

ROMAINE WASHINGTON

## BOOKS & JOURNALS

88 UNASHAMED BLACK MENTAL HEALTH STORIES... A BLACKLANDIA ANTHOLOGY. CA:

Inlandia Institute, \*Forthcoming May, 2026

THESE BLACK BODIES ARE... A BLACKLANDIA ANTHOLOGY. CA: Inlandia Institute, 2023

[Curator/Editor](#)

CHOLLA NEEDLES #102: SOFT POWER EDITION 2025

CHOLLA NEEDLES #105: 2025

CHOLLA NEEDLES#88, 2024

[GUEST Editor Literary Journal](#)

PURGATORY HAS AN ADDRESS. California: Bamboo Dart Press. 2021.

[Publisher Nominated for a Pushcart Prize](#)

Longlisted for a Perennial Chapbook Award

SIRENS IN HER BELLY. California: Jamii Publishing. 2015

Boundless 2022: The Rio Grande Valley Intl. Poetry Festival Anthology. New Mexico.

Flower Song Press, 2022

Poem: *Deciduous*31. [Publisher Nominated for a Pushcart Prize.](#)

Spirit Fire Review, 2017

Poem: *Inseparable*. [Publisher Nominated for Best of the Net](#)

## FELLOWSHIPS

TWH GRADUATE FELLOW OF THE WATERING HOLE SANTEE, SC.

IAWP INLAND AREA WRITING PROJECT FELLOW. UCR

## POETRY OUT LOUD (POL)

STATE JUDGE, SACRAMENTA, CA 2026

COORDINATOR. ARTS CONNECTION: SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, 2023-2024

COACH San Bernardino 2021-2022

JUDGE San Bernardino 2018 & 2020

JUDGE Riverside 2017-2022

## WORKSHOP FACILITATOR

CAYENNE WELLNESS: SICKLE CELL DISEASE EMERGING ADULT TRANSITION PROGRAM

WRITE YOUR OWN STORY! JOURNALING FOR WELLNESS Feb. 2022 - 2026

CAMPO DE CAHUENGA, STUDIO CITY – Jan 2026

EXHALE GRIEF, INHALE GROWTH: A COMMUNITY POETRY WORKSHOP

INLANDIA CREATIVE WRITING Fall 2018 – Present

GENERATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP 5-WEEK SESSIONS

MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE: CULTURAMA. Nov. 2021

WRITING WITH A FULL PALETTE: Guest of John Brantingham

## EVENTS

**MATTER STUDIO GALLERY. LOS ANGELES, CA**

CHOLLA NEEDLES #102 SOFT POWER MATTERS READING

HOST/CURATOR: ROMAINE WASHINGTON SEPT. 28, 2025

Authors: Lisa Cheby, Angela Franklin, Ginger Galloway, Tisha Reichle-Aguilera, Jasmine Vallejo-Love, Pam Ward.

**ARTSWALK: INLANDIA. RIVERSIDE LIBRARY, CA**

SINNERS. HOW BLACK STORYTELLING CREATES CULTURE

HOST/PRESENTER: ROMAINE WASHINGTON FEB. 7. 2026

Panel: Dr. Anthony Brasher, James Coats, Ginger Galloway

RICHARD WRIGHT AND THE CHICAGO BLACK RENAISSANCE

HOST/PRESENTER: ROMAINE WASHINGTON SEPT. 4, 2025

Presenters: Ginger Galloway, Richard May, Romaine Washington

**THESE BLACK BODIES ARE... A BLACKLANDIA ANTHOLOGY**

CURATE AND HOST: READING SERIES FOR AUTHORS IN THE COLLECTION.

Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation, Rancho Cucamonga Feb. 2025

Zoom Reading MLK Day Jan. 2024

Riverside Art Museum, Riverside Nov. 2023

Feldheim Library, San Bernardino July 2023

Fairmount Park Riverside June 2023

## CURATOR/ INTERVIEWER

**INLANDIA/BLACKLANDIA COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

BLACK HISTORY READING & PANEL DISCUSSION: FEB. 2022.

[The Language of Healing-The Poetry of Hope.](#) Moderator

ARTIST TALK: JUNE 2021. MODERATOR

[Charles Bibbs and Richard Allen May II.](#)

MENTAL HEALTH: Miss Phyllis Y. Clark, Founder, CEO and April Gillis,

Project Coordinator for [Healthy Heritage Movement](#), MAY 2021.

### **PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES & ESSAYS**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS GROUP: [Inlandia Literary Journeys](#) (2018-2026)

Contributing Writer.

POETS & WRITERS online Writers Readings & Workshops Blog April 2019.

A Thriving Writing Workshop in San Bernardino.

BECOMING A TEACHER: PEARSON TEXTBOOK. 2004 –

Teacher's Voice: Walk in My Shoes. Teaching on Your Feet: Sí Se Puede!

