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Richard Davis to read his poetry at USI

Dr. Richard Davis, poet, translator, and critic, will read a selection of his poems at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 9, in the Health Professions Center at University of Southern Indiana in room 1006. The event is open to the public.

Associate professor of Persian at Ohio State University in Columbus, Dr. Davis, was awarded the 1999-2000 Guggenheim Fellowship. He also taught in Teheran (1970 - 78).

He has published numerous volumes of poetry including *A Kind of Love* (1991), and *Touchwood* (1997). His published translations include *The Shanameh*, the tenth century Persian epic by Ferdowsi, *The Legend of Seyavash*, and *The Lion and the Throne*. He and his wife, Afkham Darbandi, translated *The Conference of the Birds* from a twelfth century Persian religious allegory by Farid Attar.

The Cambridge Guide to Literature in English (1993) describes Dr. Davis' poems as having "clarity of diction and syntax," "using traditional forms and metre," and "morally evaluative."