Throughout the day, hundreds of students from Massachusetts campuses will give poster and oral presentations on research from a wide range of academic disciplines.

Talk Summary:

Sometimes I just know what you’re thinking. The important American composer and performance artist John Cage said “without thinking we can tell what is being said without understanding it.” Likewise, sometimes we understand what is being said without thinking. Dara Wier will discuss how we make sense of what we hear and see, and why we need to do so in order to take charge of our own lives, confident that we can interpret and understand what we observe going on around us.

Keynote Speaker: Dara Wier

Wier has directed the Master of Fine Arts program for poets and writers at UMass Amherst where she teaches poetry workshops and seminars. Dara Wier’s eleven poetry collections include Selected Poems. A new collection, You Good Thing is due to release in early 2013.