

Yazmin Monet Watkins

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Publications

- “Love Without Limits: The Bi-Laws of Love,” *Anthology*, Red Journal Publications, 2012
- "Poems in a Bottle," *Chapbook*, 2011

Work History

- Freelance Spoken Word Poet (speaker at various colleges & universities)

Writing Awards

- Featured Artist on Russell Simmon’s “All Def Digital”, August 2013
- Nominated for Lambda Literary Award in the Bisexual Literature category, 2013
- 2nd place in Damn Slam slam competition, 2011

Writing Activities and Memberships

- Member/ founder, Silent Poets, 2007-2009

Honors

- Served as a judge for Get Lit-Words Ignite Youth Slam, 2012, 2014
- Performer at Afrikan Black Coalition Conference alongside Angela Davis, Bobby Seale and Marc Lamont Hill, 2014
- Speaker at Phenomenal Women Awards Ceremony, CSUN, 2010
- Posse Foundation Full Tuition Leadership Scholarship, 2005

Specializations

- Professional actress (various short & feature films and webseries)
- Entertainment background, Creative Artists Agency (CAA), ABC-Disney
- Environmental Steward, Walt Disney Studios, 2010-2011 (made sure Disney projects “John Carter,” *Pirates of The Caribbean 4*,” and “The Muppets,” were sustainable films)

Education

- Bachelor of Arts, **Major:** American Studies, **Minors:** Film Studies / Women & Gender Studies, Dickinson College, 2009

Author’s Platform/Social Media Presence

- Over 2,000 loyal followers on [instagram.com/yazminmonetwatkins](https://www.instagram.com/yazminmonetwatkins)

Residencies

Upcoming

09/14 – Artist Residency, **University of Puget Sound**, Race & Pedagogy Conference, Tacoma WA

10/14 – Artist Residency, **Grinnell College**, Grinnell, IA

Completed

09/03/14 – Guest Lecturer, **California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB)**, Monterey Bay, CA
06/08/14 – Performer for LA PRIDE Parade and Pre-Show, commissioned to write opening poem for the City of West Hollywood/ Christopher Street West
05/28-29/14 – Performer and Workshop co-facilitator w/ Matt Sedillo, National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE), Indianapolis, IN
05/04/14 – AIDS Lifecycle Fundraiser, Crest Westwood, Westwood, CA
04/22/14 – Guest Lecturer at **Chapman University**
04/01-03/14 – Artist in Residence, **University of Puget Sound**, Tacoma, WA
02/15/14 – Guest Lecturer, Afrikan Black Coalition Conference, **UC Santa Cruz**, Santa Cruz, CA
01/18/14 – Feature Performer, Beyond The Bars, Diamond Bar, CA
12/13 – Feature Performer, Flight School Open Mic, Culver City, CA
12/13 – Feature Performer, Fearless Fridays, Los Angeles, CA
11/13 – Guest Lecturer, **Delaware Valley College**, Doylestown, PA
10/13 – Guest Speaker, **Los Angeles Southwest College**, Los Angeles, CA
08/13 – Guest Lecturer, La Mèduse: Queer & Feminist Lecture series at La Mutinerie, Paris, FR
07/13 – Guest Lecturer, The World Stage, Leimert Park, CA
06/13 – Guest Lecturer, Los Angeles Women’s Theatre Festival “Pride” presentation, West Hollywood, CA
06/13 – Feature Performer, Target sponsored “Jazz in June,” California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
05/13 – Presenter and Workshop co-facilitator w/ Mike Benitez, Rich Robinson, and Rudy Mondragon, National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE), New Orleans, LA
05/13 – Guest Lecturer, “We Share The Same Skies: No Violence Against Women,” **Santa Monica College**, Santa Monica, CA
05/13 – Feature Performer, Curly Cartel, Los Angeles, CA
04/13 – Guest Lecturer, **Marymount Manhattan College**, Manhattan, NY
03/13 – Guest Lecturer, Take Back The Night, **California State University, Northridge (CSUN)**, Northridge, CA
02/13 – Guest Lecturer, AIDS Benefit Concert, **UC Santa Cruz (UCSC)**, Santa Cruz, CA
12/12 – Guest Lecturer, **Old Dominion University**, Norfolk, VA
12/12 – Guest Speaker, NoH8 Day in LA (invited to speak by **Eric Garcetti**), Los Angeles City Hall, Los Angeles, CA
11/12 – Guest Lecturer, “Diversity Monologues,” **Dickinson College**, Carlisle, PA
10/12 – Guest Lecturer, **Harvard University**, Boston, MA
10/12 – Guest Lecturer, Students Organizing for Literacy, Inclusion & Diversity (SOLID), “An Evening of Music & Poetry,” **University of Southern California (USC)**, Los Angeles, CA
10/12 – Featured Performer, Thirdspace, Los Angeles, CA
09/12 – Bi-Visibility Day, Bi Arts Festival, West Hollywood, CA
09/12 – West Hollywood Book Fair with the Los Angeles Women’s Theatre Festival (LAWTF), West Hollywood, CA

