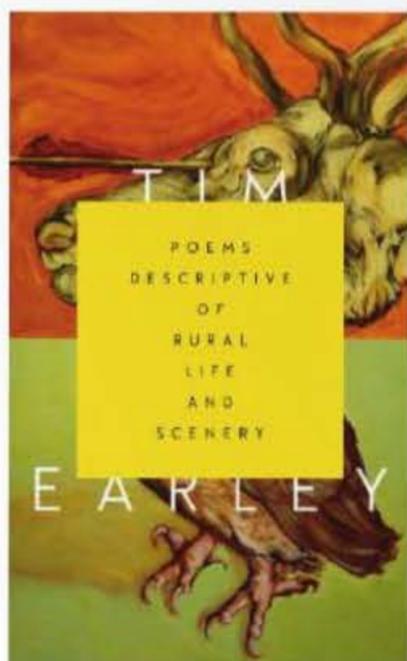


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## POETRY AWARD

**Tim Earley**

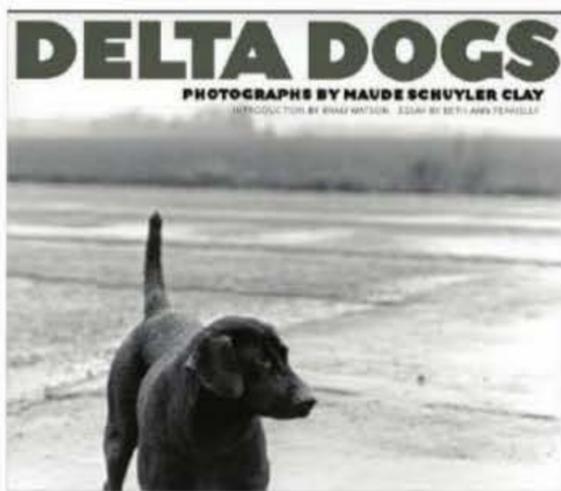
*Poems Descriptive of Rural Life and Scenery*

HORSE LESS PRESS, 2014

“Part Henry Miller, part Rimbaud, part Whitman, part Joyce, all swirled into the ‘poor, rude clown’ of mad John Clare

resurrected and rampaging through the ‘post-natal slime’ of the American South, Tim Earley (UM visiting assistant professor of English) reinvents or damn near obliterates the prose poem in ... a book of ‘abundant strangeness’ and originality, a teeming cesspool of language like a ‘disease that overflows.’”

—Jason Koo, director of Brooklyn Poets



## PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

**Maude Schuyler Clay**

*Delta Dogs*

UNIVERSITY PRESS OF MISSISSIPPI, 2014

Introduction by Brad Watson, Essay by Beth Ann Fennelly, UM professor of English and director of the MFA Program

“Maude Schuyler Clay is one of those rare photographers who captures the simple, desolate beauty of the Delta with the elegance of a Faulkner phrase or classic blues lyric.”

—James Franco, actor



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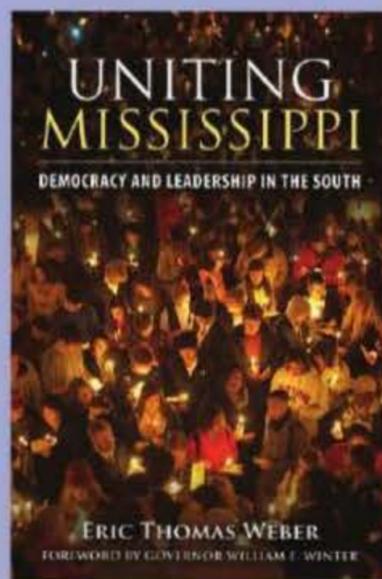
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