# Lyndsey Ellis

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### **EDUCATION**

California College of the Arts.MFA Writing. San Francisco,CA University of Missouri-Columbia. BA English. Columbia, MO

# **HONORS & AWARDS**

2016 Recipient, Joseph Henry Jackson Literary Fiction Award, *San Francisco Foundation*, San Francisco, CA. Honorable Mention, National Pen Women's Soul Making Keats Literary Competition, San Francisco, CA. Finalist, Affiliate Artist Program, *Headlands Center for the Arts*, Sausalito, CA.

# **PUBLICATIONS**

2017 "Variety & Illusion" Joyland. Ed. Bryan Hurt. Brooklyn, NY.

"Opening Raynah" *Golden State 2017: Best New Fiction & Nonfiction from California*. Outpost 19 Books. Ed. Lisa Locascio. San Francisco, CA.

"Fighting Mental Health Stigma: 7 Empowering Books by Black Women" *Solstice Literary Magazine*. Ed. Amy Grier. Needham, MA.

"Variety & Illusion" Eleven Eleven. Eds. Dan Keating and Hugh Behm-Steinberg. San Francisco, CA.

2016 "Choosing Faces" Skirt Quarterly. Ed. Ryleigh Walsh. Canada.

"The Other Ms." The Stockholm Review of Literature. Stockholm, Sweden.

"Somewhere in the Wreckage" Standing Strong!: Fillmore & Japantown Anthology. Ed. Shizue Seigel.

Pease Press. San Francisco, CA.

"Opening Raynah" *Black Fox Literary Magazine*. Eds. Racquel Henry, Pam Harris and Marquita Hockaday.

Orlando, FL.

"Ghosts & Cyborgs" Nomadic Journal. Ed. JK Fowler. Oakland, CA.

2015 "Ghosts & Cyborgs" *The Offing.* Eds. Darcy Cosper and Gina Maria Balibrera. Los Angeles, CA.: Los Angeles Review of Books.

"Ghosts & Cyborgs" Quiet Lightning: sPARKLE & bLINK 64. Ed. Evan Karp. San Francisco. CA.: Published by Evan Karp.

2014 "Daphne" *Crick! Crack!: Poems and Stories by Emerging Writers*. Eds. Nana K. Twumasi and Adam Moskowitz. San Francisco, CA.

"Reflections on Healing & Trauma in Ferguson" The Chronicle for Social Change. Oakland, CA.

"Below My Waist" *Monday Night – A journal of new literature.* Eds. Jessica Wickens and Nana K. Twumasi.

Oakland, CA.

2013 "Celebrating Nina Simone" Heart & Soul. Ed. Anita Kopacz. Bowie.

"Chitlins in Mid-July" Indigest. Ed. Dustin Luke Nelson. New York City, NY.

2010 "3 Sketches" Synchronized Chaos. Ed. Finn Gardiner. San Francisco, CA.

"Bastard Dreams" Know the Names of Things Literary Anthology. San Francisco, CA. Published by Kearny Street Workshop's Intergenerational Writers' Lab (IWL.)

### **READINGS AND PERFORMANCES**

2017 Golden State Anthology Rdg. Booksmith, San Francisco, CA. Fiction Reader.

Passages by the Lake Reading Series. Oakland, CA. Fiction Reader.

Get Lit #23 Reading Series. Nomadic Press. Oakland, CA. Fiction Reader.

Curated Words. Juice N Java. Pacific Grove, CA. Fiction Reader.

Standing Strong!: Fillmore & Japantown. SF African-American Historical Society. San Francisco, CA. Essay Reader.

AfroSurreal Reading Series. Nomadic Press/Chapter 510. Oakland, CA. Fiction Reader.

*Soul Making Keats Literary Awards Reading*. San Francisco Main Library. San Francisco, CA. Fiction Reader.

I-Hotel Speaks of Standing Strong!: Fillmore & Japantown. International Hotel. San Francisco, CA.Essay

Reader.

Bay Area Generations #41. Hotel Rex. San Francisco, CA. Fiction Reader.

2016 3<sup>rd</sup> Howard Zinn Book Festival: Standing Strong!: Fillmore & Japantown Anthology Rdg. San Francisco City College – Mission Campus. San Francisco, CA. Essay Reader.

*Fruitvale Fridays* w/ Opal Palmer Adisa & Musical Guest, Giavanna Ortiz de Candia. Nomadic Press. Oakland, CA. Fiction Reader.

Get Lit #18 Reading Series. Nomadic Press. Oakland, CA. Fiction Reader.

Liminal Series: October Showcase. Liminal Arts Center. Oakland, CA. Fiction Reader.

LitCrawl Standing Strong!: Fillmore & Japantown. Café La Boheme. San Francisco, CA. Essay Reader.

Standing Strong!: Fillmore & Japantown. Eastwind Books. Berkeley, CA. Essay Reader.

Art Closing & Reading Series for Wear & Tear: Living Woman by Sheri Park. Oakland, CA. Art Response Reader.

Standing Strong!: Fillmore & Japantown Book Launch & Reception. San Francisco, CA. Essay Reader. Liminal Series: April Showcase. Liminal Arts Center. Oakland, CA. Fiction Reader.

