

18 Oct 2019 at NOON:
Friday Lunch with American Author
COLE SWENSEN

"Writing by Hand"

This Friday the renowned author Cole Swensen will be visiting Mulhouse from Brown University in the USA. She will give a talk which will include her reading some recent writing alongside students sharing and discussing recent translations of her work into French share in her work, ask questions, share the experience of being a contemporary writer and scholar!



Bring a sandwich along and practice your English!

18th October from 12.00pm to 2.00pm, room 201

BIO: A native of the San Francisco Bay Area, Cole Swensen is the author of seventeen collections of poetry, most recently *On Walking On* (Nightboat Books, 2017) and *Gave* (Omni Dawn, 2017), and a volume of critical essays, *Noise That Stays Noise* (University of Michigan, 2011). Often basing her poetic collections around specific research projects, she has written books on subjects such as the role of women in opera (*Oh*), the paintings of Pierre Bonnard (*The Glass Age*), the anatomy of the hand (*The Book of a Hundred Hands*), and the evolution of the ghost in western society (*Gravesend*). Two recent books, *Ours* and *Greensward*, focus, respectively, on 17th and 18th century formal gardens, examining the ongoing and often uneasy aesthetic relationship that humans have with their surroundings. She continues this theme in her 2015 book *Landscapes on a Train* (Nightboat Books). Her current projects include a series of essay/poems on visual artists who take a phenomenological approach to landscape (*Art in Time*, Nightboat Books, forthcoming, 2020) and a collection on the history of the development of electricity (*Zap*, Solid Objects Press, forthcoming, 2020). *Zap* has also been produced by Karen Randall as a limited-edition artist's book titled *The Leyden Jar Project*. Swensen has also translated over 20 volumes of poetry from French into English. For a full list of those, see: <https://www.coleswensen.com/translations-1.html>

Swensen is here are part of the SUAC event « PUZZLE » : complete your lunch experience by attending their 17h30 Conférence at the Maison de l'étudiant for this dance-poetry project.