Women Poets Sharing their Success Stories & Immigrant Experiences Through Poetry Presented by Life and Legends at AWP 2020

Venue: Henry B. González Convention Center, San Antonio, TX

Date: March 4–7, 2020

Date and Time of the Event – TBD by AWP. The participants will be notified promptly.

Panel - Usha Akella (participant), Shadab Zeest Hashmi (participant), Kalpna Singh-Chitnis (participant and moderator), Deema K. Shehabi (Participant), Pramila Venkateshwaran (Participant).

About

"Women Poets Sharing their Success Stories & Immigrant Experiences Through Poetry" panel is presented by "Life and Legends" a non-profit poetry journal, on its fifth-anniversary celebration at AWP 2020 in San Antonio, Texas.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to an inquiry, we want to clarify that a "participant" is not a "presenter." Please be accurate in sharing any information about your role in this event.

This event will share the creative journey and poetry of five immigrant female poets, who have paved their way to success, despite their challenges and setbacks. Their journey is inspiring, and their stories must be told to inspire others.

Much has been said about how immigration affects a writer's creative pursuit, and about the challenges of immigrant writers. But here we explore the other side of this phenomenon, which enables the writers living beyond borders to draw their roadmap to success.

Outline of the Program

Welcoming and introduction of the participants by the moderator. Five (5) minutes.

Each participant will have twelve (12) minutes to speak.

The first seven (7) minutes will focus on the creative journey of the participant, sharing one's challenges and success stories as an immigrant writer. The participant will also share any possible resources available for the writers, poets, and translators living in the diaspora. (Please bring handouts for the audiences). In the last five (5) minutes, the participant will focus on one's own work and poetry reading.

The last fifteen (15) minutes of the event will be reserved for Q&A and five (5) minutes for the concluding speech by the moderator.

NOTE: All participants are requested to send their best contact info (mobile number and email) to the moderator as soon as possible. Please make your travel arrangements in advance and arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes before the event. Please coordinate with the moderator at least a day before the event date via phone, email, and text. Thank you!

For any further questions, please contact -

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