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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 *The Arts Lawn Oct 7 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

Candelaria Book Launch & Author Talk w/ Melissa Lozada-Oliva *Women & Children First Bookstore Oct 11, 2023*
I Done Clicked My Heels Three Times Book Launch w/ Taylor Byas and Tara Betts *Women & Children First Bookstore Sep 1, 2023*
The Water We Swim In Book Launch w/ Christian Aldana, Czerra Galcinao Ucol & Janice Sapigao *Women & Children First Bookstore June 21, 2023*
D-Composed x Love is w/ Jamila Woods, avery r. young, Krista Franklin, Shanta Nurullah Davon Clark *Steppenwolf Theatre May 16, 2023*
Arts, Beats and Lyrics x Jack Daniels w/ Matt Muse, Naira and Myquale *Reggies Mar 31, 2023*
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

Meet Raych Jackson *Southside Weekly Aug 7, 2023*

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 Tribe 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.