

## Renegade poet on campus

Controversial poet, author and playwright Amiri Baraka will be reading some of his poetry today on campus.

Known for his brash use of the English language, Baraka presents his work with the strength and conviction needed to be heard in a world where a man is still judged by the color of his skin.

Born out of the beat generation of the 50's, his early poetry evolved into more than a dozen collections

over his career.

He is also an author of ten books, four anthologies and two dozen plays, including the 1964 Obie-award-winner, "Dutchman."

Presented by Grossmont College and Blues as Literature, History and Culture (Humanities 299), Baraka will perform, along with Grossmont instructor and jazz bassist, Kristin Korb, and student presenters of music and poetry, at 1 p.m., today in the Griffin Gate.