

Stockton's School of General Studies Presents 'World Above Free Poetry' Night

Open Mic, Featured Poet Ada Limón to Read April 22 at Dante Hall

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Galloway Township, NJ – Stockton University's School of General Studies presents the South Jersey Poets Collective "World Above Free Poetry Nights" on **Wednesday, April 22 at 7 p.m.** The event will be held at Dante Hall Theater, located at 14 N. Mississippi Ave. in Atlantic City.

"The World Above Free Poetry Nights" continues its new format with host Ben Heins, visiting assistant professor of Writing at Stockton University.

The evening starts with the usual open mic where participants will read one poem (and only one poem) that is less than two minutes long. The break will occur just before 8 p.m. and participants will return to a free take-home writing prompt, introduced by the host or the prompt's author. Then, featured poet Ada Limón will read.

Limón is the author of three books of poetry: "Lucky Wreck," "This Big Fake World," and "Sharks in the Rivers."

She received her Master of Fine Arts in Poetry from New York University. Limón has received fellowships from the New York Foundation for the Arts, the Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center and is one of the judges for the 2013 National Book Award in Poetry. She works as a freelance writer and splits her time between Lexington, Ky. and Sonoma, Calif. (with a great deal of time spent in New York in between). Her new book of poems, "Bright Dead Things" is forthcoming from Milkweed Editions in 2015.

Questions about the series or to apply to be a featured poet, contact Emari DiGiorgio, associate professor of Writing, at emari.digiorgio@stockton.edu. For more information on the South Jersey Poets Collective, visit <https://sipoets.wordpress.com/>

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