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EDUCATION

B.S., Elementary Education *DePaul University Jun 2013*

BOOK

Even the Saints Audition (*Button Poetry*, Sep 2019)

ANTHOLOGIES

Wherever I'm At: An Anthology of Chicago Poetry (*The Chicago Literary Hall of Fame*, Jun 2022)
The Breakbeat Poets vol 2.: Black Girl Magic (*Haymarket Books*, 2018)

WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS

Altar Call: A Film with D-Composed *Virtual Feb 2023*

Reimagining Nick Cave's Forothermore Through Ekphrastic Poetry *Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, IL Sep 24, 2022*

Food Means Home: Writing on the Intersection of Chicago & Food *ChiTeen LitFest Sulzer Regional Library Chicago, IL Apr 24, 2022*

Mirrors & Misconceptions w/ Runako Jahi, Tamynon Onumonu, rebecca brown, Reginald Rice *Stony Island Arts Bank Dec 17, 2021*

Tipping Over Your Ego: Teaching Educators Culturally Relevant Poetry *Poetry Foundation Virtual May 26, 2021*

Poems Across the Board: Teaching Educators Culturally Relevant Poetry *Poetry Foundation Apr 8, 2021*

Persona, Persona, Tomato, Tomata: Teaching Educators Culturally Relevant Poetry *Poetry Foundation Apr 7, 2021*

Personification: Open the Window when the Door is Closed *Inside Out Literary Org Virtual Visit May 25, 2021*

Without Erasure *Flux Poetry Virtual University of Virginia May 11, 2020*

Today at Apple with D-Composed & Raych Jackson *Apple Store Michigan Feb 2020*

Write Who You Feel *Inside Out Literary Detroit, MI Oct 2019*

Secure the Bag: Writing to Rebuild *John Walt Foundation Austin Branch Chicago Public Library Chicago, IL Jul 2019*

29 Rooms x Samsung Love for Chicago by Raych Jackson *Refinery 29 Chicago, IL Jul 2018*

SELECTED READINGS

Open Door Poetry Reading w/ Jose Olivarez, Britteney Conner & Vic Chavez *Poetry Foundation Chicago, IL Feb 9, 2023*

Lola's House Luya Poetry & Grandma's House Feature *The Joinery Chicago, IL Dec 19, 2022*

Super Sad Black Girl Book Launch w/ Diamond Sharp, Eve Ewing & Jamila Woods *Haymarket House Chicago, IL Dec 7th 2022*

Writers Expo *Libertyville H.S. Libertyville, IL Apr 11, 2022*

Whispers of Words w/ Leslie Honore, Nikki Patin & Frankiem Mitchell *Hyde Park Art Center Chicago, IL Apr 2, 2022*

WOC SPEAK w/ Taylor Byas, Imani Davis, Itola Jones, Khalisa Rae, Jessica Stark & Diannely Antigua *Virtual Event Feb 13, 2021*

Jo Ractliffe Drives: A Collaboration with Chicago Filmmakers & Poets w/ Michael Zapata, Natalie Y. Moore & Amir George *Art Institute Nov 5, 2020*

Celebration of African American Poetry w/ Nate Marshall *Virtual Galesburg Public Library Galesburg, IL Nov 2, 2020*

Hooligan Mag Hangouts *Virtual May 3, 2020*

Today at Apple with D-Composed & Raych Jackson *Apple Store Michigan Feb 2020*

Reading w/ Xan Phillips *Seminary Co-op Bookstore Chicago, IL Feb 7, 2020*
Joint Book Launch w/ Xan Phillips *The Nightingale Chicago, IL Nov 9, 2019*
Black Girl Magic w/ Bisa Butler, Amanda Williams, Tschabalala Self & Kyra Kyles *Art Institute Nov 8, 2019*
Six Points Reading w/ The Chicago Poetry Center *The Whistler Chicago, IL Oct 12, 2019*
Writers for Migrant Justice *Nightingale Cinema Chicago IL Sep 5, 2019*
Poets for Reproductive Justice *Chicago IL Jul 16, 2019*
Book Fort Reading at Pitchfork Music Festival *Chicago, IL Jul 21, 2019 & 2018*
Printers Row Literary Festival w/ The Breakbeat Poets vol 2.: Black Girl Magic contributors *Chicago, IL Jun 10, 2018*
Chicago Ideas Performance *Auditorium Theatre Oct 2018*

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PUBLICATIONS

My father misspeaks *Hooligan Mag Sep 2022*
He'll forgive you again *Hooligan Mag Sep 2022*
Chicago Sunrise Wherever I'm At: An Anthology for Chicago Poetry (*The Chicago Literary Hall of Fame, Jun 2022*)
47th *Art Institute Nov 2020*
Sestina for the Black Girl Who Doesn't Know How to Braid Hair *The Breakbeat Poets vol 2.: Black Girl Magic (Haymarket Books, 2018)*
Pantoum for Derrion Albert from the plank *Flypaper Poetry May 2018*
Pantoum for his snoring *The Rumpus May 2018*
Jonah was trapped before he met the fish *Washington Square Review Mar 2019*
Church Girls Sing for the Congregation *The Shallow Ends Feb 2019*
for Ginger Ale *Hooligan Mag Feb 2019*

PRESS

Look At Them Look At Us *Orange Barrel Media Atlanta, GA Aug 2022*
Women Writers to Watch in 2020 *American Writers Museum Jan 2020*
Five Knots Documentary *BBC Radio May 2020*
Lit 50 featuring Raych Jackson *New City Mag Jul 2020*
Raych Jackson wrote 'Even the Saints Audition' for the brown skin church babies w questions *The Triibe Sep 2019*
Raych Jackson is an awkward connoisseur *Hooligan Mag Dec 2018*
The New School, Meet the future of Chicago's poetry scene *Chicago Magazine Apr 2018*
For this poet, community, hair & self-worth are interwoven *PBS News Hour Sep 2018*
Raych Jackson vs. The Good Books *VS Podcast Oct 2017*

AWARDS &
HONORS

Best New Poetry Collection by a Chicagoan *Chicago Reader 2019*
Fellow *Pink Door Writing Conference 2016 & 2017*
Champion *National Underground Poetry Individual Championship 2017*

REFERENCES

Available upon request.