

SMC ASSOCIATES FALL 2024 LECTURE SERIES

Literary Talks & Readings

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Zora Neale Hurston: *Jump at the Sun*; Fifteen years later...

Join us for a screening and talk by filmmaker Kristy Andersen looking back on *Jump at the Sun*, a film about novelist and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston.

A maverick and a contrarian whose opinions cut against the grain, Hurston died penniless in 1960, just as the Black is Beautiful movement emerged and Afrocentric pride began to take hold. Today, she is revered, her novel *Their Eyes Were Watching God* is required reading in high schools and colleges, and her work has taken on new dimensions as it is being looked at in a whole new light. Andersen, who wrote and produced the film and has worked extensively as a cinematographer, editor, writer, and producer, will lead an audience Q&A following the screening. Sponsored by the SMC Associates, SMC English Department., SMC Art Department, and SMC Communication and Media Department.

Thu, October 10 | 11:15 a.m. | Free | Art 214



YOSIMAR REYES

“Venimos A Triunfar” (“We Came to Be Triumphant”)

Join us for an insightful presentation by Santa Clara County Poet Laureate Yosimar Reyes on how his poetry is inspired by his community. His goal, as the first undocumented poet to reach this position, is to help people find poetry in their everyday lives. Reyes was chosen to be a 2024 Creative Ambassador by the

City of San Jose, The Advocate named him one of “13 LGBT Latinos Changing the World,” and Remezcla included him in “10 Up And Coming Latinx Poets You Need To Know.” Reyes has been awarded a NALAC Catalyst for Change Grant, a Gerbode Foundation Grant, and most recently, a Walter & Elise Haas Creative Work Fund Grant. His writing has appeared in numerous publications, including *Mariposas: A Modern Anthology of Queer Latino Poetry*; *Somewhere We Are Human: Authentic Voices on Migration, Survival, and New Beginnings*; and the forthcoming *UndocuPoetics*. Sponsored by the SMC Associates, Dream Resource Center, IDEAS at SMC, Student Equity Center, Ethnic Studies Program, Dream Program, The Latino Center/Adelante, Black Collegians/UMOJA, and EOPS/CARE.

**Thu, October 17 | 11:15 a.m. | Free
Student Services Center, Orientation Hall (SSC 183)**

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