### **PUBLICATIONS POETRY ONLINE**

[Coachella Review](#). 2025

*Cannibals and Treatises.*

[Alta Dena Poetry Review](#). Altadena. 2021

*Gargoyles and Goddesses, Incident in Blue, The Scent of Patchouli*

### **PUBLICATIONS POETRY PRINT**

[Cholla Needles 100](#), Cholla Needles Press. Joshua Tree, 2025.

*The Year of Melting Time, Art Night San Bernardino, they kiss me behind my eyes, Le Cadeau, this is not how we thought it would be, and Writing Avocados.*

[Saltwater: A Wild Seed Poetry & Arts Collective Anthology](#). Jamii Publishing, 2024.

*Puzzled*, 31. *Ars Poetica in Bloom*, 76. *Secondary Cento*, 87.

The Longest Night. Words from the Winter Solstice. Jamii Publishing. 2024

*Why She Likes to Burn Candles*, 44. *Balloons*, 74.

[Cholla Needles 86](#), Cholla Needles Press. Joshua Tree, 2024

*Lineage, We See You Tribe on the Other Side, Stay Woke, naked i go, Elle Est Ici*

Spectrum Winter 2022. Spectrum Publishing, 2022

*Pandemic in the Fourth Dimension*, 3.

[Gathering: A Women Who Submit Anthology](#) Jamii Publishing, 2021

*From Inside a Burning Building*, 138.

[Cholla Needles 59](#), Cholla Needles Press. Joshua Tree, 2021

*Swoon, Bedspreads, Right Below the Surface, Stevenson's Swing, San Bernardino (1994), and Trompe L'oeil*

[Cholla Needles 39](#), Cholla Needles Press. Joshua Tree, 2020

*Empty Nest, Time Transfusion, Purgatory Has an Address, I Go Back to the Middle of Your Kiss, and Decommissioned (1994)*

[Accolades: A Women Who Submit Anthology](#) Jamii Publishing, 2020

*at the end of the devil's breath*, 106.

[San Bernardino Singing](#) Inlandia Institute, 2020

A collection of essays and poems on San Bernardino, (11-32).

Redlands Review. Redlands University, 2019

*Burning Bush*, 48.

[Cholla Needles 36](#), Cholla Needles Press. Joshua Tree, 2019

*Childman in the Motherland, All American Pastime, Saguaro, Br'er Boombox.*

[Cholla Needles 32](#) Cholla Needles Press. Joshua Tree, 2019

*Westside, Magnolia Estates, The Flavor of Jazz, Meditation in Dissolving Boundaries, Coloring Grid*

Lullwater Review: Emory University

*Drowning*, 30.

New Directions. Howard University

*Suspended Animation*, 32. *The Facts are Invisible*, 32.

## **POETRY READINGS**

Ontario Museum. Black History Month Collective

James Coats, Anthony Edwards Jr., Romaine Washington Feb. 2026

Beyond Baroque. "Assata Lives: A Tribute Poetry Reading for Assata Shakur

Tara Betts, bridgette bianca, Nikia Chaney, Matthew Cuban, Aya de Leon,

Rhys Langston, jessica Care moore, Nailah Porter, Matt Sedillo, Alene

Terzian, Pam Ward, Romaine Washington, Jessica Wilson. Oct. 2025

Beyond Baroque. [Flexing the Soft Power of Women: In Recognition of Domestic](#)

[Violence Awareness](#), Angela Franklin, Jessica Gallion, Sharon Langley,

Ronna Magy, Pam Ward, and Romaine Washington. Oct. 2025

Beyond Baroque. "Contract Tracing: Authors Reflect on the Covid-19 pandemic"

Lisa Eve Cheby, Kate Maruyama, Noriko Nakada, Romaine Washington,  
 Hazel Knight Whitam, and Désirée Zamorano. March 2025  
 Claremont Library: Fourth Sunday Featured Reader. 2025, 2021, 2017  
 A Garden of Verses. Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont.  
 April 2025, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017.  
 Roar Shack: Host David Rocklin. March 2025, July 2023  
 WeHo Read. [Power and Progress](#) Angela Franklin, Jenise Miller, Pam Ward,  
 and Romaine Washington. Feb 2025.  
 Litfest in the Dena. Poetry of Preservation. Curator/Moderator: Emily Fernandez,  
 Panel: Ruth Nolan, Michelle Brittan Rosado, and Romaine Washington.  
 May 2024  
 Pilgrim Congregation Church. Guest of NCNW Pomona Valley Section. MLK Day  
 Program. January 2024  
 Segerstrom Center for the Arts. IG Live @segerstromarts  
 Notes for Nina Birthday Tribute. Curator: Dr. Natalie Graham. Feb. 2022  
 Nikia Chaney, Cynthia Alessandra Briano, Romaine Washington  
 Segerstrom Center for the Arts Argyros Plaza. Costa Mesa Freedom in Full  
 Bloom. Juneteenth Reading. Curator: Dr. Nathalie Graham. 2021.  
 Artswalk. Riverside Public Library. Inlandia/Blacklandia. 2021, 2020, 2017.  
 Altadena Arts Festival at Charles White Park. Oct. 2021  
 Rapp Saloon. Curator: Cynthia Alessandra Briano. Santa Monica.  
 May 2021.  
 Cholla Needles. Curator: Rick Soos. Joshua Tree. 2020.  
 Pasadena LitFest. Poets & Allies Curator: Khadija Anderson. May 2018.  
 PoetrIE Presents: Sin Filtro Workshop, Reading & Conversation. Curator:  
 Isabella Quintero. San Bernardino. 2018  
 Art Share L.A. *un::fade::able Sandra Bland Reading*. Curator: F. Douglas  
 Brown. Los Angeles, CA., 2017.  
 Garcia Center for the Arts. Lady & the Blues: Art & Poetry from African American  
 Women. Curator: Nikia Chaney. San Bernardino, CA. Feb. 2017.

