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SW Laureates – Thursday, January 4th, 2018



Lindsay Wilson - Reno, NV

As of April 2017, **Lindsay Wilson** is the winner of the Reno, NV Poet Laureate position. Wilson is an English professor at Truckee Meadows Community College where he has edited the literary journal, *The Meadow*, since 2006. He has served on the editorial boards for *Unwound Magazine*, the *Owen Wister Review*, and *Fugue*. From 2009 to 2017 he served on the Nevada Writers' Hall of Fame Selection Committee. He earned his B.S. in Social Science (1997) and his M.A. in English at the University of Wyoming (2003) before completing his M.F.A. in poetry at the University of Idaho (2006). In 2016 he won the Board of Regent Nevada System of Higher Education Regents' Creative Activities Award. He has been named a finalist for the Phillip Levine Prize, he has published five chapbooks, and his first collection, *No Elegies*, won the Quercus Review Press Spring Book Award. His poetry has appeared in numerous journals including *The Bellevue Literary Review*, *Pank*, *The Portland Review*, *Verse Daily*, and *The Missouri Review Online*.



Deborah Mouton - Houston, TX

Houston's current Poet Laureate is **Deborah "D.E.E.P." Mouton**. Mouton is an internationally-known Poet, Singer, Actress, Photographer, Wife, and Mother. She is a native-Californian who now resides in Houston, TX. She has published and performed poetry since the age of 19. She released her first full-length album in 2009 titled "The Unfinished Work of a Genius." Her sophomore album, "Beautiful Rebellion," was released in 2015, exploring more socially themed poems. Formerly ranked the #2 Best female Poet in the World, D.E.E.P. has established herself as a notable force in the Performance and Slam Poetry World, Deborah Mouton is Slammaster/Coach for the Houston VIP National Poetry Slam Team and a high school English teacher. She has also shared stages with Talib Kweli, MC Lyte, Amiri Baraka, John Legend, Slum Village, Karen Clark-Shield, Raheem Devaughn, Trae the Truth, Devin the Dude, Def Poet Sunni Patterson, Def Comedy Jam's Rodman, Regie Gibson, Buddy Wakefield, Danez Smith, Roxane Gay, and multiple local and national political figures.



Rosemarie Dombrowski - Phoenix, AZ

Appointed in December of 2016, Rosemarie Dombrowski is the inaugural Poet Laureate of Phoenix, AZ. She is also the founder of merge poetry journal (2005-11) and rinky dink press, an editor for *Four Chambers* journal and press, and the co-founder and host of the Phoenix Poetry Series, now in its tenth year. Her collections include *The Book of Emergencies* (Five Oaks Press, 2014), which was the recipient of a 2016 Human Relations Indie Book Award for Poetry, *The Philosophy of Unclean Things* (Finishing Line Press, 2017), and the forthcoming *The Cleavage Planes of Southwest Minerals [A Love Story]*, winner of the 2017 Split Rock Review chapbook competition. She is a Senior Lecturer at Arizona State University's Downtown Phoenix campus where she is the co-founder and faculty editor of the student and community writing journal, *Write On, Downtown*, and where she teaches courses on the poetics of street art, women's literature, and creative ethnography.



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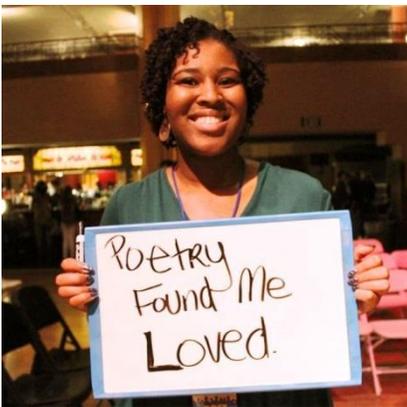


Manuel González - Albuquerque, NM.

Manuel González is the Current Poet Laureate of Albuquerque, NM. A performance poet who began his career in the poetry slam, Manuel has represented Albuquerque four times as a member of the ABQ Slams team at the National Poetry Slam. Manuel has appeared on the PBS show, *Colores: My word is my power*, and is one of the founding members of the poetry troupe *The Angry Brown Poets* and *People of the Sun-Performance Art Collective*. Manuel teaches workshops on self-expression, through poetry, in high schools and youth detention centers. He has also facilitated art therapy programs, to help at risk and incarcerated youth find an outlet through art. Manuel has coached and mentored multiple youth slam teams throughout northern New Mexico.

Manuel's connection to his poetry and culture helps him connect with students. By teaching poetry, his students are given the opportunity to explore their own culture. Building up self esteem, finding something to say, figuring out how to say it eloquently, and letting their voice be heard. These are just some of the benchmarks in Manuel's workshops. Manuel was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His mother's family is from the historic Barelmas neighborhood in Albuquerque and his father's family is from the small Northern New Mexico town Anton Chico. Manuel's father (Manny González) was the founder of the band *Manny and the Casanovas*, pioneers of traditional New Mexico music.

Manuel's Chicano roots, history, culture, and spirituality are among his inspirations for his work and poetry. "I'm proud to be from New Mexico!" says Manuel. "And to me, it's more than just green chile and desert. It's seeing the value of our familias, our community, our traditions, and our culture. It's the Rio Grande valley and Santuario de Chimayo. It is feasts, dance, poetry and prayer.



Vogue Robinson, Clark County, NV

Vogue Robinson recently became Clark County's second-ever poet laureate and she will always have an appreciation for humans who put truth & heart into words. Since graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in English from SDSU, she dedicated herself to expression. Her work has been published in *Catching Calliope: Vol. 2*, *Red Rock Review*, *Legs of Tumbleweeds*, *Wings of Lace: An Anthology of Literature by Nevada Women* and *Clark: Poetry from Clark County, Nevada*. Her first poetry collection titled, *Vogue 3:16*, was released in 2014. Vogue serves as organizer and co-host to *Words in Motion Open Mic* and the *Battle Born Poetry Slam*. Robinson has also represented Las Vegas four times at the National Poetry Slam. She spends her spare time with family or organizing as the Executive Director of Poetry Promise. Social Media: @VogueR316