



## *San Francisco Public Library*

### 2016 Poet Laureate Selection Committee

**Bob Booker** is a North Beach poet who has served on the Poet Laureate Committee since the inception of the program.

**Derick Brown** is the director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services. The role of the Director is to ensure that MONS meets its commitment to work in partnership with the neighborhoods and communities of San Francisco to improve the overall quality of life for all City residents.

**Luis Herrera** is the City Librarian of San Francisco and serves as Chair of the Poet Laureate Committee.

**Jack Hirschman** is an America poet and social activist who has written more than fifty (50) volumes of poetry and essays. He was appointed Poet Laureate of San Francisco by Mayor Gavin Newsom in 2006. He released his most extensive collection of poems yet, *The Arcanes* that year. Published in Salerno, Italy by Multimedia Edizioni, *The Arcanes* comprises 126 long poems spanning 34 years.

**Joyce Jenkins** is a noted Bay Area poet and the founder and editor of *Poetry Flash*, a Berkeley-based poetry review and literary calendar. Poetry Flash, a non-profit literary arts organization, is the producer/sponsor of the Northern California Book Reviewers and the Northern California Book Awards.

**Stacey Lewis** is Vice President of City Lights Publishers where she has worked for more than 20 years, collaborating with writers such as Howard Zinn, Michael McClure, Karen Finley, and Diane di Prima among many others. Stacey directed the programming for the Northern California Book Publicity and Marketing Association (NCBPMA) for a number of years.

**Alejandro Murguía** was named the city's 6<sup>th</sup> Poet Laureate by Mayor Ed Lee in 2012. He presented the 2013 Flor Y Canto Youth Poetry Festival and the 2015 Flor Y Canto literary festival. His latest book of poetry, *Stray Poems*, was published by City Lights Books in 2014. He continues to sponsor a monthly poetry series, *Voz Sin Tinta* at Alley Cat Books. A fragment of one of his poems was included in the resolution for the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Cultural Corridor, approved by the San Francisco Mayor and Board of Supervisors.

**Janice Mirikitani** is San Francisco's second Poet Laureate, appointed to the position by Mayor Willie Brown in 2000. She is the co-founder of Glide Church, providing comprehensive services to the poor,

ill and homeless in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood, as well as an award winning poet, editor, choreographer and activist.

**Teresa Ono** is a member of the San Francisco Library Commission, appointed by Mayor Gavin Newsom in 2009. She currently serves as Cultural Heritage Fund Manager at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California. She has a strong community background serving as an officer with the Golden Gate chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Buddhist Church of San Francisco.

**Byron Spooner** is Director of Book Operations for Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. He was a key organizer of the Friends' International Poetry Festivals.

**Stewart Shaw** is the Poetry selector for the San Francisco Public Library system and manager of General Collections and Humanities at the San Francisco Main Library. Mr. His poems have appeared in both online and print journals such as *Missing Slate*, *Temenos*, and *Toe Good*. He is a Cave Canem Fellow.