



## *San Francisco Public Library*

### **2020 Poet Laureate Selection Committee**

**Jeff Cretan** serves as the Communications Director for Mayor London N. Breed's office. He holds a Master's of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from the University of San Francisco.

**Pete Huang** is a member of the San Francisco Library Commission, appointed by Mayor London Breed in 2018. He is a Bay Area native and a passionate advocate for providing opportunities for all communities to connect, engage, and learn through technology.

**Valerie Ibarra** is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation San Franciscan and poet who has been published by The Beat Museum and featured in *Litquake*. She is the co-producer of *Poems Under the Dome*, the annual celebration of National Poetry Month at San Francisco City Hall and has spent the last decade dedicated to civic engagement, hosting radio shows and community events to amplify poetry and activism.

**Joyce Jenkins** is a noted Bay Area poet and the longtime editor of *Poetry Flash*, a Berkeley-based, online 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.

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

**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.

**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.

**Kim Shuck** is San Francisco's seventh Poet Laureate, appointed to the position in 2017 by Mayor Edwin M. Lee. Her poetry focuses on her multiethnic background, which includes Polish and Cherokee heritage, and her experiences as a lifelong resident of San Francisco.

**Cristy Johnston Limón** is the Executive Director of Youth Speaks. A native of San Francisco, she grew up in the city's Mission District. Her bilingual, public school education, infused with dance, music, and theater, ignited her passion to create spaces where all young people have access to the arts.