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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**“Wild Columbine” by Gary J. Whitehead Published in *Ploughshares* Literary Journal**

BOSTON, MA - Ploughshares is pleased to announce that “Wild Columbine” by Gary J. Whiteheadappears in the Spring 2017 issue of *Ploughshares*.

Acclaimed writer Jennifer Haigh guest edits this poetry and prose issue. As Haigh writes in her introduction, “By training or habit or simply natural inclination, the writer of literature is sensitive to invisible currents in the culture. We are made of porous stuff, highly absorbent. The writer is the box of baking soda at the back of the refrigerator, absorbing whatever is ambient.”

With new poetry from Kaveh Akbar and Matthew Lippman, nonfiction from Vandela Vida, and fiction from Smith Henderson, Kristen Iskandrian, Joshua Ferris, and Jess Walter, the work in this issue grapples with the current cultural environment.

**About Gary J. Whitehead**

**Gary J. Whitehead**’s third collection of poems, A Glossary of Chickens, was published by Princeton University Press in 2013. His writing awards include, among others, a New York Foundation for the Arts Fellowship, the Pearl Hogrefe Fellowship at Iowa State University, and the PEN Northwest Margery Davis Boyden Wilderness Writing Residency Award. His poems have appeared widely, most notably in The New Yorker.

**About Ploughshares**

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