## **MEDIA PRESENTATIONS, INTERVIEWEE**

[JEM Writers on Writing podcast](#). Host: Juanita E. Mantz. Feb. 2024

[Thee Empire Podcast](#). Host: Antonio “Thee” Miles. July 2023

[KQBH LA The Collective](#). Host: Gina Duran. Feb. 26, 2022

[CBS2 Inside SoCal](#), Feb. 6, 2022

[JEM FB Video Podcast](#). Host: Juanita E. Mantz. Jan. 26, 2022

KPFK (Pacifica) Safe Harbor Host DJ Junor Francis. July 19, 2016.

## **PANEL TALKS**

### **CAMPO DE CAHUENGA: STUDIO CITY**

THE CURIOSITY OF CHAPBOOKS: APRIL 2025

Lisa Eve Cheby, Lauren Eggert-Crowe, Tisha Marie Reichle-Aguilera, Romaine Washington, and Aruni Wijesinghe.

### **BOOK CLUB OF CALIFORNIA, PASADENA**

VOICES OF CONTEMPORARY WOMEN WRITERS: OCT. 2025

Moderator: Daria E. Topousis. Panel: Tisha Marie Reichle-Aguilera, Carla Sameth, Romaine Washington, and Desirée Zamorano

### **CONVERSATION AT THE CULVER: INLANDIA INSTITUTE & UCR ARTS**

AFRICAN AMERICAN VERNACULAR ENGLISH

HOST/CURATOR: JAMES COATS. PANEL: FEB. 2024

Bridgett Bianca and Romaine Washington

### **CONVERSATIONS AT THE CULVER: INLANDIA INSTITUTE & UCR ARTS**

INLANDIA BOOK AUTHORS ON THE BOOKS THAT MADE THEM. MARCH 2024

Stephanie Barbé Hammer, Judy Kronenfeld, Thatcher Carter, Victoria Waddle, Carlos Cortés, Tisha Marie Reichle-Aguilera, and Romaine Washington

### **SMOL FAIR EVENTS READING & PANEL DISCUSSION:**

SAY YES TO THE SMALL PRESS: 2022.

HOST/CURATOR: CATI PORTER

Jo Scott Coe, Allen Callaci, Sean Pravica, Juanita E. Mantz, Romaine Washington, and Tim Hatch.

SMALL TOWNS ARE WHERE CRAZY SH\*\* HAPPENS: 2022.

Stephanie Barbé Hammer, Ruth Nolan, Cindy Rinne, John Brantingham, and Romaine Washington.

**ASSOCIATION OF WRITERS & WRITING PROGRAMS (AWP)**

READING & PANEL DISCUSSION:

CONCISE PUNCHES OF REALITY:

READINGS FROM FIVE CHAPBOOK MEMOIRS: 2022.

Moderator: Romaine Washington. Gail Butensky, Allen Callaci, Kendall Johnson, and Juanita E. Mantz.

PANEL DISCUSSION: RE-DEFINING A WRITER'S SUCCESS. 2018.

Nikia Chaney, Allyson Jeffredo, Isabel Quintero, and Romaine Washington.

**LONG BEACH LITERARY ARTS CENTER**

CHAPBOOK: PANEL TALK AND READING. July 2021

**CERRITOS COLLEGE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT**

PANEL DISCUSSION. I AM SPEAKING: AMPLIFYING WOMEN'S VOICES. 2021.

Women Speaking at Work: Using English and Creative Writing Skills in the Workplace.

**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH.**

BOOK PRESENTATION: UNITS FOR *Sirens in Her Belly*. February 2017.

Faye Valone Visconti and Romaine Washington

**WRITING ORGANIZATIONS**

Poets and Writers. 2016 - Present

Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) 2016 – Present

Women Who Submit 2019 - Present