

to form a more perfect union?

#UCIConversationsThatMatter
UCI Black Thriving Initiative

fall 2021

For the 2021-2020 academic year, the UCI Humanities Center welcomes you to join us in Conversations that Matter and explore what it means to form a more perfect union.

Humanities Center Annual Kick-Off: To Form a More Perfect Union?

OCT 7 12^{PM} Register: <https://bit.ly/HCKICKOFF21>

Speakers: Touraj Daryae (Persian Studies & Culture), Margaret Goldman (Ph.D. Student, Criminology, Law and Society), Bambi Haggins (Film & Media Studies), and Héctor Tobar (Chicano/Latino Studies, Literary Journalism)

Performers: Rachid Belmourida, Semassa Kpatinvo Boko, Kelly Caballero, The Wagaku Collective

DHX Presents: The Center for Black Digital Research

OCT 13 1^{PM} Register: <https://bit.ly/DHXCBDR>

Speakers: Denise Burgher, Samantha De Vera, Sabrina Evans
Moderator: Tatiana Bryant (UCI Libraries)

Read to Create: A Workshop with Monica Youn and Krystal Tribbett, featuring the poetry of Tracy K. Smith

OCT 15 12^{PM}

Register: <https://bit.ly/READTOCREATE>

In this workshop, poet Monica Youn (Creative Writing) and curator Krystal Tribbett (UCI Libraries) will explore "Declaration," an erasure poem by former Poet Laureate Tracy K. Smith.

Uni Hills Book Club Discussion of Tracy K. Smith, *Ordinary Light: A Memoir*

OCT 17 6^{PM} Register <https://bit.ly/UNISMITH>

Tracy K. Smith, former Poet Laureate

OCT 21 5^{PM} Register <https://bit.ly/TRACYSMITH>

Join us for a stirring evening of poetry by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy K. Smith, former Poet Laureate of the United States.

Moderator: Cole Morgan (English)

Uni Hills book club discussion of Joy Harjo, *Poet Warrior: A Memoir*

NOV 14 6^{PM}

Register: https://bit.ly/CSD_Warrior-Poet

Q&A with Joy Harjo, Poet Laureate

NOV 16 12^{PM} Register: <https://bit.ly/QAHARJO>

Join us for an opportunity to speak with Joy Harjo about her life and work.

This event will feature a special land acknowledgement by Rebecca Robles, Acjachemen cultural bearer of the Juaneño Band.

Facilitators: John Gamber (Comparative Literature), Heider Tun Tun (ACLS fellow, History)

Joy Harjo, Poet Laureate

NOV 16 5^{PM}

Register <https://bit.ly/HARJOPOETRY>

Join us for riveting evening of poetry by Joy Harjo, Poet Laureate of the United States.

This event will feature a special land acknowledgement by Angela Mooney D'Arcy, founder and Executive Director of the Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples.

Moderator: Alicia Carroll (Comparative Literature)

For more information about poets Smith and Harjo, visit the UCI Libraries' Author Page [HERE](#).

Please also see a special invitation to UCIDIY, a project to create works in response to the above authors, hosted by Division of Undergraduate Education [HERE](#).

Tracy K. Smith and Joy Harjo events co-sponsored by Illuminations, Advisory Council on Campus Climate, Culture and Inclusion, UCI Division of Undergraduate Education, UCI Libraries, and Office of Inclusive Excellence.



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