

# Fourth Saturdays: POETRY AT THE CLAREMONT LIBRARY 2 P.M. Saturday, March 25, 2023

THE FRIENDS OF THE CLAREMONT LIBRARY  
PROUDLY PRESENT A POETRY READING BY

**NATALIE J. GRAHAM & CYNTHIA ALESSANDRA BRIANO**

NATALIE J. GRAHAM is an award-winning author and performer who has toured nationally with her collection of poems, *Begin with a Failed Body*. In August 2021, Natalie was appointed Poet Laureate of Orange County. A widely published scholar, she is also a professor in the Department of African American Studies at Cal State University, Fullerton. When she isn't making poems, teaching, or planning events, she loves perfecting her chocolate chip cookie baking skills and learning about science with her son, Ronald.



CYNTHIA ALESSANDRA BRIANO is a literary activist and community organizer



through the arts. She is Director of the Rapp Saloon Reading Series First Fridays, an @HIUSA hybrid event and literary arts series centering voices of Black, Indigenous, and POC writers in a multilingual international setting. She is Founder of Love On Demand Global, which creates custom-ordered poetry for charity and opportunities for writers to contribute to causes they're passionate about. Cynthia is the daughter of Mexican immigrants and grew up in Southeast L.A. She teaches at Cal. State Fullerton in the African American Studies Department as lecturer in the Ethnic Studies Program.

This reading will take place in person in the Claremont Helen Renwick Library, 208 N. Harvard Ave. in Claremont, CA.

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