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MARY DI MICHELE

Life Sentences: the self in narrative
and translation

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Fireplace Lounge, Ground Floor,
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Mary di Michele is an Italian-Canadian poet and author, who came to Toronto with her family in 1955 from Lanciano, Italy. Contributor to several periodicals and included in many anthologies in the 1980s, Mary became a major voice among Italian-Canadian writers, especially women poets, with her 1981 collection: *Mimosa and Other Poems*. Author of over a dozen books, including two novels, she has been a professor of creative writing at Concordia University since 1990. Mary will be examining Italian-Canadian life and Self-representation, as well as reading and discussing "Life Sentences," an autobiographical poem in her current collection of poetry, *Bicycle Thieves* (2017).