

# Jason Bayani, MFA

**EDUCATION:** 2008-2010 MFA. in Creative Writing, Saint Mary's College, Moraga, CA

1994-1999 B.A. in English: Creative Writing, Minor in Theatre Arts, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

- "Locus" [book] Omnidawn Publishing 2019
- "21 Spirits" [poem] BOAAT Journal, 2019
- "Transmissions" and "Landfall, Home" [poems] Lantern Review, 2019
- "Greater Joy" [poem] The Laurel Review, 2019
- "Tesseract" [poem] World Literature Today, 2018
- "How Do You Love a Gentrified City" [poem] Mission at Tenth 2018
- "Year 12" & "God of the City" [poems] Arroyo Literary Review 2016

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

- CalPoets Statewide Symposium, 2020
- "Word Spring" Butte College 2018

## **SELECTED PANELS:**

- Asian American Identity and History in California (virtual screening for the documentary series, Asian Americans), KQED and PBS SoCal 2020
- 5th Annual Filipino American International Book Festival panelist 2019
- Bay Area Book Festival panelist 2019
- Hoopoes and Dybbuks: Refugee and Immigrant Voices Panel at AWP 2019
- Evolving SF: Panel Discussion, SF Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center 2019
- Sacramento Poet Laureate selection 2016
- Saint Mary's College MFA Program 25th Anniversary Panel at AWP 2016
- Reclaiming the Narrative with Cathy Park Hong and Oliver Wang, Arc Gallery & Studios [moderator] 2015
- Resources for Writers and the Role of Community, Poets and Writers Live, San Francisco 2015

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, and RECOGNITIONS:**

- Consortium of Asian American Theater Artists ConFest [featured artist] Honolulu, HI 2022
- California Arts Council, Individual Artist Fellowship, 2021
- Northern California Book Awards Finalist, 2019
- San Jose Poetry Festival [featured artist], San Jose, CA 2019
- Arts for a Better Bay Area Arts Enabler Award San Francisco, CA 2018
- Poetic License Festival [featured artist] New York, NY 2018
- Quiet Lightning 2017 Neighborhood Heroes award San Francisco, CA 2017
- Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center SF's United States of Asian America Festival [featured artist] San Francisco, CA 2016 & 2017

- Kundiman Writing Workshop Fellowship, Fordham University New York, NY 2010, 2015, 2017
- Nominee: Norma Farber First Book Award
- Nominee: Pushcart Poetry Prize

### **SELECTED POETRY READINGS:**

- San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA (9/21)
- San Mateo County Library, San Mateo, CA (10/20)
- San Francisco State Poetry Center, San Francisco, CA (9/20)
- Write About Now, Houston, TX (3/20)
- John Daly Public Library, Daly City, CA (10/19)
- Bangkok Lyrical Lunacy, Bangkok, Thailand (6/19)
- Moon Palace Books, Minneapolis, MN (5/19)
- Button Poetry Live, Minneapolis, MN (5/19)
- Sonoma State University, Sonoma, CA (4/18)
- Butte College, Oroville, CA (4/18)
- Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA (10/17)
- Writers With Drinks, San Francisco, CA (07/17)
- Berl's Brooklyn Poetry Shop, New York, NY (6/17)
- Stanford "Asian Images: Artists From the Grassroots" Palo Alto, CA (5/17)
- "Talking Bodies" Center for Art & Thought, Los Angeles, CA (06/16)
- Whale and Jazz Festival, Point Arena, CA (05/16)
- Hawaii Poetry Slam (01/16)
- Lunada Literary Series, San Francisco, CA (09/15)
- Boston Poetry Slam, Boston, MA (07/15)
- Integral Theory Conference at Sonoma State University, Sonoma, CA (07/15)
- The Anthem at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA (5/15)
- Quiet Lightning: Under the Influence, San Francisco, CA (10/14)
- Poison Pen Reading Series, Houston, TX (5/13)
- Houston Indie Book Festival, Houston, TX (4/13)
- Zurich Poetry Slam, Zurich, CH (2/13)
- Slam Train (Munich Department of Arts and Culture), Munich, DE (2/13)
- Salzburg Poetry Slam, Salzburg, AU (2/13)
- Studio One Reading Series, Oakland, CA (4/12)
- Literary Death Match's 100th Episode, San Francisco, CA (10/10)
- Loft Literary Center, Minneapolis, MN (4/10)
- Sulu Series, Washington, DC and New York, NY June (6/10)

### **THEATER PRODUCTIONS**

- Locus of Control (solo theater show), The Guild Theater, Sacramento, CA (10/19)
- Locus of Control (solo theater show), Bryant-Lake Bowl, Minneapolis, MN (5/19)
- Locus of Control (solo theater show), The Vortex Rep, Austin, TX (3/19)
- Locus of Control (solo theater show), The Poetry Center San Jose, San Jose, CA (4/18)
- Locus of Control (solo theater show), The Wild Project, New York, NY (2/18)
- Locus of Control (solo theater show), Bindlestiff Studio, San Francisco, CA (6/17)
- Locus of Control (solo theater show), Z-Space, San Francisco, CA (2/17 - 3/17)
- Locus of Control (solo theater show), Bindlestiff Studio, San Francisco, CA (5/16)

- The Love Edition (ensemble theater), Bindlestiff Studio, San Francisco, CA (3/16)

## REVIEWS

- [BWW Review: LOCUS OF CONTROL Shares A Life's Story in Austin, TX](#) (Broadway World) 2019
- ['Locus of Control' Takes the Long Way Home](#) (San Jose Metro) 2018
- ["Locus of Control" Blazes a Trail at Bindlestiff Studio](#) (Theatrius) 2017
- [Jason Bayani's Locus of Control](#) (Hyphen Magazine) 2017

## PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

- [New Books Network Podcast](#) (podcast interview) 2019
- [Asian Pacific America with Robert Handa](#) (television interview) 2019
- [Jason Bayani's Fire Within](#) (Positively Filipino) 2019
- [Filipino Poet, Jason Bayani, Talks History and Liminal Space](#) (We Are Kubo) 2019
- [How Kearny Street Workshop Created a Platform for Asian Pacific American Artists in the Bay Area](#) (San Francisco Chronicle) 2019
- [From Hasan Minhaj to Ali Wong, how Asian American arts groups are fostering stars](#) (NBC Asian America) 2019
- [The Newest Wave of Asian American Writers You Should Know](#), (Lithub), 2018