

## DAVID LIGARE

*Sapere Aude*, 2015  
Oil on Canvas, 20 x 14 in



COURTESY WINFIELD GALLERY AND HIRSCHL & ADLER MODERN GALLERY

## ANN FISHER-WIRTH

### Rain

I have returned to this loft among redwoods  
in the California mountains.  
Gradually the night steadies itself around me  
Outside, the tiniest rain begins to heal the desiccated hills.

Rain, small sweet rain, bringing these hills of my childhood  
back to tenderest green, I have carried so much fear  
that those I love will suffer. As they will.

Pools begin to gather where quail nest in the darkness.  
“I think we are provided for,”  
said my dying friend when I asked him  
if he sensed what lies beyond pain.

**Ann Fisher-Wirth's** fourth book of poems is *Dream Cabinet* (Wings Press 2012). Her other books of poems are *Carta Marina*, *Blue Window*, and *Five Terraces*. With Laura-Gray Street, she coedited the groundbreaking *Ecopoetry Anthology* (Trinity UP, 2013, 2014). Her current project is a poetry/photography collaboration with Maude Schuyler Clay titled *Mississippi*. She teaches at the University of Mississippi, where she also directs the Minor in Environmental Studies, and she teaches yoga at Southern Star in Oxford.