

## Michelle Myers

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### Areas of Specialization

Spoken Word Poetry and Performance

### Spoken Word Poetry Awards and Honors (Within Past 5 Years)

- Aug 2016**     **Mid-Atlantic Emmy Nomination**, *Drop the Mic* Spoken Word TV Show Competition (in the category of “Entertainment Program—Special), Community College of Philadelphia
- April 2016**     **President's Award for Excellence in Student Success**, *Drop the Mic* Spoken Word TV Show Competition, Community College of Philadelphia
- Aug 2015**     **Mid-Atlantic Emmy Nomination**, *Drop the Mic* Spoken Word TV Show Competition (in the category of “Entertainment Program—Special), Community College of Philadelphia
- Apr 2015**     **Communicator Award of Distinction**, *Drop the Mic* Spoken Word TV Show Competition (in the category of News/Programs/Live Events), Community College of Philadelphia
- Apr 2015**     **Bronze Telly Award**, *Drop the Mic* Spoken Word TV Show Competition (in the category of News/Programs/Live Events), Community College of Philadelphia
- Dec 2014**     **Transformation Award Recipient, \$15,000**  
Leeway Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
- Dec 2014**     **Honorable Mention, Spoken Word Immersion Fellowship**  
The Loft Literary Center, Minneapolis, MN
- Mar 2011**     **Award Recipient, Leeway Foundation Art and Change Grant, \$2500**  
Leeway Foundation, Philadelphia, PA, March 2011

### Professional Experience (Within the Past 5 Years)

- 2015-Present**     **Facilitator and Creator, “Girls Make Better Ninjas (Or I Can’t be Angry, I’m Asian): An Exploratory Workshop on AAPI Feminism**  
First presented at the Philadelphia Asian American Film Festival (PAAFF), November, 2015. Ongoing monthly series at Temple University thru May 2016  
Philadelphia, PA
- 2014-Present**     **Co-Producer and Host, Drop the Mic Spoken Word TV Show**  
CCPTV, Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

- 2007-Present**    **Faculty Advisor, Spoken Word Poetry Club**  
Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- 2009-2015**    **Outreach Coordinator, Co-Founder and Co-Host of the Family Style Open Mic Series**, Asian Arts Initiative, Philadelphia, PA
- July 2011**    **Visiting Teaching Artist**, Barrio Planta Project School, San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua

**Publications**

- “At CCP, Poets of a City’s Soul.” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. 1 May 2016: C5. Print.
- “Goddess at Masaya Volcano.” *The Fox Chase Review*. Summer 2015. Online  
<http://www.foxchasereview.org/smp15mmyers.html>
- “Sweet Nothings” [Poem]. *The Hive 2: Apiary Magazine Digital Edition* 18 Jul 2013: Online  
<http://apiarymagazine.com/sweet-nothings-michelle-myers/>
- “She Home-Bound” [Poem]. *Apiary Magazine, Issue 2* Spring/Summer 2011: 7-10.
- The SHE Book, Vol. 1*, Self-Published: Lulu. March 2011
- “Homeless Heart” [Poem]. *Speaking Truths: The Poetics of Defining Human Slavery*. Berkeley, CA: Achiote Press, 2007.

**Notable Performance Credits (Within the Past 2 Years)**

- July 2016**    **Artown Reno**, Sierra Arts Foundation, Reno, NV
- Apr 2016**    **Chai House Performance**, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- Nov 2016**    **Women’s Global Dialogue Conference**, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
- Haunting Voices Performance Event**, Co-sponsored by Twelve Gates Art Gallery and The Leeway Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
- Moonstone Poetry Series**, Philadelphia, PA
- July 2015**    **Spotlight Series**, Sponsored by Spoken Views Reno, Sierra Arts Foundation and Holland Project, Reno, NV
- Apr 2015**    **Speaker Series**, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Sept 2014**    **Philadelphia Asian Pacific American Youth Summit**, Temple University
- Apr 2014**    **Rethinking Activism Conference**, University of Pennsylvania  
Sponsored by the Asian American Studies Program

**Education**

2005 Ph.D. in English, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

1996 M.A. in English, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

1994 B.A. *summa cum laude* in English, Rowan College of New Jersey, Glassboro, NJ

**References**

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