

**ROMAINE WASHINGTON**

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**EDUCATION**

Azusa Pacific University – M.A. Education.  
California State University San Bernardino -- B.A. French

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**FELLOWSHIPS**

**TWH THE WATERING HOLE FELLOW.** Winter Writing Retreat. Santee, SC.  
**IAWP INLAND AREA WRITING PROJECT FELLOW.** UCR Summer Program  
*Teachers Teaching Teachers - Writing Across Curriculum.*

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**POETRY BOOKS**

**PURGATORY HAS AN ADDRESS.** California: Bamboo Dart Press.  
**SIRENS IN HER BELLY.** California: Jamii Publishing.

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**EDUCATOR**

CALIFORNIA TEACHING CREDENTIAL ENGLISH & FRENCH  
**CHAFFEY JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.**  
English Teacher. 2002 – current.  
**AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY.**  
Adjunct Instructor. 2005 - 2008  
**SAN BERNARDINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.**  
French and English Teacher. 1999 – 2002.

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**WORKSHOP FACILITATOR**

**INLANDIA CREATIVE WRITING** Fall 2018 – Spring 2020  
Provide writing prompts and exercises.  
Facilitate writing discussion and group feedback.  
  
**IAWP INLAND AREA WRITING PROJECT.**  
Writing Workshops July 2003. June 2001.  
Poet-in-Residence Mission Inn

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## CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

### CERRITOS COLLEGE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

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

Women Speaking at Work: Using English and Creative Writing Skills in the Workplace. March 2021.

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

#### PANEL DISCUSSION Re-Defining a Writer's Success. March 2018.

Nikia Chaney, Allyson Jeffredo, Julie Paegel, Isabel Quintero, Romaine Washington

### CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH (CATE).

*Sirens in Her Belly*. February 2017.

Presentation of Book and Teaching Units

### CHAFFEY COLLEGE - MULTICULTURAL PROGRAM: HUMAN LIBRARY

Key-Note Speaker: *Social Justice, Sirens, and Serendipity*, May 2016.

### PRE-CATE CONFERENCE

Poetry Workshop / Reading. February 2004. February 2003.

Provide writing prompts and exercises.

Facilitate group feedback and writing discussion

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## PUBLICATIONS

Article: "Literary Horizons should be broadened to include Black writers."

Southern California News Group. *Inlandia Literary Journey*. Print & online: January 2021.

Article: "Virtual readings, workshops keep writers connected during coronavirus times."

Southern California News Group: *Inlandia Literary Journey*. Print & online: October 2020.

Poems: “gargoyles and goddesses”, “Arid”, “Subterranean Aggressions.” *Pandemic Summer: Prose and Poetry from Inlandia Writers at Home*. Riverside, 2020

Article: “Writing through the grieving process of self-isolation brought by Coronavirus.” Southern California News Group: *Inlandia Literary Journey*. Print & online: April 2020.

Essay: “at the end of the devil’s breath,”

Poems: “Magnolia Estates,” “Cul-de-sac is French,” “Back at the Ranch,” “Memory is a Map Rezoned,” “From Bus to Badge,” “Carousel Mall,” “San Bernardino, 1994,” “Descent,” “Boxed In,” “at the end of the devil’s breath.” *San Bernardino, Singing*. Riverside. 2020.

“at the end of the devil’s breath.” *Accolades: A Women Who Submit Anthology*.” Santa Cruz. 2020.

“Empty Nest,” “Time Transfusion,” “purgatory has an address,” “I Go Back to the Middle of Your Kiss.” *Cholla Needles 39*. Joshua Tree 2020.

“Nuzzle” and “Shrinking.” *Is It Hot In Here Or Is It Just Me?: Women Over Forty Write on Aging*. Pittsburgh. 2019.

“Childman in the Motherland,” “All-American Pastime,” “Saguaro,” “Br’er Boombox.” *Cholla Needles 36*. Joshua Tree 2019.

“Salty,” “Nooks and Knobs.” *Inlandia*. Riverside. 2019.

Article: “Attending an open mic event can have some serious health benefits.” Southern California News Group: *Inlandia Literary Journey*. Print & online: October 2019.

“Westside,” “Magnolia Estates,” “The Flavor of Jazz,” “Meditations in Dissolving Boundaries,” “Coloring Grid.” *Cholla Needles 32*. Joshua Tree 2019.

Article: “Here’s how busy poets and authors can create their own writing retreat.” Southern California News Group: *Inlandia literary Journey*. Print and online May 2019.

Blog Post: "A Thriving Writing Workshop in San Bernardino."

*Poets & Writers Readings & Workshops Blog*. online April 2019.

"Burning Bush." *Redlands Review*. Redlands. 2019.

"at the end of the devil's breath." Voicemail Poems. online April 2018.

"Life and Death Speaks," "On Fire." *Spirit Fire Review*. online Feb. 2018.

"Ground Swell," "Helium," "When Palms Breathe." *Inlandia*. Riverside. 2017.

"Inseparable," "The Joy of Elohim," "The Blessing of a New Day," "I Wait." *Spirit Fire Review*. online Feb 2017.

"My Daughters." *Lengua Larga Boca Abierta: Trump Zine*. California, 2017:7.

"New Moon Empty Sky." Short story. *Dirty Laundry: Women of Color Speak About Dating and Domestic Violence*. Atlanta, The Center for Self- Actualization, 2016:25, 2004. Published by Author Invitation.

