

LAURYN A. NESBITT

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

Poetry Teaching Artist Training

Certification

Washington, D.C. | 2019

Santa Fe University of Art and Design

B. A Creative Writing and Literature

Santa Fe, NM | 2018

Duke Ellington School of the Arts

Diploma in Literary Media and Communications Washington, D.C. | 2013

INTRESTS & EXPERTISE

- Youth Develeopment
- Public Speaking
- Content Creation
- Community Development
- Community Outreach
- Project Management
- Programming
- Intersectional Activism
- Fiction
- Film Editing
- Script Writing
- Teaching
- Poetry
- Creative Non-Fiction
- Cinematography
- Production
- Photography
- Text Editing
- Stage Performance
- Adobe Creative Suite
- Google Suite
- Microsoft Suite

EXPERIENCE

Chief Information Officer, Ed Emcee Academy Washington D.C. | 2022-Present

- I inspire our team to operate efficiently and with integrity and accountability to our communities, while documenting the history of our work with clients through spoken word poetry, multimedia literacy and digital arts projects.

Virtual Assistant, Tony Keith Jr LLC Washington D.C. | 2020-Present

- Handles all day to day correspondence and organizational needs for client. Acting liaison for all booking and contractual needs. Help plan, facilitate and perform at community and international events.

Creative Writing Instructor, Writopia Lab Washington, D.C. | 2020

- Create and facilitate weekly lesson plans to support and encourage classroom taught writing skills. Work with student to create a portfolio of written work to be published in literary journals.

Programs Fellow, CulturalDC Washington, D.C. | 2019

- o Head operator of all gallery spaces and exhibits. Developed community-based events based around and incorporating exhibits. Act as community liaison on behalf of CulturalDC for all events and engagement.

Staff Editor, Jackalope Magazine Santa Fe, NM | 2017

- o Critiqued, edited, and produced a weekly online magazine. Headed the campus lifestyle section and all other accompanying media on campus social life.

Teaching Artist, Duke Ellington School of the Arts Washington, D.C. | 2014-2016

- o Work directly with the Literary Media and Communications department to facilitate undergraduate and graduate level poetry workshops. Facilitate group discussions and written responses centered around contemporary living writers.

Youth Programs Director, Split This Rock Washington, D.C. | 2014

- o Created lesson plans and workshops for youth writers centered around intersectional art and the use of activism within art. Collaborate with public libraries and schools, to facilitate curriculums for classrooms and after school programs teaching writing fundamentals for students 13-18 years of age.

Youth Workshop Facilitator, Split This Rock Washington, D.C. | 2010-2013

- o In collaboration with public libraries and city schools, host extra curriculum poetry based youth workshops weekly.

DC Youth Slam Team Member, Split This Rock Washington, D.C. | 2010-2011

- o Represent the District of Columbia in the international youth poetry festival Brave New Voices hosted by Youth Speaks.

FEATURED PERFORMANCES

Poets off the Rails, Metrobar DC, Washington, D.C. | 2023

Poets off the Rails, Metrobar DC, Washington, D.C. | 2022

Soul Speak Cafe: The Remix, Millennium Stage, Washington, D.C. | 2021

Da’Homies Open Mic, Steins Cafe, Washington, D.C. | 2021

Shirlington Mondays Open Mic, Busboy and Poets, Washington, D.C. | 2021

Emergent Seed, Art All Night on H ST, Washington, D.C. | 2021

Words Beats and Life Slam, Busboys and Poets Brookland, Washington, D.C. | 2020

Peter Pan + Wendy Q&A, Shakepere Theater, Washington, D.C. | 2019

Freedom and the Pen, IA&A at Hillyer, Washington, D.C. | 2019

Floetic Fridays, Real Talk DC; Washington, D.C. | 2019

We Got Next: Words Beats and Life Festival, The Kennedy Center; Washington, D.C. | 2019

Busboys and Poets 450 K; Washington, D.C. | 2019

First Baptist church of Glen Arden in Upper Marlboro; Upper Marlboro MD | 2012

Aya Farmers Market; Washington, D.C. | 2012

Kennedy Center Alliance Arts Education Network 2012, Duke Ellington School of the Arts; Arlington, VA | 2012

