



Washington State Poetry Out Loud State Championship Competition List of Judges

Elizabeth Austen is the Washington State Poet Laureate for 2014-16. She's the author of the collection *Every Dress a Decision* and the chapbooks *The Girl Who Goes Alone* and *Where Currents Meet*. Elizabeth was an actor until her early 30s, performing in cities as diverse as Dallas, London, Missoula and Seattle. She produces poetry programming for NPR-affiliate KUOW 94.9 and makes her living at Seattle Children's Hospital.

Lorna Dee Cervantes is a California Native (Chicana/Chumash) and was the Director of Creative Writing at CU Boulder where she was a Professor of English for 19 years. Recipient of a Lila Wallace/Readers Digest Writers Award, 2 NEA Fellowship Grants, 2 Pushcart Prizes & "Best Book" awards for her 5 books of poetry, and a UC Regents Lecturer at UC Berkeley, she is newly making her home in Olympia, WA writing essays, poetry, fiction & screenplays. She is the Founding Editor, Publisher and printer of the revived MANGO Publications. She is also a Native beadworker: BeadyBirdy. Four of Lorna Dee's poems are featured in the Poetry Out Loud anthology.

BreAnna Jones is a three-time state champion for the Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Competition, a signed R&B artist with Viamount Records and two-time Equal Opportunity Merit Scholar at the University of Washington. She graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Communication with a focus in Rhetoric and Cultural Studies and now travels as a freelance photographer working for companies such as Amazon, Microsoft and Bloomberg.

Tim McNulty is a poet, essayist, and nature writer. He is the author of three poetry collections: *Ascendance* (Pleasure Boat Studio), *In Blue Mountain Dusk* (Broken Moon Press), and *Pawtracks* (Copper Canyon Press), and ten poetry chapbooks including *Cloud Studies*, *Some Ducks*, and *Through High Still Air*. Tim is also the author of eleven books on natural history, including *Olympic National Park: A Natural History*, and *Washington's Mount Rainier National Park*. Tim has received the Washington State Book Award and the National Outdoor Book Award. He lives with his family in the foothills of Washington's Olympic Mountains.

Gabriella Gutiérrez y Muhs is a Chicana poet, literary critic, cultural worker, and Professor at Seattle University in Modern Languages and Women and Gender Studies. Dr. Gutiérrez y Muhs' interests lie principally in the areas of American Ethnic and Latin American literatures and cultures, cultural studies, immigration and the shifting of international positions toward ethnicity and identity. She has served as a judge at many poetry competitions, and is pleased to be involved with *Poetry Out Loud*. She is currently finalizing her debut novel, *Fresh as a Lettuce: Malgré Tout*. Dr. Gutiérrez y Muhs' serves on the board of the Washington State Arts Commission.

Marcy Rodenborn is a local playwright, author, and blogger. Her plays have been performed in the Puget Sound, New York, and San Francisco. She served as a Literary Manager and Board Member of the departed Theatre Babylon, and was a founding member of the San Francisco Mime Troupe Second Stage youth theatre. She is a teacher in the Young Playwrights Program for ACT Theater and loves teaching playwriting to the next generation of theatre makers. She holds a B.A. in Drama and Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley, as well as a Certificate in Playwriting from the University of Washington.