"No Me Moleste." *Women of Color Network Voices*, 1. online (Fall 2015): 22.

"Clemency." *Stand Our Ground*. Pennsylvania, Freedom Seed Press, 2013: 240.

"The Boy Next Door," "A Tribute to Spike Lee." *Brothers & Others*. California, Esi Black Women Writers, 2002: 63, 68.

"Diminutive" *Number One*. Valdosta Technical College, Valdosta, GA 2004: 19

"A Tea Time Journey." *In the Company of Women*. Miami, Poet Works Press, 2001: 74.

"Drowning - Object Lesson #2." *Lullwater Review: Emory University*. 6-1(Spring/Sum. 95): 30.

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## EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Essay: "Walk in My Shoes." Essay. *Becoming a Teacher*. N.J., Merrill/Pearson, ed. 8, 2008: 78. Teacher Education Textbook, Spotlight Teacher. Publication by invitation.

Essay: "Si Se Puede – It Can Be Done." Essay. *Becoming a Teacher*. N.J., Merrill/Pearson, ed. 8, 2008: 279. Publication by invitation.

Essay: "Bridging the Pop-Culture Gap." Essay. *California English*, 12-2. (Nov. 2006): 13  
Publication by submission.

Poem: "One More Notch." *California English*, 12-2. California Association Teachers of  
English (CATE) (Nov. 2006): 16.

Poem: "One More Notch." *Defining Moments*, Plymouth Anthology, Teacher/ Writers.  
Plymouth Writers Group. Plymouth, 2003. Publication by submission.

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**POETRY READINGS-** \*P indicates part of a Program Event

AltaPoems Online Reading & Open Mic. *Google Meets*. March. 2021

Artswalk. Riverside Public Library. Inlandia/Blacklandia. *Zoom*. Feb. 2021.

Cholla Needles. *Zoom* September 2020.

Poets & Allies for Resistance. *Zoom*. June 2020.

Cholla Needles. *Zoom*. May 2020.

Artswalk. Riverside Public Library. Inlandia Institute: February 2020.

Poets & Allies for Resistance. December 2019.

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. *A Garden of Verses*. Claremont, CA.

April 2019. \*P

Open Door Poetry Reading @ Battery Books. Pasadena, CA. March 2019.

Pasadena LitFest. Poets & Allies for Resistance May, 2018. \*P

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. *A Garden of Verses*. Claremont, CA.

April 2018. \*P

Poets & Allies for Resistance. Pasadena, CA. April 2018.

PoetrIE Presents: Sin Filtro Workshop, Reading & Conversation. San Bernardino, CA.

Feb. 2018

Art Share L.A. *un::fade::able Sandra Bland Reading*. Curator: F. Douglas Brown. Los  
Angeles, CA., 2017. \*P

Art Night: PoetrIE. Curator: Nikia Chaney. San Bernardino, CA April 2017. \*P

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. *A Garden of Verses*. Claremont, CA. April 2017. \*P

Riverside Public Library. Inlandia Institute: Riverside, CA. April 2017.

Garcia Center for the Arts. Lady & the Blues: Art & Poetry from African American

Women San Bernardino, CA. Feb. 2017. \*P

Claremont Library. 4th Sunday Featured Reader. Claremont, CA. Jan. 2017.  
California State University San Bernardino Black History Program. Feb. 2016 \*P  
A Mic and Dim Lights. Pomona, CA. July 2001.

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#### **FAITH-BASED READINGS & WORKSHOPS**

Loma Linda University. Poetic Voices – Poems of Hope. Zoom. Nov. 2020  
Poetry Presentation: Sister-to-Sister Women’s Conference, Palm Desert. Guest of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, San Bernardino, CA. 2019  
Poetry Presentation: Women’s Conference Guest of Twice Blessed Christian Center. San Bernardino, CA. 2019.  
Workshop Presenter: *Good Grief! There is Such a Thing*. Sister-to-Sister Women’s Conference, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, San Bernardino, CA. 2011  
Workshop Presenter: *Word Warrior: Living Your Prayer Life*. Sister-to-Sister Women’s Conference, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, San Bernardino, CA. 2010  
Poetry Presentation: Sister-to-Sister Women’s Conference, Desert Hot Springs. Guest of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, San Bernardino, CA. 2008

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#### **RADIO PRESENTATIONS**

**KPFK** (Pacifica) Safe Harbor Host DJ Junor Francis. July, 19 2016.  
\_\_\_\_\_ “Inspiration House.” Guest of Peter J. Harris L.A., CA. Nov. 2002.  
**NPR** “Themes and Variations.” Taped. February 2001.

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**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Poets and Writers. 2016 - Present

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

California Association of Teachers of English (CATE), 2016 - Present

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**VOLUNTEER**

Poetry Out Loud Coach, San Bernardino 2021

Poetry Out Loud Judge, Riverside, CA. 2017 – 2021.

Poetry Out Loud Judge San Bernardino, CA 2018 & 2020

Los Osos HS Club Advisor: Chinese Instrument Club. 2019 – 2017,

Los Osos HS Club Advisor: BSU 2016 – 2013.

Los Osos HS Club Advisor - Poetry Club 2004 – 2008.

Los Osos HS Club Advisor - Latin Dance Club 2003 – 2005.