DC Youth Poetry Slam, Split This Rock, Studio W; Washington, D.C. | 2011

Beltway Poetry Slam, The Fridge; Washington D.C. | 2011

PUBLISHED WORK

Palms Faced Up, Creative Non-Fiction & Poetry; Santa Fe, NM | 2018

SFUAD Hosts Santa Fe Pride 2017, Jackalope Magazine; Santa Fe, NM | 2017

Profile: Triston Pullen, Jackalope Magazine; Santa Fe, NM | 2017

Profile: Michaela Murry, Jackalope Magazine; Santa Fe, NM | 2017

Director's Cut, Jackalope Magazine; Santa Fe, NM | 2017

Student Profile: Audrey Clark, Jackalope Magazine; Santa Fe, NM | 2017

Cast of Red Light Winter, Jackalope Magazine; Santa Fe, NM | 2017

Spotlight: Christina Duarte, Jackalope Magazine; Santa Fe, NM | 2017

Spotlight: Donna Bella Litton, Jackalope Magazine; Santa Fe, NM | 2017

Congo, The Angles Show; Washington, D.C. | 2012

Congo, Spit This Rock Poetry Database; Washington, D.C. | 2012

Disturbing the Piece, Poetry; Washington, D.C. | 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Freedom and the Pen: Women Poets from South Africa to DC, IA&A at Hillyer; Washington, D.C. | 2019

Strength #BlackLivesMatter, Student Film; Santa Fe, NM | 2017

Sanaa Fest Indoor / Outdoor Festival, Mt Rainier, MD | 2014

Pattie LaBelle Legend Series, Duke Ellington School of the Arts; Washington, D.C. | 2013

Etan Thomas, SEED Public Charter School; Washington, D.C. | 2013

Sisters Sippin Tea: Susan Taylor, Sisters Sippin Tea Upper Marlboro chapter; Oxon Hill, MD | 2013

Higher Achievement's Love Poetry contest, Higher Achievement; Washington, D.C. | 2013

Kennedy Center What's Going On, Split This Rock & Duke Ellington School of the Arts; Washington, D.C. | 2012

Intersections: When the Country Shook the Children Hollered, Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Atlas Theater; Washington, D. C. | 2012

Smokey Robison Legend Series, Duke Ellington School of the Arts; Washington, D.C. | 2012

Featured Reading: Douglas Kearney, Kim Roberts, and Sonia Sanchez, Split this Rock Festival; Washington, D.C. | 2012

Millennium Stage @ the Kenney Center, Duke Ellington School of the Arts; Washington, D.C. | 2011

R ST Collective - Subway © High School Heroes, Bloombars; Washington, D.C. | 2011

The Tribe Presents: Urban Eats Youth Showcase; Mt. Rainer, MD | 2011

Regional East Coast Slam, Nuyorican Poets Cafe; New York, NY | 2011

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NATIONAL CONFERENCES & KEYNOTES

Girls World Expo, Convention Center; Washington, D.C. | 2012

George Washington University "Urban Resilience" Conference, George Washington University; Washington, D.C. | 2012

Alliance & UNCA 2011 National Conference, Duke Ellington School of the Arts; Washington, D.C. | 2011

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS

The Stoop, Pennsylvania State University; State College, PA | 2020

Revival: June Jordan Tribute, American University; Washington DC | 2012

Brave New Voices International Poetry Festival, University of California, Berkeley; Berkeley, CA | 2011

Brave New Voices International Poetry Festival, University of California, Berkeley; Berkeley, CA | 2010

GOVERNMENT / COMMUNITY AGENCIES

Department of Education with John Lewis; Washington D.C. | 2014

36th Annual Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Awards, Institute for Policy Studies; Washington, D.C. | 2012

HONORS & AWARDS

Larry Neal Writers' Award, Youth Poetry, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities; Washington, D.C. | 2012

Soul of the City Partnership Grant, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities; Washington, D.C. | 2010

Jessica Care-Moore Writing Award, Howard University Middle School of Math and Science; Washington, D.C. | 2009