

Introductory Note

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Beginning in 2014 with meetings at UCLA and Dartmouth College, members of the *boundary 2* community gathered for a series of conferences on poetry and poetics, with special emphasis on the topic of the UCLA meeting, “The Social Life of Poetic Language.” The editorial collective would like to thank its members, Aamir Mufti and Donald Pease, along with their home institutions for hosting our meetings. We also met at the University of Pittsburgh to complete our discussions of these topics.

The present volume collects many papers presented in these events. We anticipate publishing additional papers based on revised talks in future volumes. These issues reflect the journal’s long-standing engagement with the possibilities of poetic creativity and the criticism it elicits. We hope to expand our work with the cooperation of friends and new contributors.