2015 5th Annual Gathering the Embers: A Dia de los Muertos Tribute Show. SOMArts Cultural Center.

San Francisco, CA. Fiction Reader.

Liminal Series 3rd Showcase: Archive Alive!. Liminal Arts Center. Oakland, CA. Fiction Reader.

Quiet Lightning Reading Series. Mercury Café. San Francisco, CA. Fiction Reader.

*Monday Night Issue 13 Release Party*. E.M. Wolfman General Interest Small Bookstore. Oakland, CA. Creative Nonfiction Reader.

2014 SF Litquake: Crick! Crack! A Night of Storytelling with the Bonfire Collective (CCA MFA in Writing Program Alumni). Black & Brown Social Club. San Francisco, CA. Fiction Reader.

100K Poets 4 Change. Neibyl-Proctor Library. Oakland, CA. Poet.

2013 *Gathering the Embers: A Dia de los Muertos Tribute Show*. SOMArts Cultural Center. San Francisco, CA. Creative Nonfiction Reader.

100K Poets 4 Change. Mosswood Recreation Center. Oakland, CA. Poet.

- 2012 VONA/Voices Participant Reading. UC Berkeley. Berkeley, CA. Creative Nonfiction Reader.
- 2011 Vermont Studio Center Writers-in-Residence Reading. Vermont Studio Center. Johnson, VT. Fiction Reader.
- 2010 *7th Annual Intergenerational Writers' Lab Book Launch Party*. Intersection for the Arts. San Francisco, CA. Mixed Genre Reader.

CCA Writers Studio Litquake Epicenter. California College of the Arts. San Francisco, CA. Fiction Reader.

BATHALA NA! Stories of Mothers Moving Forward from the Philippines to Africa. Stage Werx Theatre.

San Francisco, CA. Opening Act Performance Poet.

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing Festival. St. Louis Riverfront Trail. St. Louis, MO. Poet.

#### RESIDENCIES, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2017 Community of Writers at Squaw Valley. Nevada City, CA.

Workshop and conference participant.

Reverie Writers. Oakland/San Francisco, CA.

Workshop participant.

2016 Alternatives Conference. San Diego, CA.

Creative writing workshop co-presenter.

POCC 2016 Annual Conference. Oakland, CA.

Creative writing workshop co-presenter.

CAMHPRO 2016 Annual Conference. Sacramento, CA.

Creative writing workshop co-presenter.

Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP). Los Angeles, CA.

CCA alumni ambassador, conference attendee.

WRITE NOW Fillmore. San Francisco, CA.

Workshop participant.

2015 Alternatives Conference. Memphis, TN.

Creative writing workshop co-presenter.

Hurston/Wright Foundation Writers' Week Workshops. Washington, DC.

Workshop participant.

Wellstone Center in the Redwoods Writing Residency. Santa Cruz, CA.

One week writer-in-residence.

2014 Stories of the Body: A Retreat. Santa Sabina Center, San Rafael, CA.

Two day writer-in-residence.

VONA/Voices Writing Workshops. University of California, Berkeley. Berkeley, CA

Workshop participant.

2011 Vermont Studio Center Writing Residency. Vermont Studio Center. Johnson, VT.

One month writer-in-residence.

2010 Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP). Denver, CO.

Conference attendee.

Kearny Street Workshops: Intergenerational Writer's Lab. Intersection for the Arts. San Francisco, CA Workshop participant.

#### RELATED EXPERIENCE

2012

2017 Reader, The Common, Amherst, MA.

Blogger, 'Stickler Against Stigma' Blog Series, PEERS, Oakland, CA.

Blogger, Women Inspirational Poetry Contest (WIPC), Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

- 2016 Writing and Literature Junior Review Panelist, California College of the Arts, Oakland, CA.
- 2015 Creative Events Curator & Communications Strategist. *We Tell Our Stories Film Collective*. Oakland, CA. Media & Creative Writing Workshop Co-Facilitator. *Neibyl-Proctor Library*. Oakland, CA.
- 2014 Creative Arts Co-Facilitator & Programs Assistant. PEERS, Oakland, CA.

Copywriter. Express Writers. Corpus Christi, TX.

Contributing Writer. Ethical Traveler. Berkeley, CA.

Columnist. ForHarriet.

2013 Arts & Entertainment Columnist. 7x7.com. San Francisco CA.

Contributing Writer, Editor & Social Media Strategist. *shades Magazine-Celebrating All Women of Color*. Oakland CA.

Book Reviewer. HTML Giant. Houston, TX.

- 2012 Copywriter, Interact Media, LLC. Chardon OH.
- 2011 Website Content Writer. SR Education Group. Kirkland, WA.

Writing Instructor. Mary Elizabeth Inn for Women. San Francisco, CA.

2010 Summer Youth Writing Instructor. *African American Arts & Culture Complex*. San Francisco, CA. Staff Writer. *Western Edition Community Newspapers*. San Francisco, CA.

# PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

California College of the Arts Alumni Association Voices of Our Nation Foundation (VONA) Hurston/Wright Foundation National Writers' Union (NWU) Community of Writers at Squaw Valley