Guest Lectures Continued

03/12 – “Shades of Silence in Trauma”, **California State University, Northridge (CSUN)**, Northridge, CA
03/12 – Queer People of Color Conference, **California State University, Northridge (CSUN)**, Northridge, CA
05/11 – National Coming Out Day, **California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA)**, Los Angeles, CA
02/11 – “Lyrical Getaway,” **California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA)**, Los Angeles, CA
04/11 – Graduation event, **Howard University**, Washington, DC
04/11 – “Diversity Monologues” & “Take Back The Night” **Dickinson College**, Carlisle, PA
11/10 – “Soulcial Justice Poetry Lounge,” **California State University, Northridge (CSUN)**, Northridge, CA
10/10 – Workshop Facilitator, Models of Pride, **Occidental College**, Occidental, CA
10/10 – National Coming Out Day, **California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA)**, Los Angeles, CA
09/10 – “Rock The Vote,” **California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA)**, Los Angeles, CA
02/10 – Take Back The Night, **California State University, Northridge (CSUN)**, Northridge, CA
11/09 – Feminist Majority Foundation Western Regional Feminist Campus Leadership Conference, **Santa Monica College (SMC)**, Santa Monica, CA

Featured Readings

02/13 – Third Friday Salon, The Rapp Saloon, Venice, CA
10/12 – South Bay Anti-Violence Forum, Pacific Unitarian Church, San Pedro, CA
09/12 – Black Lesbians United Retreat, Malibu, CA
06/12 – Jordan/ Rustin Coalition, “Juneteenth Gala,” West Hollywood, CA
03/12 – Hollywood NOW Feminist Art Show, Mayme Clayton Library & Cultural Center, Culver City, CA
12/11 – Domestic Violence Fundraiser, Los Angeles, CA
11/11 – Bohemian Caverns, Washington, DC
11/11 – “Occupy,” KPFK Free Speech Radio, Los Angeles, CA
09/11 – Tuesday Night Kafe, Little Tokyo, Los Angeles, CA
09/11 – Angels Flight Open Mic, Los Angeles, CA
08/11 – National Poetry Slam, Cambridge, MA
08/11 – “Women’s Rights Day Celebration” with Radical Women, Los Angeles, CA
07/11 – Train of Thought, San Diego, CA
07/11 – Natural High, Culver City, CA
07/11 – Lionlike Mindstate, Pomona, CA
07/11 – Tribal Café, Los Angeles, CA
07/11 – Pieter Loft, Los Angeles, CA
07/11 – “Chocolate and Wine,” The Federal, North Hollywood, CA
06/11 – Damn Slam, Los Angeles, CA
06/11 – The Last Bookstore, Los Angeles, CA

06/11 – Poets in Motion, Los Angeles, CA
05/11 – Philadelphia Poetry Marathon (opened for **Amiri Baraka & Sonia Sanchez**), Philadelphia, PA
05/11 – **Jamie Foxx's** “Foxxhole Live” (opened for **Les Nubians**), the Conga Room, Los Angeles, CA
04/11 – Poetic Breeze, Paradise Island, Bahamas
04/11 – iSlam Poetry Contest, London, UK
04/11 – Rum Punch Music & Poetry Show, London, UK
04/11 Singles Night, Southwark Room, London, UK
04/11 – Spoken Word Paris, Paris, FR
04/11 – Poetry Unplugged, The Poetry Place, London, UK
04/11 – Friday Nuyorican Poetry Slam Finalist, Manhattan, NY
04/11 – “The Vault,” Harlem, NY
03/11 – Natural High, Culver City, CA
03/11 – Speakeasy, Los Angeles, CA
03/11 – People of Poetri, Los Angeles, CA
03/11 – “Agape’s Got Talent,” Agape Ministries, Los Angeles, CA
03/11 – International Women’s Day with Radical Women, Los Angeles, CA
03/11 – Long Beach Women’s Day, Long Beach, CA
03/11 – “The Nook,” Mercado La Paloma, Los Angeles, CA
02/11 – Stella Adler Theatre, Hollywood, CA
02/11 – Verbally Loud, Los Angeles, CA
02/11 – Bakery Poetry Lounge, North Hollywood, CA
01/11 – Pure Romance Goal Setting Meeting, Los Angeles, CA
01/11 – LionLike Mindstate, Pomona, CA
10/10 – Los Angeles International Film Festival, Venice, CA
10/10 – North Hollywood Music Festival, North Hollywood, CA
10/10 – Natural Hair Expo, San Bernadino, CA
09/10 – Black Lesbians United Retreat, Malibu, CA
08/10 – Word of Art, North Hollywood, CA
07/10 – Equal Action’s “OUTspoken Sessions,” Los Angeles, CA
07/10 – 2010 InkSlam Poetry Festival, Los Angeles, CA
11/09 – 2009 InkSlam Poetry Festival, Los Angeles, CA
10/09 – LA Valley Pride, Studio City, CA
10/09 – West Hollywood Book Fair, West Hollywood, CA
08/09 – Tel Aviv Candlelight Vigil, Los Angeles City, Hall, Los Angeles, CA
07/09 – Downtown LA Art Walk, Rowan Lofts, Los Angeles, CA
12/08 – Nuyorican Wednesday Night Slam, Manhattan, NY
02/08 – Pink Lemonade, Carlisle, PA