



# The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Wallace Stevens Birthday Bash With Featured Speaker: John N. Serio



## Poetry is Feeling, Then, and Sound

*"An abstraction blooded,  
as a man by thought."  
—Wallace Stevens*



**John N. Serio** will address a neglected aspect in Wallace Stevens' work—"the personal" or "the emotional" in his poetry. Most readers focus on Stevens' complex philosophical ideas and find his poetry abstract, cold, and impersonal. His talk will concentrate on the feeling embedded in Stevens' poetry.

Serio is a Professor of Humanities at Clarkson University, where he has taught since 1974. A specialist in modern American poetry and Wallace Stevens in particular, he has edited *The Wallace Stevens Journal* for over twenty-five years. Among his publications are *Wallace Stevens: An Annotated Secondary Bibliography*; *Teaching Wallace Stevens: Practical Essays*; *The Cambridge Companion to Wallace Stevens*.

**Saturday, Oct. 4th**

**6:30 Reception; Speaker at 7:00**

**Hors d'oeuvres . Wine . Champagne . Birthday Cake**

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