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THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY
4:00 P.M.
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Paul Fournel

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Paul Fournel is a French writer, poet, publisher and diplomat, who is currently serving as France's cultural attaché in London. A keen cyclist and a member of the avant-garde writers' group, Oulipo, whose members focus on the problems and puzzles of language, Fournel has published numerous works of fiction and nonfiction, including

Besoin de vélo (*Need for the Bike*, 2001) and, most recently, *Meli-vélo* (2008). His essays on cycling may be read in English in *Rouleur* magazine. He was invited to participate in the fall 2009 Sports in European Society Series and outreach teacher workshop but was unable to visit campus until now.